

A Service of Holy Communion

October 27, 2024

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

Cover image: "Still Grasses, Lakota Country" by Matt Lincoln, 2013

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

"FRAGILE" BY STING

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.

OPENING HYMN

“There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord”

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

Refrain



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for



you to re - veal your - self to us.



There is a long-ing in our hearts for love we



on - ly find in you, our God. God.

1.-4. *to Verses* Final



1 For jus - tice, for free - dom, for
2 For wis - dom, for cour - age, for
3 For heal - ing, for whole - ness, for
4 Lord save us, take pi - ty, light



mer - cy: hear our prayer. In sor - row,
com - fort: hear our prayer. In weak - ness,
new life: hear our prayer. In sick - ness,
in our dark - ness. We call you,



in grief: in fear: in death: we wait: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

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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.

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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 Chief Yellow Lark (c. 1850) was a Lakota chief in the late 19th century. He is said to have translated several Lakota prayers into English. On some websites, he is named as John Yellow Lark of the Ute tribe.

FIRST READING

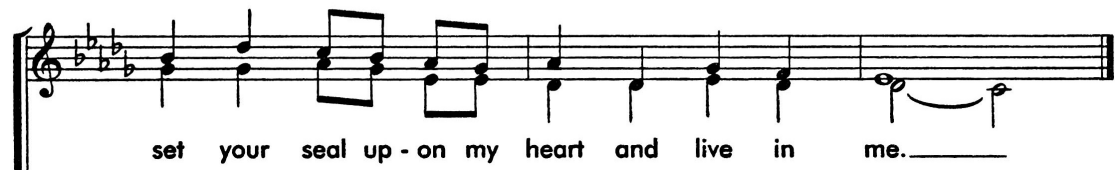
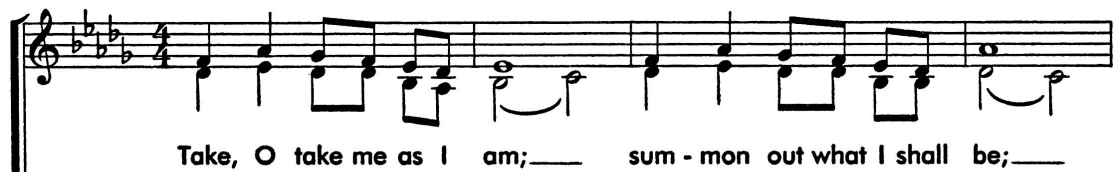
Thus says God:
"Sing aloud with joy for Jacob!
Hail the Head of Nations!

Make your praises heard, and say,
'O God, save your people, Israel's remnant!'
For I will bring them from the lands of the north
and gather them from the ends of the earth—
the blind and the lame
will be among them,
along with expectant mothers and women in labor.
They will return in vast numbers.
They will return weeping and praying.
I will guide them in my mercy.
I will lead them beside streams of water,
along level ground where they will not stumble.
For I am forever a mother and father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn."

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

ECHO

"TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM"



MIDDLE READING

Earth teach us stillness
as the grasses are stilled with light.
Earth teach us suffering
as old stones suffer with memory.
Earth teach us humility
as blossoms are humble with beginning.
Earth teach us caring
as the mother who secures her young.
Earth teach us courage
as the tree which stands alone.
Earth teach us limitation
as the ant which crawls on the ground.

"TEACH US TO REMEMBER" BY CHIEF YELLOW LARK

Earth teach us freedom
as the eagle which soars in the sky.
Earth teach us resignation
as the leaves which die in the fall.
Earth teach us regeneration
as the seed which rises in the spring.
Earth teach us to forget ourselves.
as melted snow forgets its life.
Earth teach us to remember kindness
as dry fields weep in the rain.

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Thanks be to God.

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See above.

“TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM”

GOSPEL READING

MARK 10:46-52

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with the disciples and a large crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus ben-Timaeus, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, “Heir of David, Jesus, have pity on me!”

Many people scolded him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the louder, “Heir of David, have pity on me!” Jesus stopped and said, “Call him here.”

So they called the blind man. “Don’t be afraid,” they said. “Get up; Jesus is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, Bartimaeus jumped up and went to Jesus.

Then Jesus said, “What do you want me to do for you?”

“Rabboni,” the blind man said, “I want to see.”

