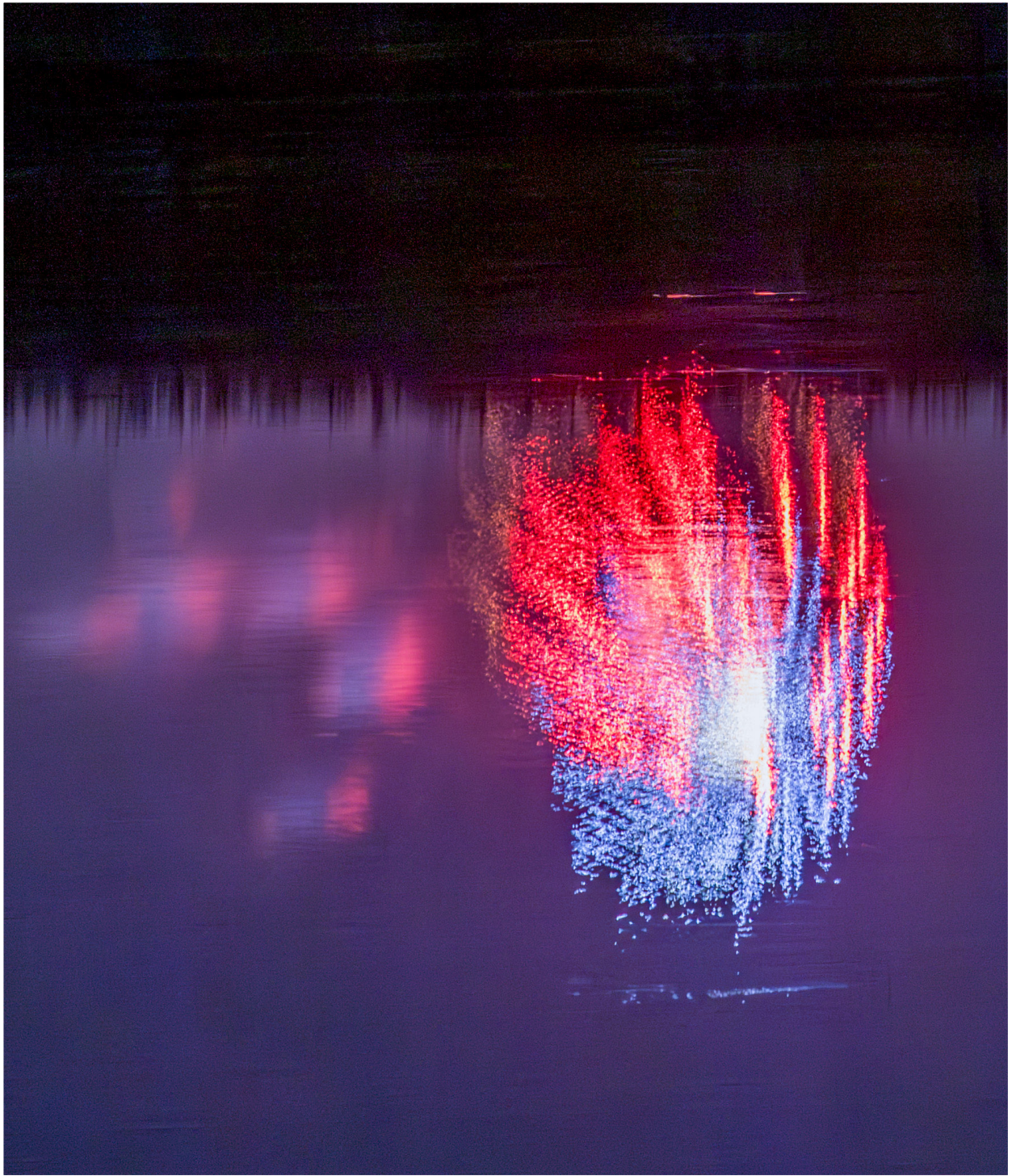




A Service of Holy Communion

July 6, 2025

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If you would like to receive more information about Trinity Church, please sign our guest book located near the entrance. Everyone is welcome to enjoy refreshments and conversation after worship. Trinity Church is an Episcopal Church in the Diocesan Partnership of Western New York and Northwest Pennsylvania and is a part of the Anglican Communion which is based in England but found worldwide.

This prayer is from the Iona Community.

