

A Service of Holy Communion

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

10.07.2018

You are welcome here today and every day!

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. Please feel free to receive communion and participate in the service as fully as you want to. 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.

Name tags are not required, but they sure help! You'll find sticky tags and markers on a table in the red carpet area near the entrance.

Children are a beloved part of the Trinity Community. If you have children, they are welcome to participate in any of several ways: They can stay quietly occupied with you in the pew; join the 5-12 year olds "Under the Tent" for the Creator Quest program; utilize the professionally staffed nursery for infants up to 5 years old; hang out with you in the red carpet area, or any combination.

If you would like to receive more information about Trinity Church, please sign our guest book located near the entrance. Please join us after worship for refreshment and conversation. Trinity Church is an Episcopal Church and a member parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York of the Episcopal Church in the United States, and is a part of the Anglican Communion, which is based in England, but found worldwide.

PRELUDE

"PASTORALE" BY DAVID SCHACK

CENTERING PRAYER

Let the Spirit pray in us, God.
Hear the silences between our words.
As our lungs and lips breathe in and out,
may true needs,
deep longings,
unglimpsed hopes,
and paralyzing fears
be exhaled into your heart
through the Spirit's sighing.

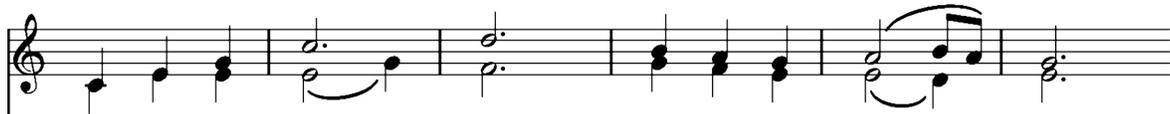
Amen.

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OPENING HYMN

"MORNING HAS BROKEN"



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
 born of the one light E - den saw play! _____



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____

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FIRST READING

GENESIS 2:18-24

Then God said, "It is not good for the earth creature to be alone. I will make a fitting companion for it." So from the soil God formed all the various wild beasts and all the birds of the air, and brought them to the earth creature to be named. Whatever the earth creature called each one, that became its name. The earth creature gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all the wild animals.

But none of them proved to be a fitting companion, so God made the earth creature fall into a deep sleep, and while it slept, God divided the earth creature in two, then closed up the flesh from its side. God then fashioned the two halves into male and female, and presented them to one another.

When the male realized what had happened, he exclaimed, "This time, this is the one! Bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh! Now, she will be Woman, and I will be Man, because we are of one flesh!" This is why people leave their parents and become bonded to one another, and the two become one flesh.

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

Thanks be to God.

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

ECHO

"HOLY SPIRIT, COME TO US"

Ho - ly Spi - rit , come to us, kin - dle in us the flame of your love.

Ho - ly Spi - rit, come to us, Ho - ly Spi - rit, come to us.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The first system includes the lyrics 'Ho - ly Spi - rit , come to us, kin - dle in us the flame of your love.' The second system includes the lyrics 'Ho - ly Spi - rit, come to us, Ho - ly Spi - rit, come to us.'

The echo was written by Jacques Breathier of the Taizé community.

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 by God outside the limits of the Bible. Most often, we turn to contemporary poets for this reading.

Irene Zimmerman, OSF is poet-in-residence at St. Joseph Retreat in Bailey's Harbor, Wisconsin. She has been a School Sister of Saint Francis for fifty years, and her poems have appeared in The Christian Century and many other publications.

MIDDLE READING

"AN AUTUMN PRAYER" BY IRENE ZIMMERMAN

In the stillness of an autumn afternoon
we sit in quiet communion. Before us,
hills and valleys yawn, spreading wide
their yellow and green, ochre and gold
harvest of hay, beans and corn.
All summer long these fields drank
daily offerings of dew and sunlight.

