



## Wednesday@Noon

*WEDNESDAY@Noon is an offering of online communion. We offer words and gestures to thank God for the life, death and resurrection of Christ through the sharing of bread and wine, asking God to nourish us with Christ's body and blood. Because we are separated from each other physically and are unable to give each other the bread and wine, we are unable to follow the forms exactly as tradition has handed them down to us. Thus we will do what we can, asking God for the grace to discern Christ's real presence.*

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 of compassion, whose heart goes out to the hungry and destitute; who takes our lack and transforms it into much: give us the bread that satisfies, the food without price, that our lives may be freed to share your overflowing love; through Jesus Christ, the breaker of bread. **Amen.**

## Three Readings

First Reading: I Samuel 3:1-10

Now young Samuel was in the service of God under Eli. In those days, the voice of God was rarely heard—prophesy was uncommon. One night Eli, whose eyes had grown so weak that he could no longer see, was sleeping in his bed. The lamp of God had not gone out, and Samuel was sleeping in the Tent of Meeting, near the Ark of the Covenant. Then God called to Samuel. Samuel answered, “Here I am!” and ran to Eli saying, “You called. Here I am!” Eli said, “I didn’t call you. Now go back to sleep.” He went back to sleep. A second time, God called Samuel, and he got up and went to Eli. “Here I am!” Samuel said, “You called me.” Eli repeated, “I did not call you. Go back to sleep.”

At that time Samuel had not yet encountered God, and the word of God had not yet been revealed to him. God called Samuel a third time, and Samuel got up, went to Eli, and said once more, “Here I am. You called me.”

Then Eli realized that God was calling the boy. So he said to Samuel, “Go back and go to sleep, and if you are called, say, ‘Speak, God, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went back to sleep. And God called, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel replied, “Yes, God, I am listening.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People  
**Thanks be to God.**

Middle Reading: "Testimonial" by Rita Dove

Back when the earth was new  
and heaven just a whisper,  
back when the names of things  
hadn't had time to stick;

back when the smallest breezes  
melted summer into autumn,  
when all the poplars quivered  
sweetly in rank and file . . .

the world called, and I answered.  
Each glance ignited to a gaze.  
I caught my breath and called that life,  
swooned between spoonfuls of lemon sorbet.

I was pirouette and flourish,  
I was filigree and flame.  
How could I count my blessings  
when I didn't know their names?

Back when everything was still to come,  
luck leaked out everywhere.  
I gave my promise to the world,  
and the world followed me here.

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Gospel: John 1:43-51

The next day, after Jesus had decided to leave for Galilee, he met Philip and said, "Follow me." Philip came from Bethsaida, the same town as Andrew and Peter. Philip sought out Nathanael and said to him, "We've found the One that Moses spoke of in the Law, the One about whom the prophets wrote: Jesus of Nazareth, son of Mary and Joseph."

"From Nazareth?" said Nathanael. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" "Come and see," replied Philip.

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he remarked, "This one is a real Israelite. There is no guile in him." "How do you know me?"

Nathanael asked him. Jesus answered, "Before Philip even went to call you, while you were sitting under the fig tree, I saw you."

"Rabbi," said Nathanael, "you're God's Own; you're the ruler of Israel!"

Jesus said, "Do you believe just because I told you I saw you under the fig tree? You'll see much greater things than that." Jesus went on to tell them,

"The truth of the matter is, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Chosen One."

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# The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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

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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*

I ask your prayers of gratitude and joy.

*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.**

## Offertory

*All members of the online gathering now make any final preparations of their bread and wine, and show their plate and cup to the group.*

## Blessing and Sharing Bread and Wine

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 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.**

\*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, on Wednesdays we use the traditional version to express our trust that we are one with God and all people around the world and throughout history.

*All are invited to break their bread.*

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?**

*During a moment of quiet, all receive their bread and wine.*

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.**

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things, and the blessing of God, the Holy and undivided Trinity, be with you always. **Amen.**

*This blessing is based on Philippians 4:8*

## Holy Conversation

*The collect at the top of page 2 and the prayer over the bread and wine are adapted from the writing of Steven Shakespeare in his book, Prayers for an Inclusive Church.*

*The cover image is a photo of the floor near the high altar at Trinity, a mosaic created by John LaFarge's studio.*