Cover image: "Reflecting on Freedom" Fireworks bouncing off the Quinnipiac River, New Haven, CT 2014, by Matt Lincoln

Welcome to Trinity's gathered community! We are together on-site and online!

The people of Trinity Church gather around a table piled high with spiritual food, and there is a place for you and everyone at the table, whatever your religious practice may be. If you are at Trinity in person, know that this congregation supports anyone who wears a mask to reduce risk of infection. Please feel free to receive communion and participate in the service as fully as you want. If you are not on site, your presence online is felt and valued by the whole congregation. If you are watching the Facebook Live Stream, you may add comments, likes, etc. to the comment section at any time! If you are on-site, you can use your mobile device to join the Facebook Live Stream to connect with other worshippers in the comment section. Just make sure your volume is all the way down! **WiFi internet access is publicly available. Use the "Trinity Open" network with the password "Welcome!"**

In the courtyard, we are not able to light candles as we do indoors. Instead, we have a spiritual practice of using prayer stones during the service. You can do this either in person or at home online. **Pick up a prayer stone as you come into the courtyard, and feel free to rub your prayers into the stone during the first part of the service. At the time of the community prayers, you will be invited to bring your stone and all your prayers to the altar.**

Trinity Church is a metropolitan house of prayer, a community of worship and spiritual inquiry, welcoming all people. Recognizing our common brokenness, yet rejoicing in the reconciling love of God through Jesus Christ, we nurture one another in our spiritual life together.

During the summer when worship is outdoors in the courtyard, there are many ways for children to keep quietly occupied. While monitoring their safety, feel free to let your children explore and enjoy being outdoors, and do not worry about their activity being disrespectful or disruptive. **Children, with all their sounds and movements, are a welcome part of the gathering for worship.**

Name tags are not required, but they sure help! You'll find sticky tags and markers on a table near the entrance.

CENTERING PRAYER

Let us pray responsively.

Because the world is beautiful, and beauty is a tender thing, and we are stewards of your creation, **we need you, God.**

Because human knowledge seems endless, and we do not know what we do not know, **we need you, God.**

Because we cannot live without you and are free to go against you, and could worship our wisdom alone, **we need you, God.**

Because you came among us, and sat beside us, and healed our pain and let us wound you, and loved us to the end, and triumph over all our hatred, **we need you, God. Amen.**

HYMN

"This is my song, O God of all the nations"

*In spirit or in body,
the congregation
stands to
sing hymns.*

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of
2 My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun-light
3 May truth and free - dom come to eve - ry na - tion! May peace a-

peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the
beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have
bound where strife has raged so long; that each may seek to

coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my
sun - light, too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -
love and build to - ge - ther, a world u - ni - ted

dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are
where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the
right - ing eve - ry wrong; a world u - ni - ted in its love for

beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.
free - dom, pro-claim-ing peace to - ge - ther in one song.

These stanzas, published during the period between the two world wars, express a hope for lasting peace among all nations, races, and cultures. Finlandia is derived from a "tone poem" of the same name by Finnish composer Jean Sibelius.

Words: Stanzas 1&2, Lloyd Stone; Stanza 3, Georgia Harkness
Tune: FINLANDIA 10.10.10.10.10.
Jean Sibelius, 1899
Arr. for The Hymnal, 1933

The Bible readings are taken from The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation by Priests for Equality.

Nobody set out to write The Bible. The Hebrew Scriptures were created over many centuries by many people to record the Jewish People's experience of God. The same is true of the Christian Scriptures, some of which were letters written to a specific audience in response to specific needs—and were then found to be helpful to the faithful even after fulfilling their original purpose.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 66:10-14

Thus says the Lord:
"Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her,
all you who love her;

Exult, exult with her,
all you who were mourning over her!
Oh, that you may suckle fully
of the milk of her comfort,
that you may nurse with delight
at her abundant breasts!"

For thus says God:
"I will spread peace over her like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent.
As nurslings, you will be carried in her arms,
and fondled in her lap;
as a mother comforts her child
so will I comfort you;
in Jerusalem you will find your comfort."

