



## **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!**

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.  
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.**

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

## OPENING HYMN

"I come with joy to meet my Lord"

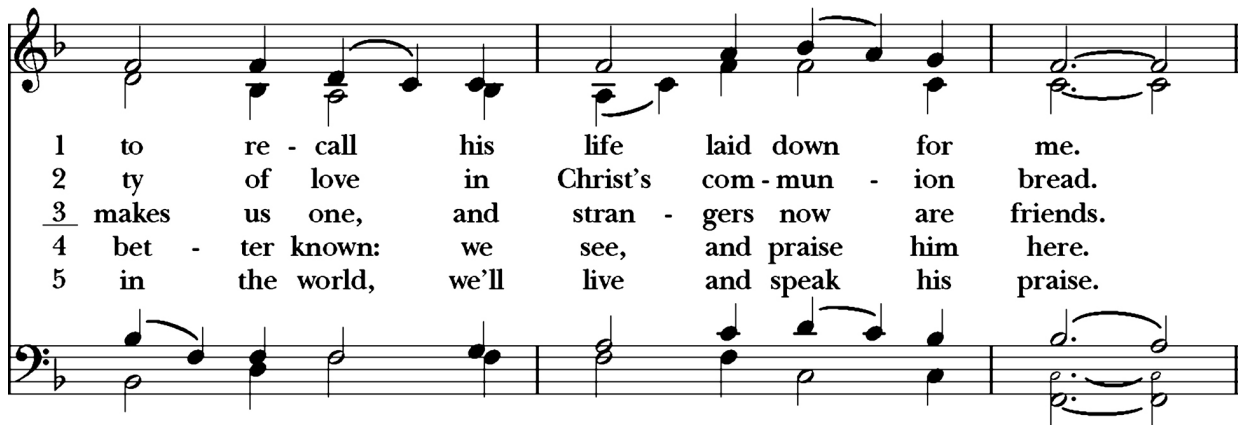
*Unison or harmony*



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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## FIRST READING

2 KINGS 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-Shalishah, carrying twenty loaves of barley bread baked from the first ripe corn, along with some ears of new corn. "Give it to the people to eat." Elisha said. "How can I serve it to one hundred people?" Gehazi asked. "Give it to the people to eat. For this is what God says, 'They will eat and have some left over.'" Then he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of God.

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

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## MIDDLE READING

"FROM BLOSSOMS" BY LI-YOUNG LEE

*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.*

*Li-Young Lee is an award-winning American poet. He was born in Jakarta, Indonesia, to Chinese parents who were political exiles. They moved to the US when he was a child. His work is published extensively, and he has taught at several universities.*

*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 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.*

From blossoms comes  
this brown paper bag of peaches  
we bought from the boy  
at the bend in the road where we turned toward  
signs painted Peaches.

From laden boughs, from hands,  
from sweet fellowship in the bins,  
comes nectar at the roadside, succulent  
peaches we devour, dusty skin and all,  
comes the familiar dust of summer, dust we eat.

O, to take what we love inside,  
to carry within us an orchard, to eat  
not only the skin, but the shade,  
not only the sugar, but the days, to hold  
the fruit in our hands, adore it, then bite into  
the round jubilation of peach.

There are days we live  
as if death were nowhere  
in the background; from joy  
to joy to joy, from wing to wing,  
from blossom to blossom to  
impossible blossom, to sweet impossible blossom.

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## GOSPEL READING

JOHN 6:1-21

Some time later, Jesus crossed over to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (that is, Lake Tiberius) and a huge crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by healing sick people. Jesus climbed the hillside and sat down there with the disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowd approaching and said to Phillip, "Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?" Jesus knew very well what he was going to do, but asked this to test Phillip's response. Phillip answered, "Not even with two hundred days' wages could we buy loaves big enough to give each of them a mouthful!" One of the disciples, Simon Peter's brother Andrew, said, "There's a small boy here with five barley loaves and two dried fish. But what good is that for so many people?"

Jesus said to them, "Make the people sit down." There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand families sat down. Then Jesus took out the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting there; he did the same with the fish, giving out as much as they could eat. When the people had eaten their fill, Jesus said to his disciples, "Gather up the leftover pieces so that nothing gets wasted." So they picked them up and filled twelve baskets with the scraps left over from the five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that Jesus had performed, said, "Surely this is the Prophet who was to come into the world." Seeing that they were about to come and carry him off to crown him as ruler, Jesus escaped into the hills alone.

