



A Service of Holy Communion

September 29, 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 from Psalm 84.

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

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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

"AIR FROM WATER MUSIC" BY G.F. HANDEL

CENTERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

How dear to me is your dwelling, O God of hosts!

My soul has a desire and longing for your courts;

my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,

by the side of your altars, O God of hosts, my Ruler and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house;

they will always be praising you. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"All creatures of our God and King"



All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 loft, O sing prais - es. Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 hear, sing God's prais - es! al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 ness, O sing prais - es. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God Cre -



sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 a - tor, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O sing prais - es, O sing prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 22:13-16

“**W**oe to the ruler
 who builds a house without integrity
 and its upper rooms with injustice,
 enslaving the citizenry,
 not paying for their labor!
 Woe to the ruler who says,
 ‘I will build myself a spacious house
 with airy upper rooms,
 and numerous open windows,
 cedar paneling painted in vermillion.’
 Do you out-rival other rulers
 because you panel in cedar?
 Did not your predecessor, like you, eat and drink?
 He practiced justice and integrity
 and all went well for him.
 He defended the cause of the poor and needy,
 and all went well for him.
 Is that not what it means to know me?” says God.

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

Thanks be to God.

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.

ECHO

“MORNING HAS BROKEN”



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird._____



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!_____

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.

Br. Keith Nelson was raised Baptist, studied at Kenyon College and Harvard Divinity School, and practiced Buddhist meditation before life professing as an Episcopal monastic with the Society of St. John the Evangelist in 2019.

MIDDLE READING

FROM “OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CREATION” BY BR. KEITH NELSON, SSJE

When we violate, abuse, exploit, or even simply ignore non-human creatures, we are rejecting a core dimension of our humanity and of God’s calling for us. We are crucifying the earth. We are interrupting, speaking over, or bickering with God’s gentle language of love, in which each creature is like a syllable of the living Word. Each creature is an instance of Divine Gift, God’s gift to Godself, the love language of the Trinity. We believe God became a Creature in Jesus Christ and redeemed Creation from the inside out so that we creatures can participate directly in this infinite pattern of God’s giving-and-receiving.

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

Thanks be to God.

ECHO

“MORNING HAS BROKEN”

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from heaven
 Like the first dewfall on the first grass
 Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
 Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 12:22-32

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “That’s why I tell you, don’t worry about your life and what you are to eat. Don’t worry about your body and what you are to wear. For life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. Take a lesson from the ravens. They don’t sow or reap. They have neither a food cellar nor a barn, yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable are you than birds? Can any of you, for all your worrying, add a single hour to your life? If even the smallest things are beyond your control, why worry about all the rest?”

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

“Notice how the flowers grow. They neither labor nor weave, yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was robed like one of these! If that is how God clothes the grass in the field—which is here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow—how much more will God look after you! You have so little faith!

“As for you, don’t set your hearts on what you’ll eat or what you’ll drink. Stop worrying! All the nations of the world seek these things, yet your Abba God well knows what you need. Set your sights on the kingdom of God, and all these other things will be given to you as well.

“Fear not, little flock, for it has pleased your Abba to give you the kingdom.”

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

Thanks be to God.

ECHO

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day.

“MORNING HAS BROKEN”

SERMON

THE REV. JEFFREY TOOKE

MUSICAL REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.
And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.**

We believe in everlasting life in God.

And we believe in the hope that one day

God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

Amen.

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 affirmation comes from the Gurukul Lutheran Theological College and Research Institute (a seminary in South India), adapted by Keld B. Hansen.

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:

Jessica Pawlowski Bonnes who recently lost her husband to suicide

Rita Schillaci and family

Bernie Kiedyk - hospitalized after being hit by a car while walking

Bernie Adams, Leslie Charlier's father

Shirley Hudders

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 - health concerns

Harry Fackelman

Kathy Jerzewski - a return of lymphoma

Betsy and Peter Curtis

*Add your requests
by scanning the
QR code.*



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.

Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying, "Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace."

