

A Service of Holy Communion

September 22, 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.

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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

"THAT'S ALL" BY ALAN BRANDT AND BOB HAYMES

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 praise to thee, for thou, O King divine”

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



1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine, _____
 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought; _____
 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee, _____
 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou _____
 5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord _____



1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine, _____
 2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought; _____
 3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free, _____
 4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now, _____
 5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord; _____



1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine. _____
 2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought. _____
 3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry. _____
 4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow. _____
 5 and God Al - might - y be by all a - dored. _____



Al - le - lu - ia! A - - - men.

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*The Bible readings
are taken from The
Inclusive Bible: The
First Egalitarian
Translation by
Priests for Equality.*

FIRST READING

JAMES 3:13-18

If there are any wise and learned among you, let them show it by good living—with humility, and with wisdom in their actions. But if you have the bitterness of jealousy or self-seeking ambition in your hearts, be careful or you'll find yourself becoming arrogant and covering up the truth with lies. This kind of “wisdom” doesn't come from above. It's earthbound, animal-like and demonic. Where there is jealousy and ambition, there is also disharmony and wickedness of every kind. The wisdom from above, however, has purity as its essence. It works for peace; it's kind and considerate. It's full of compassion and shows itself by doing good. Nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

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

Thanks be to God.

*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

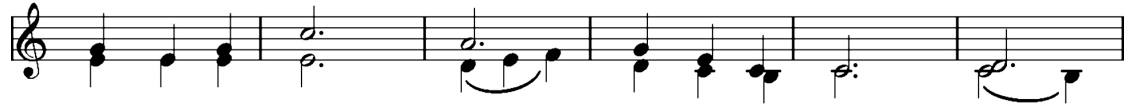
“MORNING HAS BROKEN”



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.

The Rev. Dr. Victoria Marie (b. 1945) is a Brooklyn-born Canadian scholar working at the intersection of social science and spirituality. She is a retired community researcher and current local activist, pastor of the inclusive and affirming Our Lady of Guadalupe Tonantzin Community, and co-founder of the Vancouver Catholic Worker.

MIDDLE READING

FROM “RECONCILIATION: LAMENT AND HOPE” BY VICTORIA MARIE

We seek reconciliation with all life. When we say we believe in the sanctity of all life, that includes non-human life: the creatures of the sea and the birds of the air. It also included human livelihood. Overriding it all is the desire to follow Jesus' command to love. That is why at the gates of the fossil fuel mega-project we prayed for justice for our indigenous brothers and sisters and for industry workers; we prayed for the eagle pair evicted from their home. We prayed for the earth and her waters. That day, we joined the growing number of people arrested for living into reconciliation. Undeterred, and fighting against apathy and despair, our peaceful protests will continue. We believe, like Martin Luther King Jr., that 'the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.' So, motivated by gospel faith and love, we continue to work to make reconciliation a generally accepted reality.

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

MARK 9:30-37

They left that district and began a journey through Galilee, but Jesus did not want anyone to know about it. He was teaching the disciples along these lines: “The Promised One is going to be delivered into the hands of others and will be put to death, but three days later this One will rise again.” Though they failed to understand these words, they were afraid to question him. They returned home to Capernaum. Once they were inside the house, Jesus began to ask them, “What were you discussing on the way home?” At this they fell silent, for on the way they had been arguing about who among them was the most important. So Jesus sat down and called the Twelve over and said, “If any of you wants to be first, you must be the last one of all and at the service of all.” Then Jesus brought a little child into their midst and, putting his arm around the child, said to them, “Whoever welcomes a child such as this for my sake welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the One who sent me.”

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Thanks be to God.

ECHO

“MORNING HAS BROKEN”

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.

SERMON

THE REV. MATT LINCOLN

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.

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 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:

Sandy Moore Delano - Thanks that foot is healed after surgery

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

Bernie Adams, Leslie Charlier's father

Shirley Hudders

Carmen Rivera Nunez, who died and her son, John Anthony Rivera, and all who mourn

Cassandra and Michael

Content Knowles, sister of Meg Knowles - recovering from a car accident

Jack Giardina

Karen Smallen

Mary Ann after the sudden losses of her husband and sister

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 - fighting health issues

Abby Laettner

Adam Kreutinger

Jessica De Oliveira E Silva (Quinn) - battling stage 4 breast cancer

Celeste Richel

Margaret (Peggy) Rizzo - suffers from Alzheimer's

Alberta Virginia Campbell Kendzierski who died, and her granddaughter, Julie Keller

Rizzo, and all who mourn

Alphonso and Marcia O'Neil-White - health concerns

Harry Fackelman

Kathy Jerzewski - a return of lymphoma

Regina Glaser - in her battle with cancer

Betsy and Peter Curtis

*Add your requests
by scanning the
QR code.*



*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.*

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:

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

And what doth the Lord require of Thee?

But to do justly and to love mercy.

What doth the Lord require of Thee?

Do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God.

“WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD” BY DANIEL GAWTHROP



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
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HYMN

“COMMUNITY OF CHRIST”

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

1 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who make the Cross your own,
 2 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the church's door
 3 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound—
 4 When men-ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be done,

live out your creed and risk your life for God a - lone:
 and see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the poor.
 cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world 'round:
 the cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its Sun;

The God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long,
 Take hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your street,
 Dis - arm the powers that war and all that can de - stroy,
 Our cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our law,

whose chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.
 take towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.
 turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy.
 our food and faith be shared as one for ev - er - more.

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

DISMISSAL

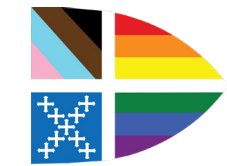
Go in peace to love others as God has loved you. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

PRELUDE & FUGUE IN E MINOR (CATHEDRAL) BY J.S. BACH



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Prayers: Patti Nisbet
Announcements: Tim Lane
Altar Servers: Cheryl Fisher, Ed Fries, Linda Wagner
Guest musician: Russ Carere, saxophone
Counters: Connie Ervin

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](#).