Jesus replied, “Go, your faith has saved you.” And immediately Bartimaeus received the gift of sight and began to follow Jesus along the road.

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SERMON

THE REV. MATT LINCOLN

MUSICAL REFLECTION

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.

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 is a reflection
on the Nicene Creed,
written by Matt
Lincoln.*

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

*Add your requests
by scanning the
QR code.*



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God, who is the source of all creation, seen and unseen.

We trust that God's divine life is conceived by God and was born in the human form of Jesus, through his mother Mary.

In his life, death and resurrection, Jesus embodied God's self-giving love for the world and God's will to regenerate life, and to reclaim us from the oblivion of death.

We trust that the Spirit of God is present in this world, in our hearts, and within the community of faith, guiding us into all truth and inspiring us to love as we have been loved, to create as we have been created.

Amen.

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:

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 mourn him
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
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

We pray for the needs of Trinity, our Diocese, and the national church as our Bishop, Right Reverend Sean Rowe prepares to assume his newly elected position as Presiding Bishop, and we continue to embrace adaptive change to meet the challenges of local circumstances.

Choir sings the refrain, then all join a second time.



With God, all things are poss - i - ble; all things are poss - i - ble with God.

Christ took five loaves and two fish,
blessed and broke them, and fed a crowd.
No one understood, but all were included.

Christ rubbed mud on the eyes of someone who was blind.
No one understood, but the person began to see.

Refrain, twice

Upon waking in the middle of a storm,
Christ told the wind and waves to be quiet.
No one understood, but all became calm again.

Christ could outwit the high and mighty,
but when it came to showing
who was greatest in the eyes of God,
Christ took a child in his lap.

Refrain, twice

We look at people around us, and even in the mirror,
and see how fear and pride divide our communities.

We see how greed and the turning of a blind eye
degrade the natural world
and leave vulnerable people destitute.

We worry about loved ones facing illness or danger.
We worry about those who struggle to make ends meet.

We grieve the loss of those we loved but see no longer,
wondering how we will get through tomorrow.

Refrain, twice

We marvel at the raw power and beauty mixed together in a winter sky.

We are grateful for everything that sustains us.

We thrill at the creativity of the human spirit and we are warmed by the kindness and understanding
we receive from each other.

We seek wisdom and compassion to guide us in our common life,
and hope for the courage to build a more just society.

Refrain, twice

Christ offered freedom to people who had become trapped by the cruelty of others, and even to
people who had become trapped by their own bad choices.

Christ begged to be spared the cross, yet found the strength to go willingly, and showed that even in
death, all things are possible with God.

Refrain, twice

*This form of
Community Prayers
revolves around
a musical refrain
from the Iona
Community.*

This form of the Peace comes from the Iona Community.

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 the QR code.



Sanctus from Lift Every Voice and Sing, an African American hymnal.

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "MY EYES FOR BEAUTY PINE" TEXT BY ROBERT BRIDGES, MUSIC BY HERBERT HOWELLS

*My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for God's grace,
No other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.*

*One splendor thence is shed from all the stars above;
'Tis named when God's name is said, 'tis love, 'tis heavenly love.*

*And every gentle heart that burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.*

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, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. **The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.** In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: **“Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”** Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: **“This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**

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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 what many of us grew up learning. It is also the version shared at the end of many 12 Step meetings. Although it is important to stay fresh and engaged by the words of our prayers, it is also important to be reminded that we as individuals are part of a great cloud of witnesses who have been inspired to turn to God in prayer throughout the ages.

**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.*

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through Christ and with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **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.**

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.**

BLESSING

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

“AMAZING GRACE”

Amazing Grace, How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home,

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace, my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

When we've been there ten thousand
years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

TOCCATA & FUGUE IN D MINOR (BWV 565) BY J.S. BACH

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

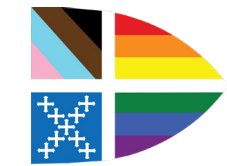
In spirit or in body, the congregation stands to sing hymns.

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

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Prayers: Marie Keane
Announcements: John Alduino
Communion Ministers: Bruce McKay, Linda Wagner, Missy Stolfi
Guest musician: Matt Harris, saxophone
Counter: John Alduino
Baker: Patti Nisbet

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](#).

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