



An Offering of Reflection, Prayer, and Music

Trinity Sunday

06.07.2020

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!

You might want to light a candle and place it near you. During the service, you will be invited to light a candle if you haven't already, so at least gather what you need for that moment if you wish to participate.

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, that food really is spiritual, and there isn't a physical, sacramental aspect. Nevertheless, 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 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.

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"Trinity Brass" by
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PRELUDE

"SOLITUDE" BY DUKE ELLINGTON

CENTERING PRAYER

Let us pray out loud, together:

**God in the darkness, God beyond our knowing,
patient creator, seed in secret growing,
rock of the living water ever flowing
come and renew us.**

**God in the darkness, God in all our grieving,
friend of our tears, companion never leaving,
drawing us past the limits of believing:
come and renew us.**

**God in the darkness, God of holy dreaming,
giver of hope, and pledge of our redeeming,
Spirit of truth, our memory and meaning;
come and renew us.
Amen.**

*This centering
prayer is by
Elizabeth J. Smith.*

OPENING HYMN

"PRAISE WITH JOY THE WORLD'S CREATOR"

1 Praise with joy the world's Cre - a - tor, God of jus - tice,
 2 Praise to Christ who feeds the hun - gry, frees the cap - tive,
 3 Praise the Spir - it sent a - mong us, lib - er - a - ting
 4 Praise the Mak - er, Christ, and Spir - it, one God in Com -

love, and peace, Source and end of hu - man knowl - edge,
 finds the lost, Heals the sick, up - sets re - li - gion,
 truth from pride, Forg - ing bonds where race or gen - der,
 mu - ni - ty, Call - ing Christ - ians to em - bod - y

grace be - stow - ing with - out cease. Cel - e - brate the
 fear - less both of fate and cost. Cel - e - brate Christ's
 age or na - tion dare di - vide. Cel - e - brate the
 one - ness and di - ver - si - ty. Thus the world shall

Ma - ker's glo - ry, power to res - cue and re - lease.
 con - stant pres - ence— Friend and Strang - er, Guest and Host.
 Spir - it's trea - sure— fool - ish - ness none dare de - ride.
 yet be - lieve when shown Christ's vi - brant un - i - ty.

The Iona Community works and worships in a tenth-century abbey on the remote island of Iona, Scotland. Their output of hymns and songs includes this one written for the anniversary gathering of the World Student Christian Federation in Edinburgh in 1985.

Tune: LAUDA ANIMA (PRAISE MY SOUL)
 8.7.8.7.8.7.
 John Goss, 1869

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FIRST READING

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.

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.

ECHO

"MY SWEET LORD"

My sweet Lord, ooh, my Lord, ooh, my Lord.
 I real-ly want to see you. Real-ly wan-na be with you. Real-ly wan-na see you, Lord but it takes
 I real-ly want to know you. Real-ly wan-na go with you. I real-ly wan-na show you, Lord that it won't
 so long my Lord. My sweet Lord, ooh, my Lord, ooh, my Lord.
 take long my Lord. My sweet Lord, ooh, my Lord, ooh, my Lord.

Why hasn't this George Harrison song been part of our repertoire all along? It was first recorded and released by Billy Preston and soon after by Harrison himself, in 1970.

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.

MIDDLE READING

"SABBATH POEM VI FOR 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

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Wendell Berry (b. 1934) is the author of over 40 books of poetry, fiction, and essays. His poetry celebrates the holiness of life and everyday miracles often taken for granted. He lives on a farm in Port Royal, Kentucky near his birthplace, where he has maintained a farm for over 40 years. Mistrustful of technology, he holds deep reverence for the land and is a staunch defender of agrarian values.

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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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.

THE 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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See above

SERMON

THE REV. MATT LINCOLN

MUSICAL REFLECTION

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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

El Salvador Creed

**We believe in God,
who created us free
and walks with us as we walk
with others in their struggle
for liberation.**

**We believe in Christ,
crucified again in the suffering
of all humankind,
a suffering which calls out to the conscience
of people and nations,
a suffering which ends in resurrection.**

**We believe in the power of the Spirit,
capable of inspiring the same compassion
which has led many
of our brothers and sisters to sacrifice health,
wellness, livelihood and life itself
on behalf of others.**

**We believe in the Church,
called forth by Jesus and by the Holy Spirit.
We believe that when two or three of us gather,
God is in the midst of us.**

**We believe in the Christian community
where we proclaim our core values
and through which we practice our faith.**

**We believe in creating and sustaining a Church
where we pray and reflect on the true circumstance
of our lives, and share the prophetic,
priestly and pastoral mission of Jesus.
In this way we make the dominion of God
present on earth.**

**We believe in unity in the midst of differences.
We believe that Christ calls us to communion
and to live as sisters and brothers.
We believe that through the marginalized
and persecuted Christ is calling us to work
for justice and peace and that their cause is our cause.
We believe that Christ is also present
in those who are enslaved by their vices,
squander their power and money,
and commit acts of injustice and violence.
Amen.**

This creed is modified and adapted for our use from one said at Christ the Savior Church in San Salvador, El Salvador. Christ the Savior Church was destroyed twice by army troops during the country's civil war and this Affirmation of Faith was written and shared by the people of the congregation in the face of that persecution. It is hoped that in voicing this affirmation we are not only engaging in an act of historic and contemporary solidarity with the universal Christian community, we are also being challenged to contemplate what our own core affirmations may be.

