

A Service of Holy Communion November 10, 2024 Year B, Proper 27

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 centering prayer is by Chaim Stern, and found in Mishkan T'filah.

Cover image: "The Trees' Soft Arms" by Matt Lincoln, 2020

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

# 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 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!"

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. This communal worship service is many things, including an offering of your prayers. You may light a candle on one of the candle walls at any time during worship as a tangible way to make that prayer offering, or if you are online, request a candle lighting in the comments, and someone on-site will light a candle on your behalf. If you are not on-site, rest assured that your presence online is felt and valued.

Children, with all their sounds and movements, are a welcome part of the gathering for worship. It is perfectly appropriate to keep your kids with you in the pew. If your baby or toddler would be happier being able to crawl around and play, there are Kids' Corners in both side aisles. These are enclosed and safe spaces for small children (attended by their parents) to play quietly on the floor while staying in church. Additionally, there is a room in the back left corner of the church that has a rocking chair and a changing table where you can attend to your child's needs.

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

Prelude

"INFANT EYES" BY WAYNE SHORTER

## CENTERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Days pass and the years vanish, and we walk sightless among miracles.

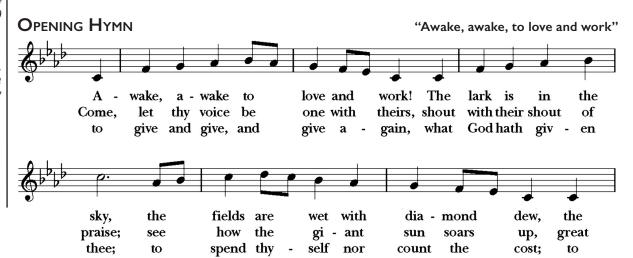
God, fill our eyes with seeing and our minds with knowing; let there be moments when Your Presence, like lightning, illumines the darkness in which we walk.

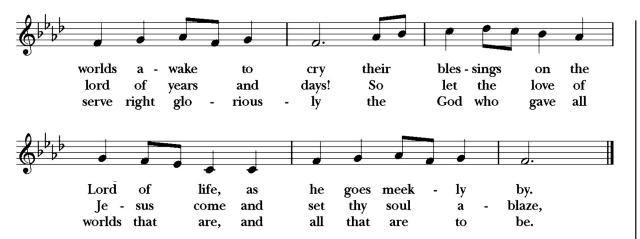
Help us to see, wherever we gaze, that the bush burns unconsumed.

And we, clay touched by God, will reach out for holiness, and exclaim in wonder.

How filled with awe is this place, and we did not know it!

#### Amen.





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Nobody set out to

FIRST READING

I Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of God came to Elijah and said, "Now go to Zarephath, a village of Sidon, and stay there. I have commanded a widow there to supply you with food." So he went

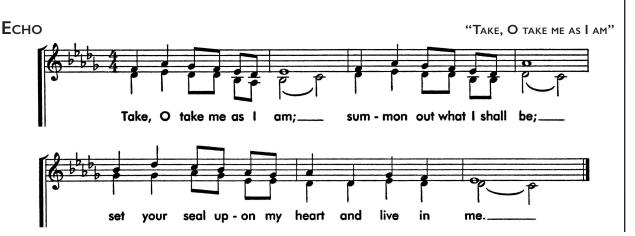
to Zarephath.

When he arrived at the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Could you bring me a little water in a jar for me to drink?" As she was going to get the water, he called out, "And please bring me a piece of bread." "As God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a couple of sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my child. We will eat it—and then we will die."

Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid! Go home and do what you said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me; and then make something for yourself and for your child. For this what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day God makes it rain on the land.' "She went away and did what Elijah told her to do. And there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. The jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of God spoken by Elijah.

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

#### Thanks be to God.



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.

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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.

Poet Margaret Eleanor Atwood (b. 1939) is a Canadian novelist, poet, and literary critic. Since 1961, she has published 18 books of poetry, 18 novels, 11 books of nonfiction, nine collections of short fiction, eight children's books, two graphic novels, and a number of small press editions of both poetry and fiction. Atwood has won numerous awards and honors for her writing.

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

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.

## MIDDLE READING

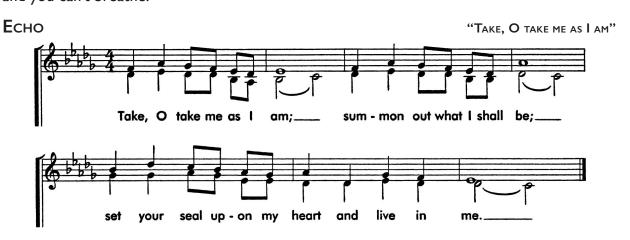
The moment when, after many years of hard work and a long voyage you stand in the centre of your room, house, half-acre, square mile, island, country, knowing at last how you got there, and say, I own this,

is the same moment when the trees unloose their soft arms from around you, the birds take back their language, the cliffs fissure and collapse, the air moves back from you like a wave and you can't breathe.

