



## **A Service of Holy Communion**

June 20, 2021; Year B, Proper 7

## **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.*

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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

"Creating God, your fingers trace"

1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -  
 2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - teries  
 3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -  
 4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - ily

signs of farth - est space; let sun and moon and  
 known or yet un told; let wa - ter's fra - gile  
 spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing  
 with a bil - lion names; let ev - ery life be

stars and light and what lies hid - den praise your might.  
 blend with air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.  
 like a dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.  
 touched by grace un - til we praise you face to face.

## 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.*

*The Middle Reading fills the role of a Bible reading, but it doesn't come from the Bible. It is our way of trying to listen for God's ongoing word as it is spoken outside the limits of the Bible. Most often, we turn to contemporary poets for this reading.*

*Denise Levertov (1923 – 1997) was English born and emigrated to the US in 1947. Here she published more than 20 volumes of poetry. In the 1960s, Levertov was active in the anti-war movement in the United States. Additionally, she worked as a poetry editor the The Nation in the '60s and for Mother Jones in the '70s.*

Then God answered Job from the heart of the storm:  
who is this obscuring my plans  
with such ignorant words?

Hitch up your belt like the fighter you are;  
now I will ask the questions and you will answer me!

Where were you when I created the earth?

If you know the answer, tell me!

Who decided its size? Do you know?

Who stretched the measuring line across it?

Into what foundation

were its pillars sunk?

Who laid the cornerstone

while all the choruses of morning stars sang

and the heavenly court shouted for joy?

And who held back the sea behind partitions

when it burst forth from my womb,

when I created clouds as the earth's raiment

and thick darkness as its swaddling clothes—

when I drew limits around the waters

and locked the partitions in place

and said, "This far and no more;

this is where your mighty waves stay?"

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## MIDDLE READING

Two girls discover  
the secret of life  
in a sudden line of  
poetry.

I who don't know the  
secret wrote  
the line. They  
told me

(through a third person)  
they had found it  
but not what it was  
not even

what line it was. No doubt  
by now, more than a week  
later, they have forgotten  
the secret,

"THE SECRET" BY DENISE LEVERTOV

the line, the name of  
the poem. I love them  
for finding what  
I can't find,

and for loving me  
for the line I wrote,  
and for forgetting it  
so that

a thousand times, till death  
finds them, they may  
discover it again, in other  
lines

in other  
happenings. And for  
wanting to know it,  
for

assuming there is  
such a secret, yes,  
for that  
most of all.

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## GOSPEL READING

MARK 4:35-41

With the coming of evening that same day, Jesus said to the disciples, "Let's cross over to the other shore." Leaving the crowd behind, they took Jesus in the boat in which he was sitting. There were other boats with them. Then a fierce gale arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat so much that it was almost swamped. But Jesus was in the stern through it all, sound asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said, "Teacher, doesn't it matter to you that we're going to drown?"

Jesus awoke, rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be calm!" And the wind dropped and everything was perfectly calm. Jesus then said to the disciples, "Why were you frightened? Have you no faith?" But they became filled with fear and said to one another, "Who is this, whom even the wind and sea obey?"

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## SERMON

THE REV. MATT LINCOLN

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

*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.*

*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.*

## 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*



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”

♩ = 72    Am    Dm<sup>7</sup>    G    Em/C    , 1. F    Dm<sup>6</sup>

*p*    *mf*

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

E    Am    , *f*    2. F    Dm<sup>6</sup>    E    Am

nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.  
na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.

*f*

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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

"ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING"



All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us  
Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -  
Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to  
Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing  
loft, O sing prais - es. Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing  
hear, sing God's prais - es! al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -  
ness, O sing prais - es. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God Cre -



sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,  
morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,  
tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,  
a - tor, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

*Refrain*

O sing prais - es, O sing prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## 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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**TONIGHT @7pm,** Trinity will celebrate the summer solstice in the Chapel and on Zoom. We will have a very special guest, Owen Ó Súilleabháin. You are missing out if you haven't heard him sing. There will be music, prayers, and poetry to honor our one and only planet Earth. Join in and bring a friend. Go to [www.trinitybuffalo.org](http://www.trinitybuffalo.org) for Zoom instructions. Expect to enjoy the evening of the Longest Day.

#### **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](#).