As evening approached, the disciples went down to the lake. They got into their boat, intending to cross to Capernaum, which was on the other side of the lake. By this time, it was dark, and Jesus had still not joined them; moreover, a stiff wind was blowing and the sea was becoming rough. When they had rowed three or four miles, they caught sight of Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water. They were frightened, but he told them, "It's me. Don't be afraid." They were about to take him into the boat, but suddenly the boat was ashore at their destination.

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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.**

## COMMUNITY PRAYER

Today's time for intercessory prayer is also a moment to ask God's blessing as we mark a sense of turning in the journey through the pandemic. 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.

Blessed are the poor in spirit – **who do not measure themselves by money or worldly power but who ask God for what they need and are not mired in pride** – walk by our side as we seek the kingdom of God.

**Amen.**

*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.*

*These prayers are based on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-11) and Marian Wright Edelman's reflections on them.*

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Blessed are those who mourn – **who are concerned about the needs of children and the poor and others in need who cannot speak for themselves** – move us to be your comforters.

**Amen.**

Blessed are the meek – **who do not seek only their own good but their neighbors' too** – move us to be seekers who share in the gift of God's earth.

**Amen.**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness – **who do not work for the praise of others or earthly gain or fame and share gladly their talents, energy and money** – together may we be fulfilled.

**Amen.**

Blessed are the merciful – **who know they are sinners and are dependent on God's and others' forgiveness every minute of every day** – guide us as we seek your mercy.

**Amen.**

Blessed are the pure in heart – **who are not hypocrites but who struggle to live what they preach** – walk with us as we struggle to see the face of God.

**Amen.**

Blessed are the peacemakers – **who do not prepare for war while talking about peace, who do not kill others in order to stop killing, who do not love only those who love them but reach out to make their enemies friends** – may we more clearly see ourselves and ALL others as children of God.

**Amen.**

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake – **who do not run or waver in the face of criticism, threats, or death** – may we have the courage to speak truth to power.

**Amen.**

Blessed are those who speak kindly and not meanly of others – **who do not tear down others but build them up for the kingdom's work and the well being of ALL** – may we be strengthened by God's Love.

**Amen.**

Blessed are the just – **who do not adhere to the letter of the law and regulations for some but ignore them for others** – Let us walk together in our struggle so that we may hear God's voice say "well done, good and faithful servant."

**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

"THE GRAIN FOR THIS BREAD ONCE COVERED A HILL"

The grain for this bread once cov - ered a hill. The

5 grain for this bread once cov - ered a hill.

9 Now it is gath - ered, and so are we. Soon we'll be fed and our hearts set free to

13 love our neigh - bors and do God's will. The

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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.*

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

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*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.*

*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.*

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

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.**

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

## HYMN

"AS THOSE OF OLD THEIR FIRST FRUITS BROUGHT"



1 As those of old their first fruits brought of vine - yard, flock, and  
\*2 A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and  
3 With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to

field to God, the giv - er of all good, the  
give; to make our life an of - fer - ing to  
thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with

source of bount-eous yield; so we to - day our  
God that all may live; the Church of Christ is  
all hu - man - i - ty. O thou who gav - est

first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land, of  
call - ing us to make the dream come true: a  
us thys - elf in Je - sus Christ thy Son, help

farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.  
world re-deemed by Christ - like love; all life in Christ made new.  
us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

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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

**THE ANALYTICAL PSYCHOLOGY SOCIETY OF WESTERN NEW YORK  
(JUNG CENTER OF BUFFALO) ANNUAL MEETING**

Invites you to our 2021 Annual Members Meeting, potluck picnic, and voting for the slate of officers of the Society for 2021-2022 on Sunday, August 15, 5-7pm. If rain, meeting will be held in the Marfield Room. You are welcome to bring a dish to share. All are welcome to join us, but only Society members may vote.

Our library will be open for tours and book sale.

Trinity@7 service in chapel afterward for those interested.

**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 remaining summer schedule is August 1 and 15 and September 5.

**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.

The church is open by appointment for private prayer or meditation. Contact our parish administrator, Colleen O'Neill, at [coneill@trinitybuffalo.org](mailto:coneill@trinitybuffalo.org) to schedule an appointment.

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

**Greeters:** Marie Keane, Elaine "Gretchen" Lodick, Chris Cuccia  
**Readers:** Kayla Kisenwether, Hugh Russ, Marie Keane  
**Guest Musicians:** John Hasselback, Sr., piano; John Hasselback III, trumpet  
**Counters:** Kayla Kisenwether

## 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  
Remaining summer schedule: Aug 1, Aug 15 and Sept 5

### Wednesday @Noon

Rite 2 communion and coffee

### Thursday @7pm

12steps@Trinity, based on 12-step spirituality

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