



## **A Service of Holy Communion**

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## **Welcome to Trinity's gathered community! We are together on-site and online!**

If you are at Trinity in person, please maintain appropriate distance and wear your mask, considering the fact that some of us may not be fully vaccinated or may have other vulnerabilities. We will celebrate Holy Communion as we have all year, with all participants holding their own bread and wine during the prayers and receiving communion in their seats. In this way, all participants on-site and online will share the same practice.

If you are not on-site, rest assured that your presence online is felt and valued. **As you watch the Live Stream, feel free to add comments, likes, etc. to the comment section at any time!**

**WiFi internet access is publicly available. Please feel free to log onto the "Trinity Open" network with the password "Welcome!"**

**If you are on-site, feel free to use your mobile device to join the Facebook Live Stream to connect with other worshipers in the comment section. Just make sure your volume is all the way down!**

**At the end of the service, we will start up a Zoom meeting for online conversation during the coffee hour. A link to that Zoom meeting will appear in the comments on Facebook at the end of this service.**

When we don't have to practice social distancing, 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. For now, even though we are not standing shoulder to shoulder for communion, we are gathered in Spirit sharing the bounty of faith. 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.

Trinity Church is an Episcopal Church and a member parish of the Diocesan Partnership of Western New York and Northwest Pennsylvania in the United States and is a part of the Anglican Communion, which is based in England, but found worldwide. If you would like to learn more about Trinity, see all our contact information on the last page.

### **PRELUDE**

"TWILIGHT WORLD" BY MARIAN McPARTLAND

### **WELCOME**

### **MUSICAL MEDITATION**

"COME, YE PEOPLE, POOR AND NEEDY" BY RAYMOND HAAN

### **CENTERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**We wake to the forgiveness of a new day.**

**We wake to the freedom to begin again.**

**We wake to the mercy of the sun's redeeming light.**

**Always new,**

**always gift,**

**always blessing.**

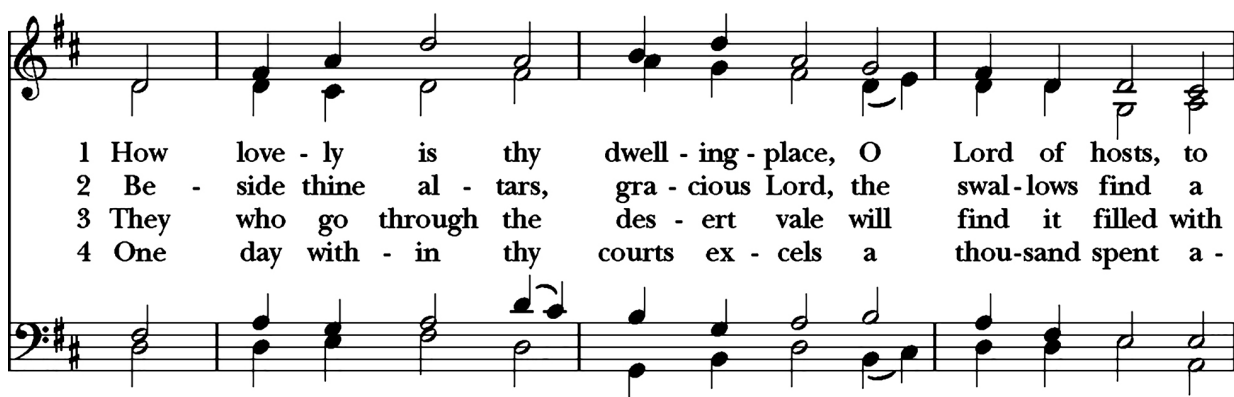
**We wake to the forgiveness of this new day.**

**Amen.**


This centering  
prayer is by John  
Philip Newell from  
Praying With The  
Earth.

