



# *Leviathan*

**A Service of Holy Communion**  
October 17, 2021; Year B, Proper 24

## **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!**

**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!**

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

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**

**"DAY BY DAY" BY ALEX STORDAHL, PAUL WESTON, AND LYRICS BY SAMMY CAHN**

### **CENTERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**Because the world is beautiful, and beauty is a tender thing, and we are stewards of your creation, we need you, God.**

**Because human knowledge seems endless, and we do not know what we do not know, we need you, God.**

**Because we cannot live without you and are free to go against you, and could worship our wisdom alone, we need you, God.**

**Because you came among us, and sat beside us, and healed our pain and let us wound you, and loved us to the end, and triumph over all our hatred, we need you, God.**

**Amen.**

*This Centering Prayer is from the Iona Community.*

OPENING HYMN

"Jesu, Jesu"

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you. **Fine**

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
 2. Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and  
 3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should  
 4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are  
 5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

**D.C.**

1. feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
 2. white, neigh - bors are near and far a - way.  
 3. love; all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
 4. slaves, this is the way we should live with you.  
 5. feet, this is the way we should live with you.

## FIRST AND MIDDLE READING

■ bless the Almighty, O my soul!

■ O God, my God, how great you are!

■ Clothed in majesty and glory,

wrapped in a robe of light,

you stretch the heavens out like a tent.

You lay the beams for your palace on the waters above;

you use the clouds as your chariot and ride on the wings of the wind;

you use the winds as messengers

and fiery flames as attendants.

You fixed the earth on its foundations

so it can never totter,

and wrapped it with the Deep as with a robe,

the waters overtopping the mountains.

At your rebuke the waters bolted,

fleeing at the sound of your thunder,

cascading over the mountains, into the valleys,

down to the reservoir you made for them;

you imposed boundaries they must never cross

so they would never again flood the land.

You set springs gushing in ravines,

running down between the mountains,

supplying water for wild animals

and attracting the thirsty wild donkeys;

the birds of the air make their nests by these waters

and sing among the branches.

From your palace you water the highlands

until the ground is sated by the fruit of your work;

you make fresh grass grow for cattle

and plants for us to cultivate to get food from the soil—

wine to cheer our hearts, oil to make our faces shine,

and bread to sustain our life.

The trees of God drink their fill—

those cedars of Lebanon,

where birds build their nests

and, on the highest branches,

the stork makes its home.

For the wild goats there are the high mountains,

and in the crags the rock badgers hide.

You made the moon to tell the seasons,

and the sun knows when to set:

you bring darkness on, night falls,

and all the forest animals come out—

savage lions roaring for their prey,

claiming their food from God.

The sun rises, they retire,

going back to lie down in their lairs,

and people go out to work,

to labor again until evening.

*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.*

O God, what variety you have created,  
arranging everything so wisely!  
The earth is filled with your creativity!  
There's the vast expanse of the sea,  
teeming with countless creatures,  
living things large and small,  
with the ships going to and fro  
and Leviathan whom you made to frolic there.  
All creatures depend on you  
to feed them at the proper time.  
Give it to them—they gather it up.  
Open your hand—they are well satisfied.  
Hide your face—they are terrified.  
Take away their breath—they die and return to dust.  
Send back your breath—fresh life begins  
and you renew the face of the earth.  
Glory forever to God!  
May you find joy in your creation!  
You glance at the earth and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains and they smoke!  
I will sing to you all my life,  
I will make music for my God as long as I live.  
May these reflections of mine give God  
as much pleasure as God gives me!  
May the corrupt vanish from the earth  
and the violent exist no longer!  
Bless God, my soul! Alleluia!

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

**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 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.*

**Z**ebedee’s sons, James and John, approached Jesus. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to grant our request.” “What is it?” Jesus asked. They replied, “See to it that we sit next to you, one at your right and one at your left, when you come into your glory.” Jesus told them, “You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup I will drink or be baptized in the same baptism as I?” “We can,” they replied. Jesus said in response, “From the cup I drink of, you will drink; the baptism I am immersed in, you will share. But as for sitting at my right or my left, that is not mine to give; it is for those to whom it has been reserved.” The other ten, on hearing this, became indignant at James and John. Jesus called them together and said, “You know how among the Gentiles those who exercise authority are domineering and arrogant; those ‘great ones’ know how to make their own importance felt. But it can’t be like that with you. Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all. The Promised One has come not to be served, but to serve—to give one life in ransom for the many.”