We listen to the hush of hills, a hawk
above us riding thermal winds,
the drying corn nearby whispering
Praise! Praise! Praise!, the grass
beneath our squeaking swing
chanting, sotto voce, Thank you, God.

Everything around us whispers shhh.
And when we do, we hear the holy
breath of God bringing forth the world.

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Thanks be to God.

ECHO

See above

"HOLY SPIRIT, COME TO US"

GOSPEL READING

MARK 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and, as a test, asked, "Is it permissible for husbands to divorce wives?" In reply Jesus asked, "What command did Moses give?" They answered, "Moses permitted a husband to write a decree of divorce and to put her away." But Jesus told them, "Moses wrote the commandment because of your hardness of heart. From the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female. This is why one person leaves home and cleaves to another, and the two become one flesh.' They are no longer two, but one flesh. What God has united, therefore, let no one divide."

Back in the house again, the disciples questioned Jesus once more about this. He told them, "If a man divorces his wife and marries another, he commits adultery against her; and if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing their children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples scolded them for this. When Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not stop them. It is to just such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. The truth is, whoever doesn't welcome the kingdom of God as a little child won't enter." And Jesus took the children in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

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ECHO

See previous page.

"HOLY SPIRIT, COME TO US"

SERMON

THE REV. MATT LINCOLN

MUSICAL REFLECTION

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As a group, our shared spiritual practice is shaped by the faith of Jesus as it was handed down to us by generations of people who have trusted in God's goodness through Christ. We verbalize an affirmation of faith to acknowledge our place in the ongoing sharing of faith. Please stand in spirit or in body and join together, saying:

We trust in God, who is the source of all creation, seen and unseen.

We trust that God's divine life is conceived by God and was born in the human form of Jesus, through his mother Mary.

In his life, death and resurrection, Jesus embodied God's self-giving love for the world and God's will to regenerate life, reclaiming us from the oblivion of death.

We trust that the Spirit of God is present in this world, in our hearts, and within the community of faith, guiding us into all truth and inspiring us to love as we have been loved, to create as we have been created.

Amen.

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.

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 Monday or Tuesday.

COMMUNITY PRAYER

The Liturgist will lead us through a time of shared prayer on behalf of the world.

Refrain, twice

With God, all things are poss - i - ble; all things are
poss - i - ble with God.

This chant, by John Bell, comes to us from the Iona Community.

These prayers are an effort to pray with one voice even though we have a diversity of needs and hopes. They were created here at Trinity.

Christ took five loaves and two fish,
blessed and broke them, and fed a crowd.
No one understood, but all were included.

Christ healed many who were sick with different diseases, and cast out many demons. Those around him recognized the presence of God in Christ's words and action.

Refrain, twice

We look at people around us, and even in the mirror,
and see how fear and pride divide our communities.

We see how greed and the turning of a blind eye
degrade the natural world and leave vulnerable people destitute.

We hope for a time when everyone who holds a position of leadership and authority will serve the people like a shepherd, using the power of those positions to provide for the safety and wellbeing of all people.

We worry about loved ones facing illness or danger.
We worry about those who struggle to make ends meet.
We mourn for those we loved but see no longer,
wondering how we will get through tomorrow.

Refrain, twice

We are grateful for everything that sustains us.

We thrill at the creativity of the human spirit and we are warmed by the kindness and understanding we receive from each other.

We seek wisdom and compassion to guide us in our common life,
and hope for the courage to build a more just society.

We ask for the humility to acknowledge and honor the interdependence of our lives with all others.

We ask for the courage to recognize how our fear and pride make it easy for us to accept unfair advantages.

Refrain, twice

Christ offered freedom to people who had become trapped by the cruelty of others, and even to people who had become trapped by their own bad choices.

Christ begged to be spared the cross, yet found the strength to go willingly, and showed that even in death, all things are possible with God.