# OPENING HYMN

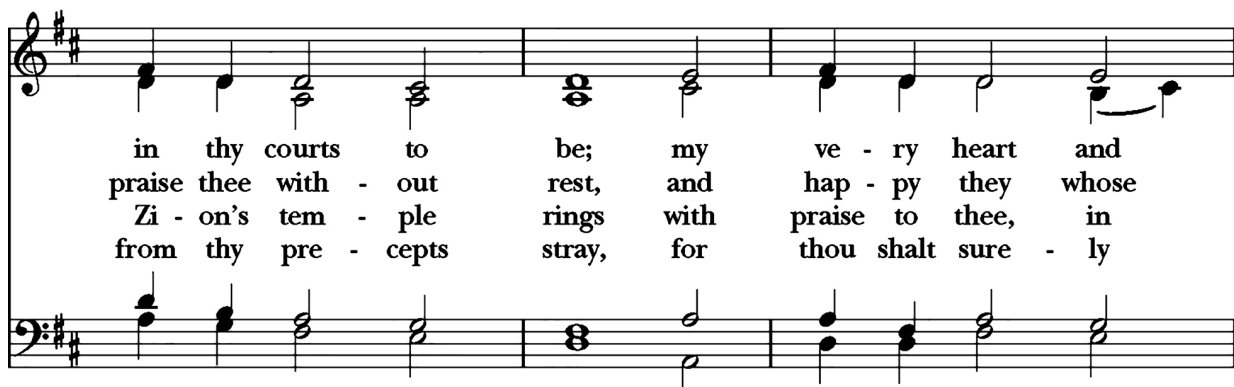
"HOW LOVELY IS THY DWELLING PLACE"



1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to  
 2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a  
 3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with  
 4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou - sand spent a -



me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -  
 nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and  
 springs, and they shall climb from height to height till  
 way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor



in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and  
 praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose  
 Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in  
 from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly



flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.  
 hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.  
 glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.  
 bless all those who live the words they pray.

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

*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. Henri Nouwen (1932–1996) was a Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian. He was born and grew up in the Netherlands. His influences included Anton Boisen, Thomas Merton, Rembrandt, Vincent van Gogh, and Jean Vanier. After nearly two decades of teaching at academic institutions including the University of Notre Dame, Yale Divinity School and Harvard Divinity School, Nouwen went on to work with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities at the L'Arche Daybreak community in Richmond Hill, Ontario.*

*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.*

## FIRST READING

PSALM 130

**O**ut of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!  
God, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to my voice, my cries for mercy!  
If you kept track of our sins, O God,  
who could stand before you?  
But with you is forgiveness,  
and for this we revere you.

So I wait for you, God—my soul waits,  
and in your word I place my trust.  
My soul longs for you, God,  
more than sentinels long for the dawn,  
more than sentinels long for the dawn.  
People, put your hope in the Lord,  
for with God is abundant love  
and the fullness of deliverance;  
God will deliver the people  
from all their failings.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## MIDDLE READING

HENRI NOUWEN ON HOSPITALITY

Hospitality means primarily the creation of a free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people but to offer them space where change can take place. It is not to bring men and women over to our side, but to offer freedom not disturbed by dividing lines. . . . The paradox of hospitality is that it wants to create emptiness, not a fearful emptiness, but a friendly emptiness where strangers can enter and discover themselves as created free; free to sing their own songs, speak their own languages, dance their own dances; free also to leave and follow their own vocations. Hospitality is not a subtle invitation to adore the lifestyle of the host, but the gift of a chance for the guest to find his own.

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**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL READING

MARK 3:20-35

**T**hen Jesus went home, and again such a crowd gathered that he and the disciples were unable even to eat a meal. When Jesus' relatives heard of this, they went out to take charge of him, thinking that he had lost his mind.

The religious scholars who had come down from Jerusalem said of Jesus, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and, "He casts out demons through the ruler of demons."

Summoning them, Jesus spoke in parables: "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a realm is torn by civil strife, it cannot last. If a household is divided according to loyalties, it will not survive.

Similarly, if Satan has suffered mutiny in the ranks and is torn by dissension, the Devil is finished and cannot endure. No attacker can enter a stronghold unless the defender is first put under restraint. Only then can the attacker plunder the stronghold.

"The truth is, every sin and all the blasphemy the people utter will be forgiven, but those who blaspheme against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness. They are guilty of an eternal sin." Jesus spoke all this because they said, "He is possessed by an unclean spirit."