*Adapted from the
Church of England's
Common Worship*

COMMUNITY PRAYER: RECEIVING AND RELEASING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

If you haven't already lit a candle near where you are seated, you are invited to do so now. Spend a moment gazing at it, receiving the light through your eyes, receiving God's assurance that you are loved, as are all the people who are in your prayers. Also, join the responsive prayer below to remind you of the concerns and events you want to share with God. These words come from the Church of England's *Common Worship*.

At this time, please add your prayers to the comments section on Facebook.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

In a world of change and hope, of fear and entrenched oppression;
faithful God

your will be done.

In times of faithful openness to your will, in times of self-centered greed;
faithful God

your will be done.

In the common life of our society, in prosperity and need;
faithful God

your will be done.

As your Church proclaims your goodness in words and action;
faithful God

your will be done.

Among our friends and in our homes, in our cities and neighborhoods;
faithful God

your will be done.

In our times of joy, in our days of sorrow;
faithful God

your will be done.

In our strengths and triumphs, and when we must face death;
faithful God

your will be done.

In your saints in glory and on the day of Christ's coming;
faithful God

your will be done.

The Celebrant will conclude the prayers with a final collect.

Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

After a short introduction, we'll sing this once.

Day by day, day by day,
Oh, dear Lord, three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly, day by day.

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

"PRAISE! PRAISE!" BY G. F. HANDEL

*Praise, praise! Let every nation give praise to the Lord.
Rejoice and be glad for the Lord comes to all.
Let every nation give thanks to our God, resound joyful praise.
The glory and the power of God we proclaim
And sing with a loud voice the Lord's holy name.*

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

Now, as Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**Dear One,
closer to us than our own hearts,
farther from us than the most distant star,
you are beyond naming.**

**May your powerful presence become obvious
not only in the undeniable glory of the sky,
but also in the seemingly mundane processes of the earth.**

**Give us what we need, day by day,
to keep body and soul together, because
clever as you have made us,
we still owe our existence to you.**

**We recognize that to be reconciled with you,
we must live peaceably and justly with other human beings,
putting hate and bitterness behind us.**

**We are torn between our faith in your goodness
and our awareness of the evil in your creation,
so deliver us from the temptation to despair.**

**Yours alone is the universe and all its majesty and beauty.
So it is.
Amen.**

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](#). You can also mail a check to Trinity at 371 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, NY 14202. Thank you!

This version of the Lord's Prayer is by the Rev. Jim Burklo. He is the Associate Dean of Religious Life at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, and an ordained United Church of Christ pastor.

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.

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Let us pray:

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.

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

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 animated and guides us be with you now and always. **Amen.**

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

CLOSING HYMN

"WHEN IN OUR MUSIC GOD IS GLORIFIED"



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, _____
2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found _____
3 So has the Church, in lit - ur - gy and song, _____
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night _____
5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! _____



1 and a - dor - a - tion leaves no room for pride, _____
2 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound, _____
3 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, _____
4 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the Light? _____
5 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise! _____



1 it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried _____
2 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found _____
3 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue, _____
4 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight, _____
5 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways _____



— Al - le - lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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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

"DORIAN TOCCATA" BY J.S. BACH

SUMMER SERVICES @TRINITY

Ordinarily, Trinity moves outdoors for the summer starting with the Allentown Art Festival. We all know there's nothing ordinary about this year. So, in the interest of staying connected and sharing what we can of our spiritual life together, here's the plan:

SUNDAY MORNING @10:30 Continue streaming on Facebook. The Sunday online Live Stream service remains accessible as a video recording on Trinity's Facebook page after the service is over.

TRINITY @7 Continue Zoom gatherings on Sunday night @7pm

WEDNESDAY @NOON Continue Zoom gatherings

THURSDAY @7 Continue Zoom gatherings @7pm

This plan will be in place for the foreseeable future. We may be able to open the church in July or August, but certainly not in any form that we are used to. It's clear we will not have any sizable groups for many months to come. If you have ideas about safe ways to use our building this summer for spiritual enrichment, please contact the church office to share your ideas and plans for implementation. Also, please continue to read the newsletters to stay informed.

Trinity's other weekly worship services are shared as Zoom meetings online.

Trinity@7 starts at 7pm on Sunday nights and features poetry and jazz.

Wednesday@Noon offers prayer and holy conversation.

12 Steps@Trinity starts at 7pm Thursday nights and offers the wisdom and fellowship of 12-Step Recovery.

Click here to [find the readings](#).

Email your request for a [link to the Zoom worship services here](#).



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Choir: Laura Munson, Suzanne Fatta,
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Readers: Don Ingalls, Julie Gibert, David Devereux
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Music Mixologist: Jane Lincoln

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