



An Offering of Reflection, Prayer, and Music

Day of Pentecost

05.23.2021

Welcome to Trinity's online community!

As you watch the Live Stream of this service, feel free to add comments, likes, etc. to the comment section at any time!

This service, streamed live on Facebook, is a complete offering in itself. Nevertheless, it is followed by an opportunity to participate in online communion via Zoom. 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, this is a time of sharing and connecting with one another, knowing that we are bound together by God's love. 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.

*Cover image:
An interpreter in her
booth at the General
Assembly of the
United Nations*

PRELUDE

"SONATA VI, OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN" (3RD AND 4TH VARIATIONS) BY F. MENDELSSOHN

CENTERING PRAYER

Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let us pray together.

**Fire of the Spirit,
Life of the lives of creatures,
glow of charity
light of clarity
taste of sweetness even in our failure,
speak to us and hear us this hour.
Composer of all things,
light of all the risen
door to freedom:
release from dark prison
the hope of all people, the joy in all glory,
and speak to us this hour.
Amen.**

*This prayer is based
upon a 12th century
prayer by Hildegard
of Bingen.*

OPENING HYMN

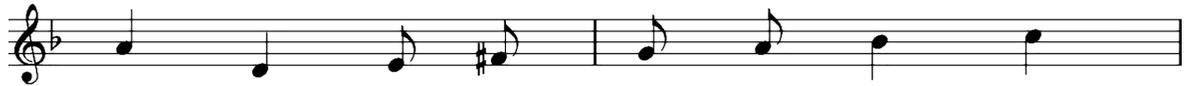
"LIKE THE MURMUR OF THE DOVE'S SONG"



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the



chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
 branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
 cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and



wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
 sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
 wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



might: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 sign: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 pare: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

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FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room. Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them. Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken. They were amazed and astonished.

“Surely all of these people speaking are Galilean! How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our native tongue? We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Ponta and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome—all Jews, or converts to Judaism—Cretans and Arabs, too; we hear them preaching, each in our own language, about the marvels of God!”

All were amazed and disturbed. They asked each other, “What does this mean?”

But others said mockingly, “They have drunk too much new wine.”

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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.

John O'Donohue (1956-2007) from the Burren Region of County Clare, Ireland, began writing poems during his college years. Ordained in 1982, John retired from public priestly ministry in 2000, living in a remote cottage in Connemara. He devoted himself full-time to writing and a life of public speaking.

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd: "Women and men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem! Listen to what I have to say! These people are not drunk as you think—it's only nine o'clock in the morning! No, it's what Joel the prophet spoke of: 'In the days to come—it is our God who speaks—I will pour out my Spirit on all humankind. Your daughters and sons will prophesy, your young people will see visions, and your elders will dream dreams. Even on the most insignificant of my people, both women and men, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. And I will display wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below: blood, fire, and billowing smoke. The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon will become blood before the coming of the great and sublime day of our God. And all who call upon the name of our God will be saved.'"

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

Thanks be to God.

MIDDLE READING

"FOR A NEW BEGINNING" BY JOHN O'DONOHUE

In out-of-the-way places of the heart,
Where your thoughts never think to wander,
This beginning has been quietly forming,
Waiting until you were ready to emerge.

For a long time it has watched your desire,
Feeling the emptiness growing inside you,
Noticing how you willed yourself on,
Still unable to leave what you had outgrown.

It watched you play with the seduction of safety
And the gray promises that sameness whispered,
Heard the waves of turmoil rise and relent,
Wondered would you always live like this.

Then the delight, when your courage kindled,
And out you stepped onto new ground,
Your eyes young again with energy and dream,
A path of plenitude opening before you.

Though your destination is not yet clear
You can trust the promise of this opening;
Unfurl yourself into the grace of beginning
That is at one with your life's desire.

Awaken your spirit to adventure;
Hold nothing back, learn to find ease in risk;
Soon you will be home in a new rhythm,
For your soul senses the world that awaits you.

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

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 15:26-27, 16:4B-15

“When the Advocate comes—the Spirit of Truth who comes from Abba God, whom I myself will send from my Abba—she will bear witness on my behalf. You too must bear witness, for you’ve been with me from the beginning.

“I didn’t tell you this at first because I was with you. Now I am going to the One who sent me—yet not one of you has asked, ‘Where are you going?’ You’re sad of heart because I tell you this.

“Still, I must tell you the truth: it is much better for you that I go. If I fail to go, the Paraclete will never come to you, whereas if I go, I will send her to you. When she comes, she will prove the world wrong about sin, about justice and about judgment. About sin—in that they refuse to believe in me; about justice—because I go to Abba God and you will see me no more; about judgment—for the ruler of this world has been condemned. I have much more to tell you, but you can’t bear to hear it now.

“When the Spirit of truth comes, she will guide you into all truth. She won’t speak on her own initiative; rather, she’ll speak only what she hears, and she’ll announce to you things that are yet to come. In doing this, the Spirit will give glory to me, for she will take what is mine and reveal it to you. Everything that Abba God has belongs to me. This is why I said that the Spirit will take what is mine and reveal it to you.”

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MUSICAL INVOCATION

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me.

Fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

SERMON

THE REV. MATT LINCOLN

MUSICAL REFLECTION

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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.

—Words and music by Daniel Iverson

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

In today's invitation to pray for each other, the church and the world, your responses are printed in bold type, and 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.

