

A Service of Holy Communion November 17, 2024 Year B, Proper 28

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.

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

Cover image: "Heron in a Tree" Matt Lincoln, 2009

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 THE D MAJOR SUITE" BY J.S. BACH

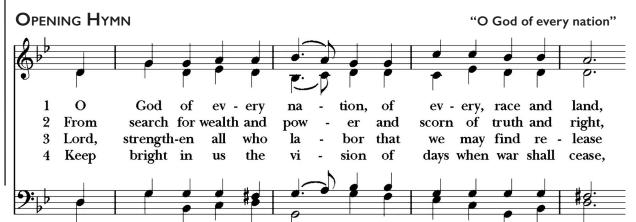
CENTERING PRAYER

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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FIRST READING DANIEL 12:1-3

od spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, "At that time, Michael, the great monarch who stands guard over your people, will stand up—and there will follow a time of great suffering the likes of which has never been known from the founding of the nation until that moment. When that time comes, your people will be rescued, every one whose name is written in the Scroll; and those who lie sleeping in the dust will rise up, some to life everlasting and some to the reproach of eternal torment. The wise will shine like the bright heavens, and leaders of justice like the stars for evermore."

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.

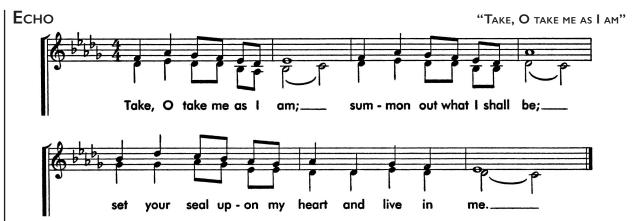
Nobody set out to write The Bible. The Hebrew Scriptures were created over many centuries by many people to record the Jewish People's experience of God. *The same is true* of the Christian Scriptures, some of which were letters written to a specific audience in response to specific needs—and were then found to be helpful to the faithful even after fulfilling their original purpose.

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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.

Louise Erdrich (b.1954) is a Native American author of novels, poetry, and children's books featuring Native American characters and settings. She is an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa *Indians of North* Dakota. Erdrich is widely acclaimed as one of the most significant writers of the second wave of the Native American Renaissance. She has written 28 books in all, including fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and children's books. She has received many awards for her writing, including the 2021 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for her novel The Night Watchman.

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



MIDDLE READING

We watched from the house as the river grew, helpless and terrible in its unfamiliar body. Wrestling everything into it, the water wrapped around trees until their life-hold was broken. They went down, one by one, and the river dragged off their covering.

Nests of the herons, roots washed to bones, snags of soaked bark on the shoreline: a whole forest pulled through the teeth of the spillway. Trees surfacing singly, where the river poured off into arteries for fields below the reservation.

When at last it was over, the long removal, they had all become the same dry wood. We walked among them, the branches

"I Was Sleeping Where the Black Oaks Move" by Louise Erdrich

whitening in the raw sun.
Above us drifted herons,
alone, hoarse-voiced, broken,
settling their beaks among the hollows.

Grandpa said, These are the ghosts of the tree people moving among us, unable to take their rest.

Sometimes now, we dream our way back to the heron dance.

Their long wings are bending the air into circles through which they fall.
They rise again in shifting wheels.
How long must we live in the broken figures their necks make, narrowing the sky.

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

"TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM"

See above.

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GOSPEL READING MARK 13:1-8

s Jesus was leaving the Temple, one of the disciples commented in passing, "Look, Teacher! What huge stones these are! What wonderful buildings!" Jesus replied, "See these great buildings? Not a single stone will be left on another. Everything will be torn down."

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives facing the Temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will all this happen? What will be the sign that all this is about to take place?" Jesus began by saying, "Be on your guard that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name saying, 'I am the One,' and they will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of war, do not be alarmed. Things like this must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation and empire against empire; there will be earthquakes throughout the world and famines—yet this is only the beginning of the labor pains."

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

Thanks be to God.

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SERMON

See previous page.

"TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM"

THE REV. MATT LINCOLN

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 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.

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.

Add your requests by scaning the QR code.



Those who have recently died and all who

mourn them:

Charles Mitschow

Mark Gerard Ellen Nichter

Orie Hebard

Bernie Adams

Laurel Mark - looking for gainful employment Shirley Ruske - diagnosed with cancer

Bryce - a 10-year-old boy expected to be in

a full body cast for 3 months

Ross DiLoro

Gary & Lisa Panek - recovering from a head-

on motor vehicle accident
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

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 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

and hopes.

These prayers are

an effort to pray with one voice even

though we have a

diversity of needs

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"ALMIGHTY GOD, HOW STRONG AND TRUE" BY JAY ALTHOUSE

Almighty God, how strong and true, eternal, yet ever new, Almighty God, who reigns above, you bless us with peace and love. For God is in the morning light, and in the stars and moon at night, In countless times and endless ways, throughout all days.