When you see this, your heart will rejoice,
and your bodies will flourish like the grass.
God's faithful ones will see the power of God,
but God's enemies will know heaven's wrath.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

ECHO

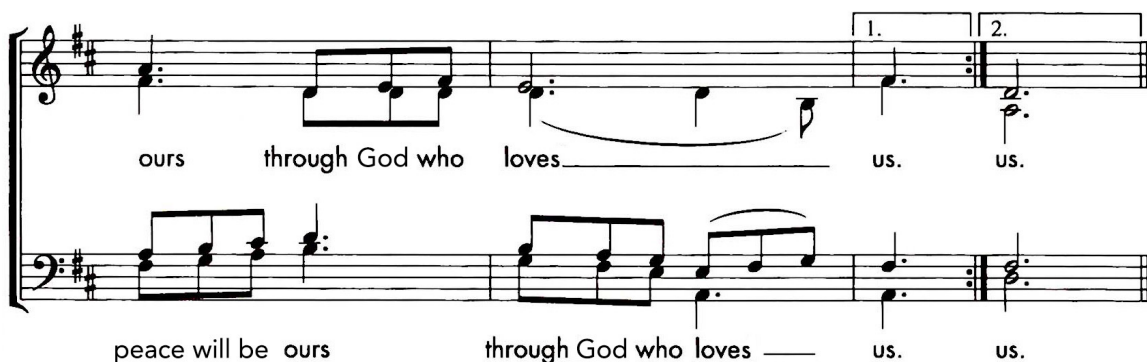
"Goodness is stronger than evil"

Good-ness is strong - er than e - vil; love is strong - er than

hate; light is strong - er than dark - ness;

life is strong - er than death. Peace will be ours, peace will be

Oh, Peace will be ours,



MIDDLE READING

I believe in the mission of learning why
 Of understanding where
 Of knowing who
 And of doing.
 I believe in the Declaration of Independence
 And in all of its self-evident truths.
 I believe in fighting when the fight is against
 bastards
 Who love money over mercy.
 I believe in the end-around, the fielder's
 choice,
 The curve of binding energy and the gaits of
 horses.
 I also believe in the wisdom of evolution
 Which tells us creation is not over
 And will never be over.
 I believe in the purity of wildlands
 And in the calls of elk and cranes.

"CREDO" BY WILLIAM DeBUYS (SLIGHTLY ABRIDGED)

I believe in the illusions of a spinning planet
 Over which the sun comes and goes in
 majesty.
 And when the glory of the sun wanes
 And night settles on the land,
 I place my faith in the exquisite mystery
 Of the blackness between stars
 From which all that is in us and around us
 Somehow derived:
 The laughter of children
 The blossoms of orchids
 The chemistry of air
 The eyes of whales
 And the beauty of you.
 In all this I believe.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL READING

LUKE 10:1-11, 16-20

After this, Jesus appointed seventy-two others, and sent them on ahead in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is rich, but the workers are few; therefore, ask the overseer to send workers to the harvest.

"Be on your way, and remember: I am sending you as lambs in the midst of wolves. Don't carry a walking stick or knapsack; wear no sandals and greet no one along the way. And whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be upon this house!' If the people live peaceably there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in that house, eating and drinking what they give you, for the laborer is worth a wage. Don't keep moving from house to house.

"And whatever city you enter, after they welcome you, eat what they set before you and heal those who are sick in that town. Say to them, 'The reign of God has drawn near to you.' If the people of any town you enter don't welcome you, go into its streets and say, 'We shake the dust of this town from our feet as testimony against you. But know that the reign of God has drawn near.'

"Anyone who listens to you, listens to me. Anyone who rejects you, rejects me; and those who reject me, reject the One who sent me."

The Middle Reading fills the role of a Bible reading, but it doesn't come from the Bible. It is our way of trying to listen for God's ongoing word as it is spoken outside the limits of the Bible. Most often, we turn to contemporary poets for this reading.

William deBuys is a conservationist and the author of ten books. He has been a Kluge Distinguished Visiting Scholar at the Library of Congress (2018), a Guggenheim Fellow (2008-2009), and a Lyndhurst Fellow (1986-1988). He was the founding Chair of the Valles Caldera Trust, responsible for administering the 89,000-acre Valles Caldera National Preserve in northern New Mexico (2001-2004).

It is customary (but not required) to stand for the Gospel reading because it symbolizes the mystical presence of Christ.

The four Gospels hold the core of Christian spiritual wisdom, reflecting the earliest stories and images of Jesus. Like all Scripture, they are not definitive prescriptions but narrative stories requiring endless interpretation.

