



**A Service of Holy Baptism
and Holy Communion**

January 12, 2025

First Sunday After the Epiphany

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.

Cover image: "St. Mark's Pigeon Girl" by Matt Lincoln, 2005

This prayer is by Laurence Housman (1865 – 1959), English playwright, writer, and illustrator.

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. You may also choose to take advantage of our nursery which is available for toddlers through age 5.

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

"EACH WINTER AS THE YEAR GROWS OLDER" BY WILLIAM AND ANNABETH GAY
BASS SOLOIST: TIM LANE

*Each winter as the year grows older, a man grows older too.
The chill sets in a little colder; the verities I knew seem shaken and untrue.
When race and class cry out for treason, when sirens call for war,
They over-shout the voice of reason and scream 'till we ignore all we held dear before.
But I believe beyond believing, that life can spring from death;
That growth can flower from our grieving, that one can catch one's breath and turn transfixed by faith.
So even as the sun is turning to journey to the north,
The living flame in secret burning, can kindle on the earth and bring God's love to birth.
O Child of ecstasy and sorrows, O Prince of peace and pain,
Brighten today's world by tomorrow's, renew our lives again; Lord Jesus come to reign.*

CENTERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Fire of the Spirit,
Life of the lives of creatures,

glow of charity
light of clarity

taste of sweetness even in our failure,
speak to us and hear us this hour.

**Composer of all things,
light of all the risen
door to freedom:**

release from dark prison
the hope of all people, the joy in all glory,
**and speak to us this hour.
Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

“Shall we gather at the river”

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

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod;—
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,—
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;—
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease,—

1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?
2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.
3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.
4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

FIRST READING

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.

But now, Rachel, Leah and Jacob, hear the word of God:
 to the One who created you, the One who fashioned you, listen, O Israel:
 “Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by name; you are mine.
 When you pass through the seas, I will be with you;
 when you pass over the rivers, you will not drown.
 Walk through fire, and you will not be singed;
 walk through flames and you will not be burned.
 I am your God, the Holy One of Israel, your deliverer.
 I give Egypt as ransom for you,
 Nubia and Seba in exchange for you.
 You are more precious to me than Assyria;
 you are honored, and I love you.
 I will give people in exchange for you,
 whole nations in exchange for your life.
 Have no fear, for I am with you;
 I will bring your descendants from the east
 and gather them from the west.
 To the north I will say, ‘Give them up!’
 and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back!’
 Bring my daughters and sons from afar,
 return them from the ends of the earth—
 everyone who is called by my Name,
 whom I created for my glory,
 whom I formed and made!”

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

Thanks be to God.

ECHO

“O HEALING RIVER”

1. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your
 wa - ters, Send down your wa - ters up - on this
 land. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your
 wa-ters, And wash the blood from off the sand.

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MIDDLE READING

As swimmers dare
to lie face to the sky
and water bears them,
as hawks rest upon air
and air sustains them,
so would I learn to attain
freefall, and float
into Creator Spirit's deep embrace,
knowing no effort earns
that all-surrounding grace.

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

Thanks be to God.

ECHO

This land is parching, this land is burning,
No seed is growing in the barren ground.
O healing river, send down your waters,
O healing river, send your waters down.

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

The people were full of anticipation, wondering in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah. John answered them all by saying, "I am baptizing you in water, but someone is coming who is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not fit to untie! This One will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and in fire. A winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear the threshing floor and gather the wheat into the granary, but the chaff will be burnt in unquenchable fire."

When all the people were baptized, Jesus also came to be baptized. And while Jesus was praying, the skies opened and the Holy Spirit descended on the Anointed One in visible form, like a dove. A voice from heaven said, "You are my Own, my Beloved. On you my favor rests."

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

Thanks be to God.

ECHO

Let the seed of freedom, awake and flourish,
Let the deep roots nourish, let the tall stalks rise.
O healing river, send down your waters,
O healing river, from out of the skies.

SERMON

THE REV. MATT LINCOLN

MUSICAL REFLECTION

"THE AVOWAL" BY DENISE LEVERTOV

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.

Denise Levertov (1923 – 1997) was English born and emigrated to the US in 1947. She published more than 20 volumes of poetry, was active in the anti-war movement, and as a poetry editor for The Nation in the '60s and for Mother Jones in the '70s.

"O HEALING RIVER"

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.

