



**An Offering of Reflection, Prayer, and Music**  
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10.25.2020

## 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.**

**This service, streamed live on Facebook, is a complete offering in itself. Nevertheless, it is followed by an opportunity to participate in online communion via Zoom. A link to that Zoom meeting will appear in the comments on Facebook at the end of this service.**

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, 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 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

"CAM'S PEACE" BY KRISTA SEDDON—KRISTA SEDDON, PIANO

### CENTERING PRAYER

Let us pray out loud, together:

**I give thanks for arriving  
Safely in a new dawn,  
For the gift of eyes  
To see the world,  
The gift of mind  
To feel at home  
In my life,  
The waves of possibility  
Breaking on the shore of dawn,  
The harvest of the past  
That awaits my hunger,  
And all the furtherings  
This new day will bring.  
Amen.**

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*The Centering  
Prayer is the poem  
"On Waking" by  
John O'Donohue.*

OPENING HYMN

"JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE"

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.

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

*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 author Maya Angelou (1928-2014) was a writer and civil rights activist, and also an actor, screenwriter, and dancer. Her most popular work may be her autobiography, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings.*

*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.*

## FIRST READING

LEVITICUS 19:1-2,15-18

God told Moses to tell the entire Israelite community these things: Be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. Do not be corrupt in administering justice. Do not show partiality to the poor or give honor to the great. Judge your neighbor with fairness, Do not go about slandering others. Do not profit by the blood of your neighbor. I am God. Do not nurse hatred for a neighbor. If you are angry with your neighbor, speak frankly about it, to avoid storing up ill feelings. Never seek revenge or hold a grudge toward your relatives. You must love your neighbor as you love yourself. I am God.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## MIDDLE READING

“TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL” BY MAYA ANGELOU

We, unaccustomed to courage  
exiles from delight  
live coiled in shells of loneliness  
until love leaves its high holy temple  
and comes into our sight  
to liberate us into life.

Love arrives  
and in its train come ecstasies  
old memories of pleasure  
ancient histories of pain.  
Yet if we are bold,  
love strikes away the chains of fear  
from our souls.

We are weaned from our timidity  
In the flush of love's light  
we dare be brave  
And suddenly we see  
that love costs all we are  
and will ever be.  
Yet it is only love  
which sets us free.

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## THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 22:34-46

*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.*

**W**hen the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert on the Law, attempted to trick Jesus with this question: "Teacher, which commandment of the Law is the greatest?" Jesus answered, "'You must love the Most High God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.' That is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: 'You must love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments the whole Law is based—and the Prophets as well."

While the Pharisees were gathered around him, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose descendant is the Messiah?" They said, "David's." Then Jesus asked, "Then how is it that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls the Messiah, 'Sovereign'? For he says, 'The Most High said to my Sovereign, 'Sit at my right hand until I place your enemies under your foot.' If David calls the Messiah 'Sovereign,' how can the Messiah be a descendant of David?" No one could reply, and from that day on no one dared ask him any more questions.

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**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

THE REV. MATT LINCOLN

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

NEW ZEALAND (MAORI) CREED

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved  
your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
who loved and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.**

**You are our God. We worship you. 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.*

*The creed is from A New Zealand Prayer Book and is a contemporary and vernacular expression of the historic faith described in The Nicene Creed (see the red Book of Common Prayer, page 358). Like all summaries of historic and communal belief, this is intended as a symbol of unity and continuity rather than a litmus test of one's individual commitment to a particular dogma.*

## **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. Today's invitation to pray for each other; the church and the world is based on the prayers of Walter Brueggeman and several others. Words will alternate with music, giving you a chance to listen to the still small voice only you can hear, and to 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.

Loving God, you have set us in families and clans, in cities and neighborhoods.

Our common life began in a garden, but our destiny lies in the city.

You have placed us in and around Buffalo. This is our home.

Your creativity is on display here through the work of human hearts and hands.

We pray for Buffalo today—for the East Side and the West Side, North Buffalo and South Buffalo.

*Musical Response*

We pray for our poorest neighbors and for powerful people in banks and businesses downtown.

We pray for people from the First Ward and the Fruit Belt.

We pray for neighboring communities from Olcott to Olean, from Angola to Albion, and a thousand other cities connected to our own.

*Musical Response*

In all our neighborhoods this day there will be crime and callous moneymaking; there will be powerful people unable or unwilling to see the vulnerable who are their neighbors.

There will also be beautiful acts of compassion and creativity in all these places—forgiveness and generosity; neighbors working together for a more just community.