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The seventy-two disciples returned with joy, saying, “Rabbi, even the demons obey us in your name!” Jesus replied, “I watched Satan fall from the sky like lightning. Look: I’ve given you the power to tread on snakes and scorpions—even all the forces of the enemy—and nothing will ever injure you. Nevertheless, don’t rejoice in the fact that the spirits obey you so much as that your names are inscribed in heaven.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

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“Goodness is stronger than evil”

SERMON

THE REV. MATT LINCOLN

MUSICAL REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in one God

**who creates, loves, cares and corrects all people,
who acts in history,
and who promises never to leave us alone.**

**I believe in Jesus of Nazareth who is Lord, Christ and Redeemer,
who wants not to be idealized, but to be followed.**

**I believe that we live in the presence of the Holy Spirit
without whom we are nothing;
filled with the Holy Spirit
we are able to become creative, free and full of life.**

**I believe in the church of God in Jesus Christ,
a community where we find companions and courage
for the struggles of life,
where we grow in the understanding of our faith
through worship, fellowship and acts of liberation.**

**I believe that God has called us to a partnership
for the continuance of his mission in this time and place, and that,
though we live in the midst of confusion, turmoil, exploitation, oppression
and in the grip of the forces of death,
we are called to be instruments of peace and justice.**

**I believe that God brings about changes in people,
in nature and in the whole cosmos,
that God makes the whole creation a new heaven
and a new earth of justice, peace, harmony and life in all its fullness. Amen.**

*The sermon invites
your curiosity and
thoughtfulness
about the theme
of worship, and is
intended to evoke
your thoughts rather
than direct them.
A recording of the
sermon is posted to
the parish website
each week, usually
by Tuesday.*

*In spirit or in body,
please stand.*

*This affirmation
comes from the
Church of South
India. Like the creed
on which it is based,
it is an expression of
faith intended as a
symbol of solidarity
with other Christians
throughout history
but not as a pledge of
allegiance required
for membership.*

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

In particular, we have been asked to pray for:

Brandie Pitts- overwhelming challenges

Chris Pidgeon (Nisbet) - in ICU

Lee and Lynette Nisbet - continuing serious health challenge

Linda Wagner - recovering from surgery

Kelly Sherman Dunham - recovering from surgery and her Mom in palliative care.

Charlene Perry - recovering from stroke

Jack Barrett and family - battling cancer

Jimmie Pitts - recovering from additional surgery

Kathy Chase - recovering from a car accident

Linda Harris - battling stage 4 lung cancer

Maryanne Nowacki - battling multiple myeloma

Alphonso and Marcia O'Neil-White

Betsy Curtis

Those who have died and all who mourn them: Mimi Dow and Suzanne Rockwell

Add your requests by scanning the QR code.



O Lover of Souls, you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Give us vision and wisdom, and the strength and trust to respond to your call.

Where we can help, give us the determination and generosity to do so. When our neighbor needs only the courage to face difficulty, give us the patience and wisdom to listen and encourage in love.

We pray for those who struggle in poverty or under oppression, and for those who care for them. We pray for those in any need or trouble.

We pray for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. We pray for equity, mutual regard, and peace.

We pray for those who are sick or sick at heart. We pray for all who suffer from illness or injury, from mental illness or heartbreak, sadness or loneliness.

We pray for those who have died and those who are bereaved. We pray for consolation and hope.

We pray for the generosity of spirit to forgive those who betray us. We pray for the courage to face our own faults, and to seek forgiveness when we fail to love our neighbors as ourselves, trusting that we are all beloved in your sight, O God.

When we are outdoors, we use a prayer practice that has been much loved by the Trinity community over the years. As these prayers are offered aloud, finish rubbing your prayers into your stone, and then, during the musical response, bring your stone to leave it on the altar as a way of embodying your offering of prayer.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Now is the time to bring your prayer stone to the altar.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Now would be a great time to add a comment to the Live Stream!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your financial support is not only a practical necessity. It can also be a very meaningful symbolic gesture, expressing your gratitude for the blessings in your life and your hope for health in the world. You can place cash or a check in the collection plate when it is brought around during the offertory or [donate online here](#), or initiate an online donation by texting TRINITYBUFFALO to 73256. You can also get there by scanning this QR code:



This Eucharistic prayer is from the Maori people of New Zealand.

This Sanctus is based on the early American folk hymn, "Land of Rest."

OFFERTORY HYMN

"THE GRAIN FOR THIS BREAD ONCE COVERED A HILL"

The grain for this bread once covered a hill. The

5 grain for this bread once covered a hill.