Refrain, twice

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"SAVIOR, TEACH ME DAY BY DAY" BY JANE LEESON/RAYMOND WEIDNER

Savior, teach me day by day, Thine own lesson to obey;
Better lesson Never can be; loving Him who first loved me.
With a child-like heart of love, at Thy bidding may I move;
Prompt to serve and follow Thee, loving Him who first love me.
Give me simplicity, that I may live,

Although it looks a lot like an intermission, passing the peace is actually one of the earliest spiritual practices of Christian worship. By greeting one another in the assurance of God's peace, we all share in creating hospitality, and we represent to each other God's reconciling love.

SHARING THE OPEN TABLE

All are welcome to receive Communion at Trinity Church. No Exceptions!

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Open your hearts.

We open them to God and one another.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing to stand open in the presence of God and one another as grateful people, lifting our voices in chorus, with those who have gone before us, and with people throughout the world today, singing:

This Eucharistic prayer was written for the Community of St. Clare in Brevard, NC by the Rev. Carter Hayward.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My
San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi

heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.
cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.

Gracious God, Creator of all good things, Redeemer of this broken world, you bless your people and the earth itself, Holy is your name. You are the source of love in the world, the wellspring of justice in history, the hope of people on earth. Holy is your name. We pray to you, God of our fathers and mothers; God of the people, prophets and priests of Israel; God of Covenants Old and New; God of all religions and God of all Churches: Holy is your name. **Elohim, Allah, Brahman, you are God. You lead your people out of bondage into freedom. Holy is your name.** Following Jesus, we call you Abba, for you love us. Guiding us, you are insistent, patient, encouraging, comforting. Holy is your name. **God our father and mother, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. We thank you for giving us the bread we need. Holy is your name.**

We remember that on the night before he was executed by those who feared you, Gracious God, he ate a Passover meal with his friends in celebration of your liberation of people from bondage. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his friends, and said, **“Take this and eat it. This is my Body, and ours, to be shared. Whenever you eat it, remember me.”** After supper he took wine, blessed it, gave it to them, and said, **“Drink this. This is my Blood, and ours, the source of our life. Whenever you drink it, remember me.”**

Remembering Jesus and the power of your love revealed through him, we ask you, Source of all Life and Love, to bless this bread and wine, making them for us the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, your Body and ours. Bless us, that we may be for you Jesus Christ's Body in the world, people in love with you and your creation. All this we ask in your holy name, that with Christ and in Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we may live forever as your people, O Loving God of power and grace. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**God, who cares for us,*
The wonder of whose presence fills us with awe.
Let kindness, justice and love shine in our world.
Let your secrets be known here as they are in heaven.
Give us the food and the hope we need for today.
Forgive us our wrongdoing
as we forgive the wrongs done to us.
Protect us from pride and from despair
and from the fear and hate which can swallow us up.
In you is truth, meaning, glory and power,
while worlds come and go.
Amen.**

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Broken apart, this bread draws us together.

Poured out like wine, Christ's blood makes our hearts beat as one.

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for us and feed on him by faith, in thanksgiving.

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, etc.

**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.*

This version of the Lord's Prayer was written by Monica Furlong (1930 – 2003) a British author, journalist, and activist.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

We gather in a big circle all around the altar. Follow the people ahead of you and spread out around the perimeter of the rugs on either side of the altar. If you wish to kneel to receive, use the kneelers which are located near the pulpit and lectern. Gluten-free bread is available upon request. Should you choose not to receive the wine, fold your arms across your chest to let the chalice know that you do not wish to receive. **Ministers of Healing are available to pray with you near the side chapel during communion.**

Music During Communion

"MY GOD, THY TABLE NOW IS SPREAD"

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
 2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
 3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless
 4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
 well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
 num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
 world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

As you come or go from communion, feel free to take a moment to light a votive candle to add this symbol of hope to your prayers. Also ask the Healers to pray with you for burdens that feel too heavy to carry alone or for thanksgivings that are too joyful to be contained by one person. The Healers are available near the chapel to the north side of the altar.