"O HEALING RIVER"

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.

HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

I present Elijah Joseph to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in Christian community?

I will, with God's help.

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

I will, with God's help.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Do you renounce the malice, fear, and greed in society that protect the power of the powerful while denying justice for God's most vulnerable people?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the disease, decay, and destruction that harm the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the desires, distractions, and appetites that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept God's gift of renewal and resurrection offered through Christ?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in Christ's grace and love?

I do.

Do you promise to follow the way of Christ as the way of life?

I do.

Will you who are in this community of faith, encourage and support these persons in their life in Christ?

We will.

Let us speak in solidarity with those who are entering into the covenant of Baptism.

Do you believe in the Triune God?

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

We believe 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, reclaiming us from the oblivion of death.

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

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

*Being baptized today:
Elijah Joseph Biddle,
whose parents are
Jessica and Joseph.*

The Baptismal Covenant begins with six questions that follow a form that goes back to at least the fourth century. Although we understand the grace of God's unfailing love to be a gift that is given by God unconditionally, we also recognize that part of the gift is God's willingness to let us reject it. Thus we are also given the opportunity to accept it and commit ourselves to follow Christ in return.

The notion of God as three and yet one is a mystery that has nurtured the faith of the followers of Jesus from the earliest times. Originally described as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Trinity certainly transcends the limitations of gender and other aspects of our understanding of personhood. Yet many have experienced the presence of God as very personal. This affirmation is experimental, written by the rector.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the Earth?

I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open his heart to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send him into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O God, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. **Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.**

The following five questions were created for the prayer book of 1979. They ask the question, "If you believe in God, what are you going to do about it?" The sixth question was added more recently.

We thank you, O Lover of Souls, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in death. By it we share in resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. **Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Triune God.**

At the following words, the priest and those gathered around the font touch the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

While baptizing the candidate, the priest says,

Elijah Joseph, I baptize you in the Name of the Triune God, the Holy Three in One who both conceives and is conceived, and is present to us in the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gracious God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The priest anoints each newly baptized person and says,

Elijah Joseph, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

The priest then presents a candle, lit from the paschal candle, to each saying

Elijah Joseph, receive the light of Christ, and be for it a lantern, both to shelter it and to shed it abroad for all the world to see. **Amen.**

*Please greet
Elijah Joseph Biddle
and his parents.*

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.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“TOMORROW SHALL BE MY DANCING DAY” ARRANGED BY JOHN GARDNER

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day, I would my true love did so chance

To see the legend of my play, to call my true love to my dance.

Sing O my love, this have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure, of her I took fleshly substance

Thus was I knit to man's nature, to call my true love to my dance.

In a manger laid and wrapped, I was, so very poor this was my chance;

Betwixt an ox and silly poor ass, to call my true love to my dance.

Then afterwards baptized I was; the Holy Ghost on me did glance,

My Father's voice heard from above, to call my true love to my dance.



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

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

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:

**Dear One,
closer to us than our own hearts,
farther from us than the most distant star,
you are beyond naming.**

**May your powerful presence become obvious
not only in the undeniable glory of the sky,
but also in the seemingly mundane processes of the earth.**

**Give us what we need, day by day,
to keep body and soul together, because**

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 the Rev. Jim Burklo. He is a UCC pastor who is the Executive Director of Progressive Christians Uniting, which organizes ZOE, a national network of progressive Christian ministries at colleges and universities.

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.

**clever as you have made us,
we still owe our existence to you.**

**We recognize that to be reconciled with you,
we must live peaceably and justly with other human beings,
putting hate and bitterness behind us.**

**We are torn between our faith in your goodness
and our awareness of the evil in your creation,
so deliver us from the temptation to despair.**

**Yours alone is the universe and all its majesty and beauty.
So it is. 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

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

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

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

HYMN

"CRASHING WATERS AT CREATION"

1 Crash - ing wa - ters ___ at cre - a - tion
2 Part - ing wa - ter ___ stood and trem - bled
3 Cleans - ing wa - ter ___ once at Jor - dan
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, ___ nev - er end - ing,

or - dered by the ___ Spi - rit's breath, first to wit - ness
as the cap - tives ___ passed on through, wash - ing off ___ the
closed a - round the ___ One fore - told, o - pened to ___ rc -
quench the thirst and ___ flood the soul. Well-spring, Source of

day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
chains of ___ bond - age - chan - nel to ___ a life made new.
veal the ___ glo - ry ev - er new ___ and ev - er old.
life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