"THE MOMENT" BY MARGARET ATWOOD

No, they whisper. You own nothing. You were a visitor, time after time climbing the hill, planting the flag, proclaiming. We never belonged to you. You never found us. It was always the other way round.

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



GOSPEL READING MARK 12:38-44

n his teaching, Jesus said, "Beware of the religious scholars who like to walk about in long robes, be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, and take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. These are the ones who swallow the property of widows and offer lengthy prayers for the sake of appearance. They will be judged all the more severely."

Jesus sat down opposite the collection box and watched the people putting money in it, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then Jesus called out to the disciples and said to them, "The truth is, this woman has put in more than all who have contributed to the treasury. For they have put in money from their surplus, but she has put in everything she possessed from the little she had—all she had to live on."

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Thanks be to God.

ECHO "Take, O take me as I am"

See above.

SERMON THE REV. WILLIAM ROBERTS

It is a pleasure to have the Rev. William Roberts worshiping among us at Trinity from time to time, and a special pleasure to have him lead worship when Matt is away. William is a retired priest living in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Although his ministry has mostly been in Canada, he graduated from the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA.

# MUSICAL REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one God who creates, loves, cares and corrects all people, who acts in history, and who promises never to leave us alone.

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth who is Lord, Christ and Redeemer, who wants not to be idealised, but to be followed.

We 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.

We 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.

We 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.

We 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.

#### COMMUNITY PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

#### And also with you.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

We remember those for whom our prayers have been asked.

Victims of the recent hurricanes
Laurel Mark - looking for gainful employment
Mark Gerard, who died all who mourn him
Shirley Hudders, who died and all who
mourn her
Harry Fackelman, who died and all who

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Shirley Ruske - diagnosed with cancer

Bryce - a 10-year-old boy expected to be in a full body cast for 4 months Ross DiLoro Bernie Kiedyk - hospitalized after being hit by a car while walking Bernie Adams, Leslie Charlier's father who died, and all who mourn him Cassandra and Michael Jack Giardina In spirit or in body, please stand.

This affirmation comes from the Church of South India. Like the Nicene Creed that it reflects, 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.

These prayers are an effort to pray with one voice even though we have a diversity of needs and hopes.

Add your requests by scaning the *OR code*.



Karen Smallen

Jeff Watson, John and Catherine Gillespie's son-in-law

Dale Worwa

Ed and Sherry Czechowski - recovering from a serious motor vehicle accident

Ellen Nichter - health concerns

Abby Laettner

Adam Kreutinger

Jessica De Oliveira E Silva (Quinn) - battling

stage 4 breast cancer

Margaret (Peggy) Rizzo - suffers from

Alzheimer's

Alphonso and Marcia O'Neil-White, with thanksgiving for Alphonso's successful kidney

transplant surgery

Kathy Jerzewski - a return of lymphoma

Betsy and Peter Curtis

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 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.

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.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The God of heaven has made a home on earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

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

#### **A**NNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"When the Poor Ones" text by José Olivar, music by David Cherwien

When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving; When the thirsty pass the cup, water to share; When the wounded offer others strength and healing; We see God, here by our side walking our way.

When compassion gives the suffering consolation; When expecting brings to birth hope that was lost; When we choose love, not the hatred all around us; We see God, here by our side walking our way.

When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness; When our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth; When our longings, free from envy, seek the humble; We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings; When the nations work to change war into peace; When the stranger is accepted as our neighbor; We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

This form of the Peace comes from the Iona Community.

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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 TRINITYBUFFALÖ to 73256. You can also get there by scanning the QR code



#### 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 Lord be with you.

# And also with you.

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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.

It is always right, and a good thing to thank you, God for creation and for the love with which you made and sustain and redeem all of existence. Just as you have made yourself present to us in this place, so you are surrounded by a chorus of people praising you from throughout creation and all time. **Neither distance nor death can separate them from you.** Here, we find ourselves joined with them as well, singing their unending song:

Ho ly, ho ly, ho ly Lord, God power and might, Ho - ly, ho ly, ho ly Lord, God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are full. full of your glo Ho ry. the high san na in est. Ho san na

This Eucharistic
Prayer comes
to us from the
Lutheran Book
of Worship from
the Evangelical
Lutheran Church in
America.

Sanctus by Franz Peter Schubert



Gracious God, we gather around this table to give you our deepest thanks, remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection, and in anticipation of gathering around you with all your saints when heaven and earth are finally one. When we come to see the full variety of your saints brought together, then we will see what it means to be made in your image. When we come to find ourselves among them, we will know what it means to be known and loved completely.

Until then, we offer you this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, recalling the way Jesus offered his life for the life of the whole world.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

As you have given us skill to transform your creatures of grain and fruit into these gifts of bread and wine, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon them and transform them again so they may be for us the body and blood of your Son, the food and drink that sustains all your saints.

Through this Holy Communion, unite us with Christ and all the saints, both the living and the dead, to be Christ's body for the world, lifting up those who have been been cast down, loving those who have been cast out, and finding those who are lost.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, gracious God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **AMEN**.

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

God, who cares for us,

The wonder of whose presence fills us with awe.