Holy God, we give voice to our worries and fears, to our grief and sadness, to our anger and frustration.

Holy God, we cry out on behalf of those who have been silenced. From those whose breath has left their bodies to those who fear what would happen if they expressed themselves, to those who have been told that their voices are not legitimate. We presume to cry out in solidarity for all who have been silenced by injustice or cruelty, or the heartbreak of untimely death from any cause.

Lord, hear our prayer.

And let our cry come to you.

Musical Response

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Hear our cry, O God. And when we feel our breath is spent, fill our lungs again with the wind of the Holy Spirit. Inspire us to seek more than our own comfort. Give us the courage to live with justice and kindness, making room in our common life for every person to live their life as a gift to the world.

Lord, hear our prayer.

And let our cry come to you.

Fill our lungs again with the wind of the Holy Spirit so that your prayer in us may turn to action.

Lord, hear our prayer.

And let our cry come to you.

Musical Response

Fill our lungs also with the fresh breeze that brings joy and gratitude for the blessings of community, togetherness, the beauties of nature, music and art. Give us grateful hearts for the progress that has been made in bringing COVID-19 under control, and give us patience and commitment to continue to work together for each other's health and safety.

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us: unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth: that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Musical Response

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 ANTHEM

"EXULTATE! JUBILATE!" BY KYLE PEDERSON

*Exultate! Jubilate Deo!
Exultate Deo, omnis terra! Gloria!*

*For the gift of breath in our lungs,
For waking our spirit when morning comes;
For your light which illumines our night,
For shaking the darkness away with your Son;*

*Give us voice that the skies may sound,
And give us voice to shake the ground;
Alleluias fill the air, for joy has chased away despair.
Shouts of joy now shape our prayer.*

Exultate! Jubilate Deo. Gloria!

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. While the church is not open, Trinity has made a commitment to keep staff on the payroll. Plus, all the Trinity services are available online, either with Zoom or Facebook live streaming. You can [donate online here](#), or initiate an online donation by texting the word "give" to (716) 221-8580.

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 then going to a different interpretation for a few weeks, etc.

The prayer of St. Chrysostom is found in both Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer in the Book of Common Prayer.

This blessing was shared with us by the Rev. Isaiah "Shaneequa" Brokenleg.

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

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.**

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

**Gracious God, you have given us grace at this time
with one accord to make our common supplication to you;
and you have promised through your well-beloved Son
that when two or three are gathered together in his Name
you will be in the midst of them:
Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us;
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,
and in the age to come life everlasting.
Amen.**

BLESSING

May the sun bring you new energy by day, may the moon softly restore you by night, may the rain wash away your worries, may the breeze blow new strength into your being, may you walk gently through the world and know its beauty all the days of your life. And the blessing of God; the Creator, who made and knows us; the Savior, who redeems and befriends us; and the Spirit, who enlightens and sustains us, be with you this day and always.

Amen.

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CLOSING HYMN

"HOLY SPIRIT, EVER LIVING"

1 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's
 2 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er work - ing through the Church's

ve - ry life; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er striv - ing
 min - is - try; quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing,

through her in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er
 set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er

form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ; thee we praise with
 bind - ing age to age, and soul to soul, in a fel - low -

end - less wor - ship for thy fruits and gifts un - priced.
 ship un - end - ing thee we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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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

"I HEAR A RHAPSODY" BY GEORGE FRAGOS, JACK BAKER, AND DICK GASPARRE

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NOT YOUR GRANDMA'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP DISCUSSION

On **Tuesday evenings @7pm**, Tim Lane and Jeffrey Tooke are facilitating a group discussion called "Not Your Grandma's Bible Study: Devised Scripture" in which we will devise Scripture collectively from the Old Testament. Each evening we will read a narrative from the Old Testament, explore its components, and then reconstruct the narrative with an awareness of its meaning for us today.

The theme for our reading and discussion on **May 25 @7pm** will be "**Finding God in the Other**" during which we will focus on Joshua 2:1-24. Click [here](#) for the zoom link for the discussion group on Tuesdays @7pm.

Meeting ID: 816-6863-4672

Passcode: trintalk

If you are interested in joining the discussion group or have questions about the group, please send an email to Jeffrey Tooke at jeffrey@bayharboradvisors.com for more information.

SERVICES @TRINITY

***** IN-PERSON SERVICES BEGIN ON THURSDAY, JUNE 3 *****

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 Live streaming on Facebook. 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. This service will include in-person worshippers in the church beginning June 6!!!

TRINITY @7 Zoom gatherings on Sunday night @7pm featuring poetry and jazz. Starting June 6, this service will be in person as well as online. The summer schedule will be 1st and 3rd Sundays of June, July and August.

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

THURSDAY @7 Zoom gatherings @7pm offering the wisdom and fellowship of 12-Step recovery. This service will move from online to in person on June 3.

THURSDAY @NOON TO 2PM ON JUNE 3 AND 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.

Trinity is in the process of resuming in-person gatherings for worship and meetings. 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

Vocalists: Laura Munson, Suzanne Fatta, John Clayton, Brandon Mecklenburg
Guest Musician: Bobby Militello, saxophone
Readers: John Gillespie, Kayla Kisenwether, Lenore Pawlowski

Sunday @10:30am Reflection, prayer, and music

Sunday @7:00pm An encounter with God through poetry and jazz

Wednesday @Noon Prayer and holy conversation

Thursday @7pm 12steps@Trinity, based on 12-step spirituality

