



A Service of Holy Communion

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Harbor Daisies 2021
by Matt Lincoln*

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

WELCOME

MUSICAL MEDITATION

CENTERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**The compassion of God is for all that
has been made.**

**There is no plant in the ground
but tells of your beauty, O Christ,
There is no creature on the earth,
there is no life in the sea
but proclaims your goodness.**

*This centering
prayer is by John
Philip Newell from
Celtic Prayers
From Iona.*

**There is no bird on the wing,
 there is no star in the sky,
 there is nothing beneath the sun
 but is full of your blessing.
 Lighten my understanding
 of your presence all around, O Christ.
 Kindle my will
 to be caring for creation.
 Each Day and Each Night.
 Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

“O Radiant Christ, incarnate word”

1 O ra - diant Christ, in - car - nate Word, e - ter - nal
 2 Our bar - tered, bus - y lives burn dim, too tired to
 3 Your glo - ry shone at Jor - dan's stream, the font where
 4 O Light of Na - tions, fill the earth; our faith and

love re - vealed in time: Come, make your home with - in our
 care, too numb to feel. Come, shine up - on our shad - owed
 we were born a - new. At - tune your church to know you
 hope and love re - new. Come, lead the peo - ples to your

hearts, that we may dwell in light sub - lime.
 world: your ra - diance bathes with power to heal.
 near; il - lu - mine all we say and do.
 peace, as stars once led the way to you.

Commissioned by the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, Ruth Duck's text provides a fitting center for Epiphany celebrations, with its sense of wonder at the incarnation and petition that through Christ's revelation our lives may be changed.

Tune: DICKINSON COLLEGE L.M.
 Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr., 1962
 Alternate tune: WAREHAM

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.

praise you, O God, because you raised me up
and kept my enemies from gloating over me.
I cried to you for help, O Lord my God, and you healed me.
You brought me back from the realm of the dead, O God;
you spared me from going down into the Pit.
Sing to the Lord, you who love God!
Praise God's holy Name!
God's anger is fleeting,
but God's favor endures forever.
There may be tears during the night,
but joy comes in the morning.
When I presumed I was secure, I boasted,
"I will never be defeated!"
When I stood in your favor, O God,
I stood as firm as a mountain.
But then you hid yourself from me,
and I was filled with terror.
So I called to you,
I pleaded for your help:
"What good will come from my destruction,
from my going to the grave?
Does dust praise you, O God?
Can the dead proclaim your unfailing goodness?
Hear me, O Lord,
and be merciful! Help me, O God!"
Then you changed my despair into a dance
you stripped me of my death shroud
and clothed me with joy.
That's why my heart sings to you,
that's why I can't keep silent.
O Lord, you are my God,
and I will thank you forever!

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

Thanks be to God.

MIDDLE READING

Oh, only for so short a while you
have loaned us to each other,
because we take form in your act of drawing us,
and we take life in your painting us,
and we breathe in your singing us.

But only for so short a while
have you loaned us to each other.
Because even a drawing cut in obsidian fades,

"ONLY FOR A SHORT WHILE" - AN AZTEC PRAYER

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.

This prayer is often quoted, but its origins are murky.

and the green feathers, the crown feathers,
of the Quetzal bird lose their color,
and even the sounds of the waterfall
die out in the dry season.

So, we too, because only for a short while
have you loaned us to each other.

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

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

MARK 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again to the other shore in the boat, a large crowd gathered, and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials, Jairus by name, came up, and, seeing Jesus, fell down and pleaded earnestly saying, "My little daughter is desperately sick. Come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life." Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed, pressing from all sides.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from hemorrhages for twelve years; after long and painful treatment from various doctors, she had spent all she had without getting better—in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak. "If I can touch even the hem," she had told herself, "I will be well again." Immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction.

Immediately aware that healing power had gone out from him, Jesus turned to the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" The disciples said, "You see how the crowd is pressing you and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" But Jesus continued to look around to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at Jesus' feet and told him the whole truth.

"My daughter," Jesus said, "your faith has saved you; go in peace and be free of your affliction." While Jesus was still speaking, some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why put the Teacher to any further trouble?" But Jesus overheard the remark and said to the official: "Don't be afraid. Just believe." Jesus allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and James' brother John. They came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. Jesus went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep" At this, they began to ridicule him, and he told everyone to leave.

Jesus took the child's mother and father and his own companions and entered the room where the child lay. Taking her hand, he said to her, "Talitha, koum!" which means, "Little girl, get up!" Immediately the girl, who was twelve years old, got up and began to walk about. At this they were overcome with astonishment. Jesus gave the family strict orders not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give the girl something to eat.

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

THE REV. MATT LINCOLN

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. An audio recording of the sermon is posted to the parish website each week, usually by Tuesday.

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.

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

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.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

“NADA TE TURBE”

The musical score is for the hymn "Nada Te Turbe" (Nothing troubles you). It is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked as 72 beats per minute. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the first line of music, and the second system contains the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings (p, mf, f). The lyrics are: "Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios tie - ne nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us. na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta." The score is for a single melodic line with a bass line accompaniment.

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

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.”**

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. In a few minutes, someone will come by with a tray to collect your cup.

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.**

**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.*

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.

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).

HYMN

"SING OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS"



1. Sing of the Lord's good-ness, Au-thor of all wis-dom, come to the Lord, bless God's name.
2. Pow-er you have wield-ed, hon-or is your gar-ment, ris-en from the snares of death.
3. Cour-age in our dark-ness, com fort in our sor-row, Spir-it of our God most high;—
4. Praise God with your sing-ing, praise God with the Trum-pet, praise God with the Lute and Harp;



Mer-cy you have shown us, your love is for-ev-er, faith-ful to the end of days.____
Your word you have spok-en, one bread you have bro-ken, new life you now give to all.____
sol-ace for the wear-y, par-don for the sin-ner, splen-dor of the liv-ing God.____
praise God with the cym-bals, praise God with your danc-ing, praise God till the end of days.____



Come, then, all you na-tions, sing of your Lord's good-ness, mel-o-dies of praise and thanks to God



Ring out the Lord's glo-ry, praise God with your mu-sic, wor-ship the Lord bless God's name. —

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

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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 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: Debra Park, Elaine "Gretchen" Lodick, Paul Kochmanski
Guest Musicians: George Caldwell, piano; Bobby Militello, 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 (this week, in person only)

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