God's gentle grace is precious still in days of weariness and ill; In nights of pain and helplessness, God will comfort and bless. Almighty God, you bless and save in darkness and in the grave. In resurrection's brilliant light, we wonder at your great might. Almighty God, how strong and true, eternal, yet ever new.

Gpd's wide embracing wondrous love we see in the skies above And on the earth and seas below, we feel it in all we know;

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.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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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:

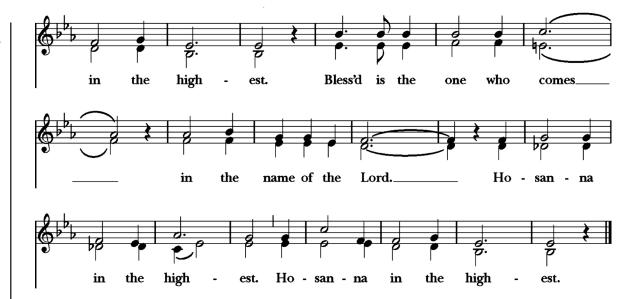


Your financial support is not only a practical necessity. It can also be a very meaningful symbolic gesture, expressing your gratitude for the blessings in your life and your hope for health in the world. You can place cash or a check in the collection plate when it is brought *around during the* offertory or donate online here, or initiate an online donation by texting TRINITYBUFFALO to 73256. You can also get there by scanning the OR code



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 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**.

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.

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.

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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Bread for the immigrant, bread for the poor, Bread for the hungry who beg at our door. Food for the outcast waiting to belong; Come to the feast meant for everyone.

REFRAIN

Oh, how great is the love of God In this body broken, this saving blood. Oh, how great is the love of God Here in the feast meant for everyone.

Bread for the sheltered, bread for the rich; Those who need nothing but all lesus is.

"THE FEAST MEANT FOR EVERYONE" BY TOM BOOTH AND SARAH HART

Food for all people, empty, we all come; Come to the feast meant for everyone.

Drink for the brother thirsting for more; Drink for the sister who's run out of hope. This cup is healing, more than just enough. Come to the feast meant for everyone.

Gather the sinners, gather the saints, All souls in heaven and here in this place. This is the table where we are made one, Here in the feast meant for everyone.

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.

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.

BLESSING

This blessing was offered by the Rev. Brian Baker at Burning Man 2015.

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.

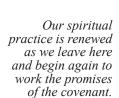
And may the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who animates and guides us be with you now and always.

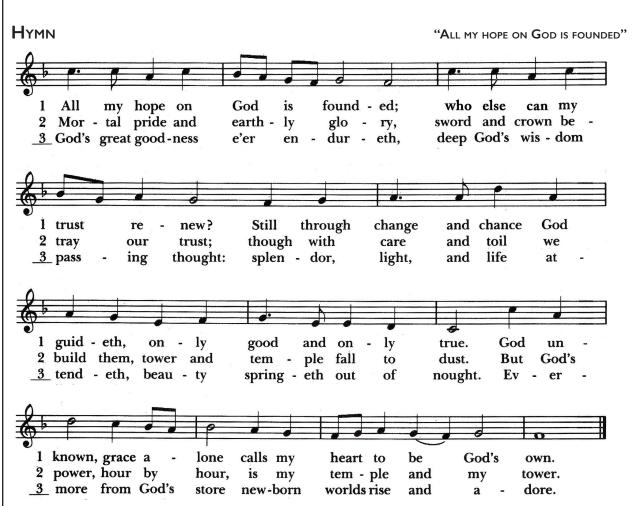
Amen.

In spirit or congregation stands to sing

in body, the hymns.

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DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

"D MAJOR VIOLIN SONATA NO. 4, MOVEMENT II" BY GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Trinity Jazz Series

Krista Seddon Presents Lecture-Performances Connecting Classical and Jazz Music @7pm November 22, "Krista Meets the Beatles"

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!

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.

2nd 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.

Family Choir Sundays @9:45am

This is a way to get together with other families for fun, grow in faith at the same time, and strengthen the community. Tim Lane, a music educator and former boy chorister himself, leads the choir in practice sessions before church on Sundays from 9:45 to 10:15. Speak to Tim for details or email t.w.lane@outlook.com.

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.

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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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/

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.









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Readers: Davis Bradley, Cheryl Fisher, Jeffrey Tooke

Prayers: Joanne Dunnigan

Announcements: Tim Lane

Missy Stolfi, Cheryl Fisher, Jeffrey Tooke Ministers of Communion:

Guest musician: Claire Fisher, violin Counter: Erickson Contreras Bakers: Tom Owen, 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.