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

DISMISSAL

Take your leave, trusting that we are made one in Christ, to shine in the world with God's light.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

"WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED LOVE?" BY COLE PORTER

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Please hold the following people in your prayers:

Cameron - recovery from surgery
Carol Siracuse - recovery from surgery
JVD - for acceptance of results of medical test
Kara and Matt Harris - with thanks for the birth of their daughter, June
Christian Cuccia - recovering from a fall
Andrew Eisenhardt - battling addiction
Carol Torns - recovering from a fall
Bruce McKay - eye infection and surgery
Joe Silvestri - recovering from a stroke
Paul Werner - recovering from a stroke
Louis Bordanaro - fell off ladder
John Michael Hulme - battling addiction
Mark and Dave Gerard
Richard Kay
Gary and Lisa Panek - recovering from head-on motor vehicle accident

Shirley Ruske - diagnosed with cancer
Ross DiLoro
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
Alphonso and Marcia O'Neil-White
Jessica De Oliveira E Silva (Quinn) - battling stage 4 breast cancer
Margaret (Peggy) Rizzo - suffers from Alzheimer's
Kathy Jerzewski - a return of lymphoma
Betsy and Peter Curtis

*Add your requests
by scanning the
QR code.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coldest Night of the Year

It's Year 4 of the Coldest Night of the Year Walk in Buffalo, supporting our friends at Compass House! This year's walk will take place on **Saturday, February 22**, kicking off at the Parkside Lodge. This all-ages fundraising walk raises funds and awareness for the mission of Compass House, supporting homeless and runaway youth and young adults in the Buffalo area.

Visit cnoy.com/buffalo and search Team Trinity to join us at Delaware Park or to support with a donation to Compass House! Email Missy Stolfi at missy.stolfi@gmail.com with any questions.

Comfort and Care Team

The Comfort and Care Team is here to help and support you or someone you know experiencing health or other life challenges. Email any one of us to request prayers, a caring phone call, notes, information on resources, a friendly visit, or arranging meals.

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Volunteer Opportunities With One of our Partners

Creative Restorations 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 Monthly Community Event

Each event has a theme and is open to all. They are always looking for volunteers. The times and dates are:

Saturday Academy 10am-1pm:

February 1, March 8, April 5, May 3

Evening 4:30-6pm:

January 30, April 3

Trinity members would be welcome to any of these. For more information, you can contact the Say Yes To Education coordinator Van Daniel at vdaniel@sayyesbuffalo.org or (716)388-1572.

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 t.w.lane@outlook.com for more details.

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.

Explore Buffalo

Learn more about Trinity's windows and the impact they have had on American art history. Share this Buffalo treasure with your friends! Explore Buffalo leads tours of Trinity's windows as part of its Sacred Spaces series. Check the website listed below or scan the QR code for the schedule. <https://explorebuffalo.org/sacred-spaces/trinity-episcopal-church/>

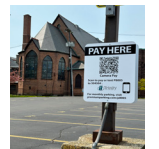


Computer Ministry Opportunity

We are looking for a couple computer savvy volunteers who would be interested in volunteering as cyber sacristan to help with the livestream for the Sunday morning service and/or the Trinity @7 service. One only needs to be comfortable with using a computer and computer programs; the rest are easily learnable skills. If you'd like to know more or are interested in this volunteer ministry, please contact Jeffrey Tooke at jeffreytooke@outlook.com

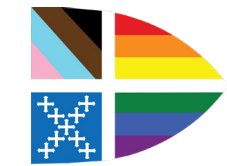
Parking at Trinity's Franklin Street Lot

When you come to a church service, you can park in Trinity's Franklin Street lot for free. Neither will the parking fees be enforced during Trinity events. But you can use the lot any other time you are in the neighborhood, too! Park in your church's lot any time you would have to pay for parking in the neighborhood so that Trinity gets the parking fee! Use your smartphone to pay.





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Readers: Don Ingalls, Susan Doherty, Kristine Caughell
Announcements: Tim Lane
Ministers of Communion: Linda Wagner, Ed Fries, Missy Stolfi
Guest musician: Ken Kuriscak, saxophone
Counter: Susan Doherty
Bakers: Susie Green, Susan Doherty

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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