9 Now it is gathered, and so are we. Soon we'll be fed and our hearts set free to

13 love our neighbors and do God's will. The

SHARING THE OPEN TABLE

All are welcome to receive Communion at Trinity Church. No Exceptions!

All things come of thee, O Lord;
and of thine own have we given thee.

The Spirit of God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift your hearts to heaven

where Christ in glory reigns.

Let us give thanks to God.

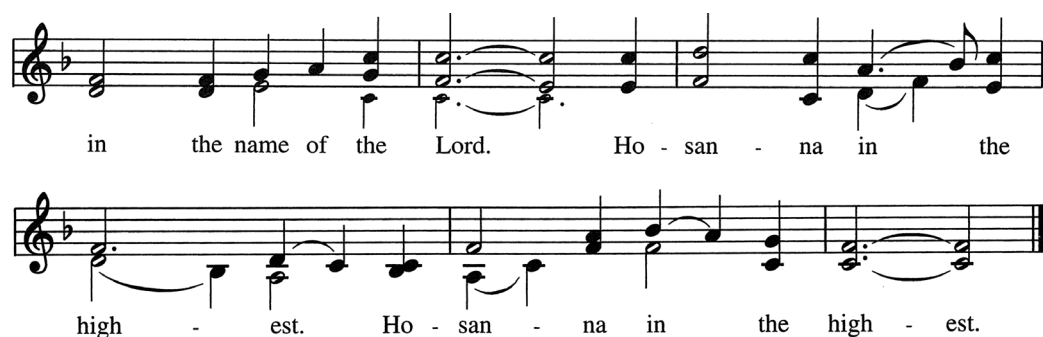
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right to give thanks and praise to you, Holy God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You brought the world into being and declared it good; you made humankind in your image, and entrusted to us the stewardship of all creation. Therefore with the faithful who rest in Christ, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is the One who comes



Despite our failings you showed us mercy. Through Torah and the voices of the prophets and poets, you called us to faithfulness and justice. You insisted that we remember the poor and marginalized, the orphan and the stranger. With infinite generosity you forgave us as we followed self-centered goals and ignored your invitation to love more broadly. Never abandoning us to the consequences of selfishness, you came among us and showed us the path of life.

Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your presence; love and fidelity the embrace of your grace.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and the discarded, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He pronounced the blessedness of peacemakers, all those who are willing to seek first your Kingdom and your righteousness. Jesus yearned to draw all of the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. We returned violence for his friendship, crucifixion for his self-offering. Yet even this you turned to blessing, and transformed his unjust death into the means of salvation.

Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your presence; love and fidelity the embrace of your grace.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said, **“Take, eat. This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, **“Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”**

Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. Send your Spirit upon us also, and grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Gracious God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Now, as Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Holy One beyond all names

Eternal Wellspring

May love rise again in us today

With food for every table

Shelter for every family

And reverence for every life.

Forgive us our failings in love

And free us from all falseness

That the light of our souls may shine

We are following a pattern of going back and forth between using an alternative interpretation of the Lord's Prayer for a few weeks and then using the traditional Prayer Book version for a few weeks.

This version of the Lord's Prayer is by John Philip Newell, from his book, Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul.

Jesus revealed a new, personal sense of relationship with God by addressing God as something like "Papa." Always feel free to use your most meaningful name for God in saying the Lord's Prayer.

**And the strength of our spirits endure
For Earth and all its people
This day, tonight, and forever.
Amen.**

Broken apart, this bread draws us together.

Poured out like wine, Christ's blood makes our hearts beat as one.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive communion, regardless of religious background or affiliation.

For those of you online at home, you are invited to have a morsel of bread and a sip of wine (or any substitutes you choose) during the time that communion is being shared.

For those of you in person in the courtyard, form a large circle around the cross where you will be offered a morsel of bread dipped in wine. Please let the ministers of communion know if you prefer not to have your bread dipped in the wine. Also, let them know if you need a gluten-free wafer instead of wheat bread.