Jesus' mother and brothers arrived and sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting around Jesus, and they said to him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you." Jesus replied, "Who is my mother? Who is my family?" And looking around at everyone there, Jesus said, "This is my family! Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my sister, my brother, my mother."

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**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

THE REV. MATT LINCOLN

MUSICAL REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We are not alone, we live in God's Creation.**

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.  
We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus,  
crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.  
Amen.**

*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.*

*The sermon invites your curiosity and thoughtfulness about the theme of worship, and is intended to evoke your thoughts rather than direct them. An audio recording of the sermon is posted to the parish website each week, usually by Tuesday.*

*This creed comes from the United Church of Canada. 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.*

## COMMUNITY PRAYER

Today's invitation to pray for each other, the church, and the world is based on the prayers of Walter Brueggeman and several others. Words will alternate with music, giving you a chance to listen to the still, small voice only you can hear, and to respond in the comment section if you wish.

The Lord be with you.

### **And also with you.**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Loving God, you have set us in families and clans, in cities and neighborhoods.

Our common life began in a garden, but our destiny lies in the city.

You have placed us in and around Buffalo. This is our home.

Your creativity is on display here through the work of human hearts and hands.

We pray for Buffalo today—for the East Side and the West Side, North Buffalo and South Buffalo.

*Musical Response*

We pray for our poorest neighbors and for powerful people in banks and businesses downtown.

We pray for people from the First Ward and the Fruit Belt.

We pray for neighboring communities from across our partnership: from Olcott to Olean, from Angola to Albion, from Erie to Edinboro, from Emporium to New Castle and a thousand other cities connected to our own.

*Musical Response*

In all our neighborhoods this day there will be crime and callous moneymaking; there will be powerful people unable or unwilling to see the vulnerable who are their neighbors.

There will also be beautiful acts of compassion and creativity in all these places—forgiveness and generosity; neighbors working together for a more just community.

Help us see this place as something other than a battleground between us and them, where our imaginations are limited by win/lose propositions and endless rivalry.

Show us a deeper reality, God: Show us your Beloved Community.

*Musical Response*

We pray for the protection of all people around the world from the coronavirus, and for those who care for the sick, for those who are helping us all get vaccinated, for those who have taken great personal risks to maintain the well-being and safety of others throughout the pandemic. We pray also for all others who are sick or lonely, all who are overwhelmed by difficult circumstances, or trapped in harmful relationships. We pray for all who grieve, and all who live in fear. We pray for all who are dependent on the compassionate care of others, and for those who work tirelessly to care for the ones who are in need.

Prosper our city, and help us to trust that you are God, we pray in the name of the one who wept over the city.

**Amen.**

*Musical Response*

## 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

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laude  
Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laude  
Sing like you like to sing.  
God loves all simple things,  
For God is the simplest of all,  
For God is the simplest of all.*

*I will sing the Lord a new song  
To praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord.  
I will sing His praises while I live  
All of my days.*

*Blessed is the man who loves the Lord,  
Blessed is the man who praises Him.  
Lauda, Lauda, Laude  
And walks in His ways.*

### **"A SIMPLE SONG" (FROM MASS) BY LEONARD BERNSTEIN JOHN CLAYTON, TENOR**

*I will lift up my eyes  
To the hills from whence comes my help.  
I will lift up my voice to the Lord  
Singing Lauda, Laude*

*For the Lord is my shade,  
Is the shade upon my right hand,  
And the sun shall not smite me by day  
Nor the moon by night.*

*Blessed is the man who loves the Lord,  
Lauda, Lauda, Laude  
And walks in His ways.  
Lauda, Lauda, Laude  
Lauda, Lauda di da di day. All of my days.*

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### HOLY COMMUNION

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.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Eternal God, in the abundance of your love you have caused all things to be; from dust and spirit you have woven our humanity; in all our wanderings you never cease to call us to fullness of life. **You gave us Jesus, son of Mary, the bread of life broken for the world;** he fed us and feasted with us, he healed us and suffered for us; **his dying and rising have set us free from the poverty of sin and the famine of death.** Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished and called, with all who hunger for your kingdom and will not rest until all your children are fed, with the broken saints and redeemed sinners of all the ages, we take up the song of your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might;**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*At the following words, everyone lifts their plate and cup communion elements into view.*