*This post
communion
prayer comes from
Enriching Our
Worship.*

*This blessing is
based on the words
of Henri Frederic
Amiel (1821-1881),
a Swiss moral
philosopher, poet,
and critic.*

PRAYER FOR THE ROAD

Let us pray:

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

HYMN

“CREATING GOD, YOUR FINGERS TRACE”

1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -
2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - teries
3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -
4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - ily

signs of farth - est space; let sun and moon and
known or yet un told; let wa - ter's fra - gile
spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing
with a bil - lion names; let ev - ery life be

stars and light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
blend with air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
like a dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.
touched by grace un - til we praise you face to face.

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DISMISSAL

Go now, trusting that the grace you have seen and heard and tasted is yours to share in the world. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Our spiritual practice is renewed as we leave here and begin again to work the promises of the covenant.

POSTLUDE

"THE SONG IS YOU" BY JEROME KERN & OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN

If you are visiting today, please stay for refreshments and fellowship after the service is over. Don't be surprised if someone introduces themselves to you and welcomes you to Trinity, but don't feel you need to wait for someone to do so either! Introduce yourself to anyone nearby. They will be glad to share any knowledge of the Trinity community that they can. In the red carpet area near the door, there is a table where you'll find a place to sign in and leave your name, address, phone number and email address. Please sign in so we can keep you up to date on all the latest information about Trinity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

C.G. Jung Center—Women's Study Group

The Women's Study Group has met throughout the summer and will conclude its reading/study of Leaving My Father's House: A Journey to Conscious Femininity on **October 15**.

On Monday, **November 5**, we will begin reading Writing Toward Wholeness: Lessons Inspired by C.G. Jung by Susan Tiberghien (2018). This book focuses on insights and excerpts from C.G. Jung's writings and many other inspirational writers, bringing together psychology, spirituality, and the arts. It is an excellent introduction to the basic concepts in Jungian psychology and an understanding of The Red Book, Jung's own journal. Although the Study Group will not be writing during its meetings, those inclined will find many valuable suggestions for journaling.

Please join us if you like to read aloud and share (or just listen to) reflections about the content. The Study Group meets the first and third Mondays of each month from 7 pm–8:30 pm in the Mission Room. The fee is \$4.00 per session. Participants should acquire their own books.

Contact Arlene Miles at Arlene@apswny.com

Interfaith Climate Justice Community

Monday, **October 15**, 7:00 pm, Joseph's University Church, 3269 Main St., Buffalo, N.Y.

EACH ONE – REACH ONE – VOTE NOV. 6th

"The most common way people give up their power is thinking they don't have any." Alice Walker

Dinner Party to Celebrate Trinity

The Stewardship Committee invites you to dinner on **Wednesday, October 24**, at 6 p.m. here at church. The evening will include good food, an inspiring speaker, and a fun way to share your passion for Trinity Church! Save the date. More info to follow!

Trinity Gifts

It's here! Our own gift emporium is open every Sunday after service and offers a beautiful selection of stained-glass keepsakes hand-crafted in the UK from digitally-enhanced photos of our historic windows. Please stop by our table in the red carpet area and take a peek. We're happy to accept cash or check. Thank you!



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TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Greeter: Joanne Sundell
Liturgist: Leslie Charlier
Readers: John Callahan, Patty Fries, Don Ingalls
Chalicers: Nancy Craig, Ed Fries
Altar Guild: Phoebe McKay
Healing Ministry:
Counters: Judy Atkinson Miller, Joe Chamberlain
Guest Musician: Harry Fackelman, Saxophone

Sunday @10:30am Includes communion at an open table

Sunday @7:00pm An encounter with God through poetry, jazz, and meditation

Wednesday @11am Rite 2 communion and coffee

Thursday @7pm 12steps@Trinity, based on 12-step spirituality

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