



## Wednesday@Noon

*WEDNESDAY@Noon is an offering of online communion. We offer words and gestures to thank God for the life, death and resurrection of Christ through the sharing of bread and wine, asking God to nourish us with Christ's body and blood. Because we are separated from each other physically and are unable to give each other the bread and wine, we are unable to follow the forms exactly as tradition has handed them down to us. Thus we will do what we can, asking God for the grace to discern Christ's real presence.*

Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Gracious God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Open our lips, O God,  
**And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**  
Be joyful, and serve God with gladness,  
**and come before God's presence with a song.**  
Let us enter this sacred moment with thanksgiving,  
**and come into God's presence with praise.**  
God is good; God's mercy is everlasting;  
**and God's faithfulness endures from age to age.**

O God of compassion, whose heart goes out to the hungry and destitute; who takes our lack and transforms it into much: give us the bread that satisfies, the food without price, that our lives may be freed to share your overflowing love; through Jesus Christ, the breaker of bread. **Amen.**

## Three Readings

### First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

Islands, listen to me!

Pay attention, distant peoples!

God called me before I was born,  
and named me from my mother's womb.

God made my mouth a sharp sword,  
and hid me in the shadow of the hand of the Most High.

The Almighty made me into a sharpened arrow,  
and concealed me in God's quiver.

The Holy One said to me,

"You are my Servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

I had been thinking, "I have toiled in vain,

I have exhausted myself for nothing!"—

yet all the while my cause was with God,  
and my reward was with my God.

Thus says God, who formed me in the womb to be God's Servant,  
who destined me to bring back the children of Jacob  
and gather again the people of Israel:

"It is not enough for you to do my bidding,  
to restore the tribes of Leah, Rachel, and Jacob  
and bring back the survivors of Israel;

I will make you the light of the nations,  
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

Thus says God, the Redeemer of Israel, the Holy One,  
to the one deeply despised,  
the one abhorred by nations,  
the one enslaved by despots:

"Rulers will stand when you walk in the room  
and court officials will pay homage  
because of God, who is faithful,  
because of the Holy One of Israel, who chose you."

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Middle Reading  
Opening Words, by Denise Levertov

I believe the earth  
exists, and  
in each minim mote  
of its dust the holy  
glow of thy candle.  
Thou  
unknown I know,  
thou spirit,  
giver,  
lover of making, of the  
wrought letter,  
wrought flower,  
iron, deed, dream.  
Dust of the earth,  
help thou my  
unbelief. Drift  
gray become gold, in the beam of  
vision. I believe with  
doubt. I doubt and  
interrupt my doubt with belief. Be,  
beloved, threatened world.  
Each minim  
mote.  
Not the poisonous  
luminescence forced  
out of its privacy,  
The sacred lock of its cell  
broken. No,  
the ordinary glow  
of common dust in ancient sunlight.  
Be, that I may believe. Amen.

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**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

John 12:20-36

Among those who had come up to worship at the Passover festival were some Greeks. They approached Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put forth this request: "Please, we would like to see Jesus."

Philip went to tell Andrew, and together the two went to tell Jesus.

Jesus replied, "Now the hour has come for the Chosen One to be glorified. The truth of the matter is, unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. If you love your life you'll lose it; if you hate your life in this world you'll keep it for eternal life. Anyone who wants to work for me must follow in my footsteps, and wherever I am, my worker will be there too. Anyone who works for me will be honored by Abba God.

Now my soul is troubled. What will I say: 'Abba, save me from this hour?' But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Abba, glorify your name!" A voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

The crowds that stood nearby heard this and said it was a clap of thunder; others said, "It was an angel speaking."

Jesus answered, "It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. Sentence is now being passed on this world; now the ruler of this world will be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from this earth, I will draw all people to myself."

By these words Jesus indicated the kind of death he would die.

The crowd answered, "We've heard from the Law that the Messiah will remain forever. So how can you say, 'The Chosen One must be lifted up.' Who is this Chosen One?"

Jesus said to them, "The light will be with you only a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. Those who walk in the dark don't know what they're doing. Believe in the light while you still have the light. Only then will you become children of light."

After he said this, Jesus left and went into seclusion.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People

**Thanks be to God.**

# The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; including members of all religions; the people and leadership of The Episcopal Church; and the community of Trinity. Let us pray for all who seek the beauty of holiness.

*Please feel free to voice the names of those in your prayers*

I ask your prayers for those who are sick, who struggle in poverty or under oppression, and for those who care for them. Let us pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Please feel free to voice the names of those in your prayers*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Let us pray for equity, mutual regard, and peace.

*Please feel free to voice the names of those in your prayers*

I ask your prayers for all who seek to practice their spirituality, that they may find God and follow the path of Life. Let us pray for us all.

*Please feel free to voice the names of those in your prayers*

I ask your prayers for those who have died, and for those who grieve the absent. Let us pray for the grieving and the dead.

*Please feel free to voice the names of those in your prayers*

I ask your prayers of gratitude and joy.

*Please feel free to voice the names of those in your prayers*

And now, let us give thanks to God for the abundance of our lives.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## The Peace

The peace of God be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## Offertory

*All members of the online gathering now make any final preparations of their bread and wine, and show their plate and cup to the group.*

## Blessing and Sharing Bread and Wine

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Eternal God, in the abundance of your love you have caused all things to be; from dust and spirit you have woven our humanity; in all our wanderings you never cease to call us to fullness of life. **You gave us Jesus, son of Mary, the bread of life broken for the world;** he fed us and feasted with us, he healed us and suffered for us; **his dying and rising have set us free from the poverty of sin and the famine of death.** Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished and called, with all who hunger for your kingdom and will not rest until all your children are fed, with the broken saints and redeemed sinners of all the ages, we take up the song of your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might;**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that they may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: **“This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.”**

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: **“This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.”**

Therefore we proclaim him as creation’s host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.

**Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal.** We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Author of blessings, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

**Our Father,\* who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy Name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

\*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.

Although Trinity often uses different interpretations of the Lord’s Prayer when we worship, on Wednesdays we use the traditional version to express our trust that we are one with God and all people around the world and throughout history.

*All are invited to break their bread.*

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

**Were not our hearts burning within us as we walked along the road?**

*During a moment of quiet, all receive their bread and wine.*

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.**

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things, and the blessing of God, the Holy and undivided Trinity, be with you always. **Amen.**

*This blessing is based on Philippians 4:8*

## Holy Conversation

*The collect at the top of page 2 and the prayer over the bread and wine are adapted from the writing of Steven Shakespeare in his book, Prayers for an Inclusive Church.*

*The cover image is a photo of the floor near the high altar at Trinity, a mosaic created by John LaFarge's studio.*