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that they may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: **"This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."**

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: **"This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."**

*The Eucharistic Prayer is adapted from a prayer by Steven Shakespeare in his book, "Prayers for an Inclusive Church."*

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

*\*Jesus revealed a new, personal sense of relationship with God by addressing God as something like "Papa." Always feel free to use your most meaningful name for God in saying the Lord's Prayer.*

*We are following a pattern of using an alternative interpretation of the Lord's Prayer for a few weeks and then using the traditional Prayer Book version for a week or two, and so on.*

*This prayer by Steven Shakespeare is from his book "Prayers for an Inclusive Church."*

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

Therefore we proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.

**Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal.** We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Author of blessings, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

**Our Father,\* who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy Name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

**Were not our hearts burning within us as we walked along the road?**

## RECEIVING COMMUNION

*During a moment of quiet, all receive their bread and wine while remaining where they are.*

## PRAYER FOR THE ROAD

Let us pray:

**Loving God,**

**we give you thanks**

**for restoring us in your image**

**and remembering the body of Christ,**

**which has been broken for the life of the world.**

**Now give us grace to trust that we are**

**a people, forgiven, healed, renewed.**

**Give us the courage to proclaim your love to the world,**

**and to continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## BLESSING

Life is short. We do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who animates and guides us be with you now and always. **Amen.**



# HYMN

## "O HEALING RIVER"



- |                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. O heal - ing riv - er,      | send down your |
| 2. This land is parch - ing,   | this land is   |
| 3. Let the seed of free - dom, | a - wake and   |



wa - ters,	Send down your wa - ters	up - on this
burn - ing,	No seed is grow - ing	in the bar - ren
flour - ish,	Let the deep roots nour - ish,	let the tall stalks



land.	O heal - ing riv - er,	send down your
ground.	O heal - ing riv - er,	send down your
rise.	O heal - ing riv - er,	send down your



wa - ters,	And wash the blood	from off the sand.
wa - ters,	O heal - ing riv - er,	send your wa - ters down.
wa - ters,	O heal - ing riv - er,	from out of the skies.

# 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

"CONCERTO FOR TOMASSO ALBINONI" BY J.G. WALTHER

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### **SERVICES @TRINITY**

In the interest of staying connected and sharing what we can of our spiritual life together, here's our service lineup:

**SUNDAY MORNING @10:30** In-person worship while live streaming on Facebook and now YouTube as well. The Sunday online Live Stream service remains accessible as a video recording on Trinity's [Facebook](#) page and [YouTube](#) page after the service is over.

**TRINITY @7** Sunday night @7pm featuring poetry and jazz, in person as well as on Zoom. The summer schedule will be 1st and 3rd Sundays of June, July and August.

**WEDNESDAY @NOON** offering prayer and holy conversation. This service is now both in person and on Zoom.

**THURSDAY @7** offering the wisdom and fellowship of 12-Step recovery. Both in person and on Zoom.

**THURSDAY @NOON TO 2PM ON JUNE 17 OR BY APPOINTMENT** the church will be open for private prayer or meditation. You can chat quietly with one of the volunteers, or if you need, you can ask them to pray with you. You are required to sign a registry at the entrance to be used in the event contact tracing is necessary. On Thursdays or other private visits, masks are not required if you are fully vaccinated.

For any group of more than 20 people, wearing a mask will be normal. For smaller groups, wearing a mask will be expected unless it is determined that everyone present is fully vaccinated. For any activities including children, mask wearing will be required of everyone. Please continue to read the eNews to stay informed.

Click here to [find the readings](#).

Email your request for a [link to the Zoom worship services here](#).





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## TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Readers: Paul Kochmanski, Meg Knowles, Debra Park  
Guest Musicians: John Clayton, tenor  
Harry Fackelman, Saxophone

## All services are in person AND online:

**Sunday @10:30am** Includes communion at an open table  
**Sunday @7:00pm** An encounter with God through poetry, jazz, and meditation  
1st & 3rd Sundays during June, July, and Aug  
**Wednesday @Noon** Rite 2 communion and coffee  
**Thursday @7pm** 12steps@Trinity, based on 12-step spirituality

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