Help us see this place as something other than a battleground between us and them, where our imaginations are limited by win/lose propositions and endless rivalry.

Show us a deeper reality, God: Show us your Beloved Community.

*Musical Response*

We pray also for all who are sick or lonely, all who are overwhelmed by difficult circumstances, or trapped in harmful relationships. We pray for all who grieve, and all who live in fear. We pray for all who are dependent on the compassionate care of others, and for those who work tirelessly to care for the ones who are in need.

Prosper our city, and help us to trust that you are God, we pray in the name of the one who wept over the city.

### **Amen.**

*Musical Response*

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**

**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!

\*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 of St. Chrysostom is found in both Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer in the Book of Common Prayer.

This blessing is based on the words of Francis's friend, Clare of Assisi

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Exultate! Jubilate Deo! Gloria!

For the gift of breath in our lungs,  
For waking our spirit when morning comes;  
For your light which illumines our night  
For shaking the darkness away with your Son;

Give us voice that the skies may sound  
And give us voice to shake the ground;  
Alleluias fill the air  
For joy has chased away despair  
Shouts of joy, O shouts of joy now shape our prayer.

Exultate! Jubilate!

## CONCLUDING PRAYERS

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.**

## PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

**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.**

## BLESSING

Live without fear. Your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Follow the good road 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.**

"EXULTATE! JUBILATE!" BY KYLE PEDERSON

## CLOSING HYMN

"LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS"



1. What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine,  
2. O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way,  
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,



1. Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; What a bless - ed - ness,  
2. Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; O how bright the path  
3. Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; I have bless - ed peace



1. what a peace is mine, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
2. grows from day to day, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
3. with my Lord so near, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing, lean - ing, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

## 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

"TOCCATA & FUGUE IN D MINOR" BY J.S. BACH— PAUL CENA, ORGAN

## **Supplies Needed for Hamlin Park School**

Support Hamlin Park School by donating school supplies! Indicate what you will donate and drop off items at Trinity in the red carpet area when the sanctuary is open on Thursdays between 12 and 2pm. If it's not possible to make a church drop off and you're local, please contact Susie Green at [susie432@gmail.com](mailto:susie432@gmail.com) to arrange a time to drop the items by her house or for her to pick them up from you.

**School supplies are needed by Monday, October 26** to be delivered to Hamlin Park. Click [here](#) to see what's needed.

## **Moved to Write**

Calling on folks interested in freeing up their creativity to make the connection of body, mind, and spirit. This is a **60 to 90-minute session** on Zoom that starts with gentle, yoga-like movement to stimulate and relax (don't you love a good paradox?), followed by a creative writing session. You do not need to know yoga nor do you need to aspire to be a writer. Curiosity and appreciation for an inward-looking experience are all that's needed. Well, that plus a Zoom account and paper and pencil. Teresa Maciocha will host the Zoom session. The class will be taught by Kathy Shoemaker. Kathy continues her a life-long inquiry into creativity both collaboratively and individually through yoga, poetry, dance, meditation and Nature. As a certified yoga teacher of many years, she has taught children and adults as well as persons with special needs in Western New York, Long Island, and Massachusetts. She has co-taught workshops that help the participants access their creativity through guided movement and writing. There will be two sessions: **Monday, Nov 9 @ 7pm and again on Saturday, Nov 14 @ 1pm**. Send an email to Teresa asking for the Zoom link in either timeslot: [tmaciocha@aol.com](mailto:tmaciocha@aol.com). Class is free.

## **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** Live 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** Zoom gatherings on Sunday night @7pm featuring poetry and jazz.

**WEDNESDAY @NOON** Zoom gatherings offering prayer and holy conversation.

**THURSDAY @7** Zoom gatherings @7pm offering the wisdom and fellowship of 12-Step recovery.

This plan will be in place for the foreseeable future. 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 for spiritual enrichment, please contact the church office to share your ideas and plans for implementation. Please continue to read the newsletters to stay informed.

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

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

**THURSDAY @NOON TO 2PM OR BY APPOINTMENT** The church will be open for private prayer or meditation. You can chat quietly with one of the volunteers, or if you need, you can ask them to pray with you. Please wear a mask. You are required to sign a registry at the entrance to be used in the event contact tracing is necessary.



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## TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

*Vocalists:* Laura Munson, Suzanne Fata, John Clayton, Tyler Mecklenburg  
*Guest Musician:* Bobby Militello, saxophone; special guest, Mark Filsinger, trumpet  
*Readers:* Tim Lane, Karen Spaulding, Shirley Hudders  
*Cyber Sacristan:* Jeffrey Tooke

**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