For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures of the earth who do us harm and those whose place in your creation we do not understand or welcome, that we may see them as beloved creatures of God, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures, that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray:

*This form of
Community Prayers
is adapted from
"Honoring God
in Creation," a
resource of the 78th
General Convention
of the Episcopal
Church in 2015.*

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber harvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need, and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the people of the earth whose lives and deaths have contributed to the fruitful abundance of this planet, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Gracious God, grant that your people may have in them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and guide us into harmony of relationship through loving-kindness and the wise use of all that you have given; for you are drawing all things into communion with you and with each other by the power of the Holy Spirit. **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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“FOR EVERYONE BORN” TEXT BY SHIRLEY MURRAY, MUSIC BY BRIAN MANN

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
For everyone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone born, a star overhead.*

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice, and joy,
compassion and peace.
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy!*

*For woman and man, a place at the table,
Revising the roles, deciding the share,
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
A system that's fair.*

*For young and for old, a place at the table,
A voice to be heard, a part in the song.
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled.
For young and for old, the right to belong.*

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
For everyone born, the right to be free.*



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

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.

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.

Praise and thanks are yours, our Creating God. From the dust of the earth you shaped human beings in your own image, and you filled the earth and seas and skies with a myriad of wonders. Yet we consistently turn your generosity into our scarcity, your elegance into our meanness, and your simplicity into our corruption. **Though we poison and destroy your good Creation, you continue to offer us your abundance.** In your mercy, you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus, transforming death into life. **Through the Spirit you continue to call us into covenant with you—for the restoration of Creation and the reconciliation of all people.** And so we give you thanks, rejoicing with all of Creation, as we join the saints and angels in their unending hymn:



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



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



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

This Eucharistic Prayer is adapted by Nina Ranadive Pooley from numerous sources. It is found in the Season Of Creation Episcopal Liturgical Guide 2024.

Early American Folk Hymn. Adapt. by Marcia Pruner, 1980.

In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said: **“Take and eat, for this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”** He took the wine, and gave thanks to God, Creator. He gave it to his friends saying: **“This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me.”**

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Merciful God, we come to this table seeking reconciliation: with you, with one another, and with all creation. **Through these mysteries reconcile us to our world and empower us to restore your Creation and fulfill your will.** Send your life-giving Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive. **Heal your stricken world, that the soil, the skies, and the seas may be filled with your life anew.** Fill every heart with the sure and certain hope that we shall enter into the fullness of your joy, when your whole Creation is justified by faith and sanctified by love, and you are all in all. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, everlasting God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

Our Father, our Mother in heaven

You are also at home in the air, soil, forests and oceans

Hallowed be your name

By the care we take of your Creation

Your kingdom come

All that you see is good

Your will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven

Your will to till and care

Give us this day our daily bread

That all may have enough to live life in fullness

Forgive us our trespasses

Our greed, our exploitation, our lack of concern for other species and for future generations

As we forgive those who trespass against us

By reconciliation with justice and peace.

Lead us not into temptation

The temptation to equate dominion with exploitation

And deliver us from evil

The evil of destroying your gift of creation

For yours is the kingdom

Yours, Lord, not ours

The power and the glory

In the cross and resurrection

For ever and ever

You are the beginning and you are the end. 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 is adapted from a Creation-oriented, responsive-form Lord's Prayer from "Creation Care Prayers," The Church of England Environmental Programme.

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:

**Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God,
that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us
and renew the face of the earth.**

**May we be one with you
so that our work is yours
and your work is ours.**

**Lead us to transform our lives
to reflect your glory in Creation;
through Jesus Christ our Savior
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. 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.**

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

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HYMN

“LORD, MAKE US SERVANTS OF YOUR PEACE”

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

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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DISMISSAL

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

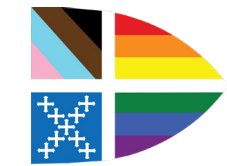
Our spiritual practice is renewed as we leave here and begin again to work the promises of the covenant.

POSTLUDE

ANDALUZA: NO. 5 FROM SPANISH DANCES BY ENRIQUE GRANADOS



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Prayers: Missy Stolfi
Announcements: Missy Stolfi
Altar Servers: Missy Stolfi, Cheryl Fisher, Jeffrey Tooke
Guest musician: Nancy Baun, cello
Counter: John Alduino
Bakers: Patti Nisbet, Joanne Dunnigan

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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