



## Wednesday@12 OnLine

*WE GATHER ON ZOOM to be in community and to share thoughts and reflections on the readings scheduled for the coming Sunday service. The service starts with praise to God. Then we read the three readings, taking turns serving as readers. Third, we pray for each other and the world. When this service can be held in person, Holy Communion comes next. At this time, however, we will simply shift from formal readings to informal discussion and conversation. Feel free to provide yourself with coffee or tea while we chat. Welcome!*

Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Gracious God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Open our lips, O God,

**And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

Be joyful, and serve God with gladness,

**and come before God's presence with a song.**

Let us enter this sacred moment with thanksgiving,

**and come into God's presence with praise.**

God is good; God's mercy is everlasting;

**and God's faithfulness endures from age to age.**

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.**

# Three Readings

First Reading:

Psalm 8

Oh, God, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your Name in all the earth!  
You have placed your glory above the heavens!

From the lips of infants and children  
you bring forth words of power and praise,  
to answer your adversaries  
and to silence the hostile and vengeful.

When I behold your heavens,  
the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you set in place-  
what is humanity that you should be mindful of us?  
Who are we that you should care for us?

You have made us barely less than God,  
and crowned us with glory and honor.

You have made us responsible  
for the works of your hands,  
putting all things at our feet-  
all sheep and oxen, yes, even the beasts of the field,  
the birds of the air, the fish of the sea  
and whatever swims the paths of the seas.

Oh, God our Sovereign, how majestic is your Name in all the earth!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

**Thanks be to God.**

Middle Reading: Poem VI from *Sabbaths 2003*, by Wendell Berry

The yellow-throated warbler, the highest remotest voice  
of this place, sings in the tops of the tallest sycamores,  
but one day he came twice to the railing of my porch  
where I sat at work above the river. He was too close  
to see with binoculars. Only the naked eye could take him in,  
a bird more beautiful than every picture of himself,  
more beautiful than himself killed and preserved  
by the most skilled taxidermist, more beautiful  
than any human mind, so small and inexact,  
could hope ever to remember. My mind became  
beautiful by the sight of him. He had the beauty only  
of himself alive in the only moment of his life.  
He had upon him like a light the whole  
beauty of the living world that never dies.

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Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

The eleven made their way to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had  
summoned them. At the sight of the risen Christ they fell down in homage,  
though some doubted what they were seeing. Jesus came forward and  
addressed them in these words:

“All authority has been given me both in heaven and on earth; go, therefore, and  
make disciples of all the nations. Baptize them in the name of Abba God, and of  
the Only Begotten, and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to carry out everything I  
have commanded you. And know that I am with you always, even until the end of  
the world!”

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**Thanks be to God.**

# The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**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.**

\*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.

Although Trinity often uses different interpretations of the Lord's Prayer when we worship, today we use the traditional version to express our trust that we are one with God and all people around the world and throughout history.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; including members of all religions; the people and leadership of The Episcopal Church; and the community of Trinity. Let us pray for all who seek the beauty of holiness.

*Please feel free to voice the names of those in your prayers*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Let us pray for equity, mutual regard, and peace.

*Please feel free to voice the names of those in your prayers*

I ask your prayers for those who are sick, who struggle in poverty or under oppression, and for those who care for them. Let us pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Please feel free to voice the names of those in your prayers*

I ask your prayers for all who seek to practice their spirituality, and live more nearly according to their values. Let us pray for us all.

*Please feel free to voice the names of those in your prayers*

I ask your prayers for those who have died, and for those who grieve the absent. Let us pray for the grieving and the dead.

*Please feel free to voice the names of those in your prayers*

And now, let us give thanks to God for the abundance of our lives.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## The Peace

The peace of God be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## Holy Conversation