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**Thanks be to God.**

ECHO

“Morning has broken”



3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing  
 born of the one light E - den saw play!  
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,  
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

*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.*

SERMON

THE REV. MATT LINCOLN

MUSICAL REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We affirm our faith in one God.**

**Source of all life, greater than all names and forms, source of our being, closer than any. Upon this one God we depend for all we are and for all that ever will be.**

**And we affirm our faith in Christ.**

**Who has shown us the way to true life. By breaking the chain of human bondage, through his self-giving life and death and by his rising again, he has given us hope for a new humanity, hope for the healing of earth's life.**

**And we affirm our faith in the living Spirit of God.**

**Through whom we awaken to God's purpose for the world, and share in the freedom, joy and peace of the children of God. For by God's Spirit divine love has flooded our lives, shaping us into a community of forgiven and freely accepted brothers and sisters set apart for God's service. Risen with Christ we share in his work for God's world of everlasting life, justice and peace.**

**Amen.**

### COMMUNITY PRAYER

Intercessory prayer in group worship is a moment to ask God's healing and blessing for people in general and also in the particularity of this moment. Along with singing the response, feel free to add your particular prayers in the comment section online.

Today, our prayers include a refrain from the Iona Community.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Christ took five loaves and two fish,  
blessed and broke them, and fed a crowd.  
No one understood, but all were included.

Christ rubbed mud on the eyes of someone who was blind.  
No one understood, but the person began to see.

Christ could outwit the high and mighty,  
but when it came to showing  
who was greatest in the eyes of God,  
Christ took a child in his lap.

**Refrain, twice:**

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the refrain: "With God, all things are poss - i - ble; all things are". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "poss - i - ble with God." The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

We look at people around us, and even in the mirror,  
and see how fear and pride divide our communities.

*This creed comes from the Church of South India which is part of the Anglican Communion, as is the Episcopal Church USA. 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.*

*Contributors: John Bell  
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We see how greed and the turning of a blind eye  
degrade the natural world  
and leave vulnerable people destitute.

We worry about loved ones facing illness or danger.  
We worry about those who struggle to make ends meet.

We grieve the loss of those we loved but see no longer,  
wondering how we will get through tomorrow.

We marvel at the raw power and beauty mixed together in a winter sky.

We are grateful for everything that sustains us.

We thrill at the creativity of the human spirit, and we are warmed by the kindness and understanding we receive from each other.

We seek wisdom and compassion to guide us in our common life,  
and hope for the courage to build a more just society.

**Refrain, twice.**

Christ offered freedom to people who had become trapped by the cruelty of others and even to people who had become trapped by their own bad choices.

Christ begged to be spared the cross, yet found the strength to go willingly and showed that even in death, all things are possible with God.

**Refrain, twice.**

## 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 ANTHEM

“SIM SHALOM” BY JENNAYA ROBISON

*Sim shalom tovah uv'rachah  
Aleinu v'al kol Yisrael amecha*

*Translation:  
Grant peace, goodness and blessing to us  
And unto all Israel, your people.*

## 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.**

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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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Bless'd 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.

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

*Shubert Santus*

*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, then the Prayer Book version for a week or two, etc.*

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,**

*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. activist.*

*\*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 Prayer for the Road by Steven Shakespeare is from his book Prayers for an Inclusive Church.*

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.**

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

**HYMN**

“FROM THEE ALL SKILL AND SCIENCE FLOW”



1 From thee all skill and sci - ence flow, all pi - ty, care, and love,  
 2 And has - ten, Lord, that per - fect day when pain and death shall cease,



all calm and cour - age, faith and hope: O pour them from a - bove!  
 and thy just rule shall fill the earth with health and light and peace;



Im - part them, Lord, to each and all, as each and all shall need,  
 when ev - er - blue the sky shall gleam, and ev - er - green the sod,



to rise, like in - cense, each to thee, in no - ble thought and deed.  
 and our rude work de - face no more the hand - i - work of God.

Words: Charles Kingsley (1819 - 1875) Music: *Kingsford*, English folk melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

**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!**

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

**POSTLUDE**

“ALLEGRO FROM 2ND SONATA” BY F. MENDELSSOHN

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

**Greeters:** Chris Cuccia, Marie Keane  
**Readers:** Barbara Griesmann, Dan Galley, Dave Brand  
**Guest Musician:** Bobby Militello, saxophone  
**Counter:** Tom Owen

## 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  
**Wednesday @Noon** Rite 2 communion and coffee  
**Thursday @7pm** 12steps@Trinity, based on 12-step spirituality