PRAYER FOR THE ROAD

Let us pray:

**Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and remembering the body of Christ,
which has been broken for the life of the world.
Now give us grace to trust that we are
a people forgiven, healed, renewed.
Give us the courage to proclaim your love to the world,
and to continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

*This blessing is
based on the words
of Henri F. Amiel
(1821-1881).*

Life is short. We do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who animates and guides us be with you now and always. **Amen.**

HYMN

*In spirit or
in body, the
congregation
stands to sing
hymns.*

**This land is your land, this land is my land
From California to the New York island,
From the redwood forest to the Gulf
Stream waters;
This land was made for you and me.**

**As I was walking that ribbon of highway
I saw above me that endless skyway;
I saw below me that golden valley;
This land was made for you and me.**

**I've roamed and rambled and I followed my
footsteps
To the sparkling sands of her diamond
deserts;**

"THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND"

**And all around me a voice was sounding;
This land was made for you and me.**

**As I went walking I saw a sign there,
And on the sign it said "No Trespassing."
But on the other side it didn't say nothing.
That side was made for you and me.**

**This land is your land, this land is my land
From California to the New York island,
From the redwood forest to the Gulf
Stream waters;
This land was made for you and me.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love others as God has loved us. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Sunday Brunch TODAY

Join Trinity friends following 10:30 worship for brunch at Mexican restaurant Taqueria Ranchos Dos. Located at 445 Delaware Ave (between Edward and Virginia streets), the restaurant is north 1½ blocks walking distance from the church. Street parking on Delaware. No reservations required! Just come. Or even better, invite someone to join you. We'll gather in the back dining room to enjoy traditional Mexican dishes in a colorful, welcoming space in the good company of one another. Hasta la vista!

Worship Helpers Needed

Are you willing to be involved with reading from the altar, greeting people at the door and helping direct them with what to expect, providing hospitality by baking for coffee hour, or helping serve communion to the gathered community? Please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c4fafa629a3f58-trinity2> or reach out to Jeffrey Tooke at jeffreytooke@outlook.com to be placed on a list of volunteers when we have worship volunteer slots to fill. If you are interested in being more involved, but aren't interested in any of these roles, you can also plan on helping during services by bringing a device to connect to Facebook viewers and responding to comments during the service.

Visiting Trinity

The church is open by appointment for private prayer or meditation. Contact our parish administrator, Colleen O'Neill, at coneill@trinitybuffalo.org to schedule an appointment.

Our spiritual practice is renewed as we leave here and begin again to work the promises of the covenant.

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THE 4 ANNUAL
East Side Garden Walk and Community Tour!
Sunday, July 20
12 - 4 PM
JOIN US FOR AN INTERFAITH GUIDED TOUR OF THE EAST SIDE GARDEN WALK.
TOUR BEGINS IN FRONT OF THE TOPS HONOR SPACE
1275 JEFFERSON AVE., BUFFALO, NY 14208
WE WILL CARAVAN FROM STOP TO STOP IN OUR OWN CARS.
Limited spots available. **RSVP TODAY!**
bit.ly/gardenwalk25
RSVP by July 16
Questions? Contact
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Cyber Sacristan:	Christian Eshelman
Greeter:	David Devereux
Readers:	David Devereux, Julie Gibert, Jeffrey Tooke
Prayers:	Kristine Caughell
Announcements:	Jess Poleon
Ministers of Communion:	Tim Lane
Guest musicians:	George Caldwell, piano; Matt Harris, saxophone
Counters:	Jess Poleon, Erickson Contreras
Coffee Hour:	Kristine Caughell

All services are in person AND online:

Sunday @10:30am

In-person worship while live streaming on Facebook and YouTube. The Sunday online Live Stream service remains accessible as a video recording on Trinity's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages after the service is over.

Sunday @7:00pm

Featuring poetry and jazz, in person in the Chapel and on Zoom. In the summer, held on 1st and 3rd Sundays. Meets TONIGHT.

Wednesday @Noon

Prayer and holy conversation, in person and on Zoom

Thursday @7pm

The wisdom and fellowship of 12-Step recovery, in person and on Zoom

Email your request for a [link to the Zoom worship services here](#).

VESTRY

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 JoAnne Sundell, Junior Warden
 Bing Sherrill, Treasurer
 Elaine "Gretchen" Lodick, Clerk
 Clint Brown
 Emily Carlin
 Sue Doherty
 Connie Ervin
 Jane Kearns
 Jess Poleon
 Missy Stolfi
 Cindy Stroud

CHOIR MEMBERS

The choir will resume in September.

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 Sue Doherty
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 Tim Lane, Section Leader
 "Gretchen" Elaine Lodick
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 Tom Owen
 Jennifer Ross
 Laura Schleicher, Section Leader
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 Steve Shanley
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 Jocelyn Toenniessen, Section Leader
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