Let kindness, justice and love shine in our world.

Let your secrets be known here as they are in heaven.

Give us the food and the hope we need for today.

Forgive us our wrongdoing

as we forgive the wrongs done to us.

Protect us from pride and from despair

and from the fear and hate which can swallow us up.

In you is truth, meaning, glory and power,

while worlds come and go.

Amen.

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 was written by Monica Furlong (1930-2003), a British author, journalist, and activist.

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.

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?

#### RECEIVING COMMUNION

For those of you online, 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 in the building, you are invited to come forward and make a large circle around the perimeter of the open area, 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.

# **B**LESSING

May your eyes be so blessed that you see God in everyone

Your lips - so you speak nothing but the truth

Your ears - so that you hear the cry of the poor

May your hands be so blessed that everything you touch becomes a sacrament

Your feet - so that you run to those who need you

And may your heart be so opened, so set on fire,

That your love changes everything.

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.

This blessing was offered by the Rev. Brian Baker at Burning Man 2015. In spirit or in body, the congregation stands to sing hymns.



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## **DISMISSAL**

Our spiritual practice is renewed

as we leave here and begin again to

of the covenant.

work the promises

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

#### Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

#### **Postlude**

CONCERTO IN A MINOR BY A. VIVALDI, ARRANGED BY J.S. BACH

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## **A**NNOUNCEMENTS

#### Trinity Discussion Group: Love God, Love God's World

**This Wednesday** is your last chance to join Tim Lane and Jeffrey Tooke **@7pm** via **Zoom** (Meeting ID: 816-6863-4672 Passcode: trintalk) to explore creation care and environmental ministry using the Episcopal Church's *Love God*, *Love God*'s *World* curriculum. Session includes compelling readings and videos, faith-based reflections, and discussion questions. Participants will discover ways to learn, pray, advocate, and conserve. Please email Jeffrey Tooke at <a href="mailto:ieffreytooke@outlook.com">ieffreytooke@outlook.com</a> to sign up and receive weekly course materials. A new program for Advent will begin on December 4.



## **Trinity Jazz Series**

Krista Seddon Presents Lecture-Performances Connecting Classical and Jazz Music @7pm November 22, "Why The Beatles Still Speak To Us"

Purchase tickets here or scan the QR code to the left.

If you'd like to help make these evenings a success, please sign up here to volunteer or scan the QR code to the right. There are various roles needed, including food and wine donations.

# **Volunteer Opportunities With One of our Partners**

Creative Restorations INC is seeking dedicated volunteers to assist with the operation of our food pantry, which serves those in need in our community. We are looking for help on **Mondays** from **9am-Noon**, **Wednesdays** from **12-3pm**, and **Fridays** from **3-6pm**. If you are interested in lending a hand and making a difference, please reach out to Chris Harzynski at 716-553-4886. Your support would be greatly appreciated!

**Hamlin Park School** has requested the following items for a grab-and-go toiletry table at their November 16 Saturday Academy which serves entire families of Hamlin Park students.

deodorant toothpaste & toothbrushes body lotion socks & underwear of any size

body wash feminine products

hair products

Please consider purchasing some of these items, and bring them to the bin in the red carpet area of the main church or the bin in the chapel by **Monday, November 11**. For questions, please email Patti Nisbet at tudorspace@aol.com.

#### 2025 Fundraising Planning Meeting on Sunday, November 17

Trinity is having more fundraisers this year than in the last few years. Some are worth repeating next year. Also, we may want to consider new and different events. Join us on Sunday, November 17 after the 10:30am service to help plan the fundraisers for 2025. We'll gather in the red carpet area then proceed to the meeting. Please email Erickson at <a href="mailto:ehc@buffalo.edu">ehc@buffalo.edu</a> with any questions.

#### **Volunteer Opportunity**

We are looking for a couple of volunteers interested in assisting with maintaining and preparing the materials for the altar and communion. Duties can include any combination of the following you are comfortable with: preparing communion elements, washing dishes from communion, laundering altar linens, coordinating altar decorating for special services. You can contact Tim Lane <a href="mailto:tww.lane@outlook.com">tww.lane@outlook.com</a> for more details.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Drive

If you would like to donate any food items related to a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixings for those in need in Erie County, drop items off at church after the service OR contact Christopher at (716) 553-4886. Creative Restorations is hoping to help as many families in need as possible, and are accepting donations through November 27.

#### **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: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c4fafa629a3f58-trinity2">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c4fafa629a3f58-trinity2</a> or reach out to Jeffrey Tooke at <a href="jeffreytooke@outlook.com">jeffreytooke@outlook.com</a> 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.

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**Guest Officiant:** The Rev. William Roberts

Greeter: Susie Green

Readers: Susan Doherty, Missy Stolfi, Cheryl Fisher

**Prayers:** lane Kearns Announcements: Susan Doherty

Ministers of Communion: Cheryl Fisher, Linda Wagner, Ed Fries

Guest musician: Matt Harris, Saxophone

Counter: Susan Doherty

Bakers: Susan Doherty, Jane Kearns

# 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.

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.







