

An Offering of Reflection, Prayer, and Music All Saints' Day 11.01.2020

# 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.

Cover image:
"Golden Rule"
painted by Norman
Rockwell, and later
used as the basis for
a glass mosaic at the
United Nations.

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

Amen.

"The Joys Awaiting" (JERUSALEM MY HAPPY HOME/WHEN I CAN READ MY TITLE CLEAR)

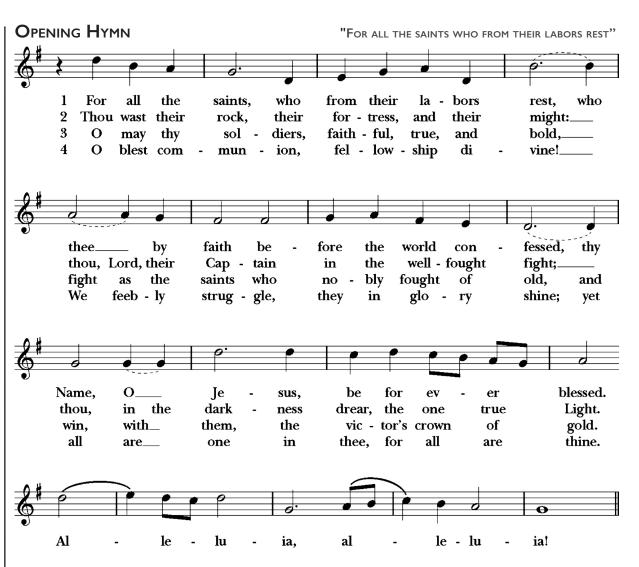
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## CENTERING PRAYER

Let us pray out loud, together:

Before, behind, beneath,
Creation, conception, birth, redemption.
This prayer, this moment: Creator's spirit.
Holy Spirit, infinitude eternally pouring forth,
Energy of love sustaining the universe.
Come Creator Spirit
Conceiving Spirit, Initiating Spirit
Life-giving, birth-giving Spirit
Life-breath of love.
Holy Spirit,
Your blessed unction from above
Is fire of love.

The Centering Prayer is by Brendan O'Malley.



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 needsand were then found to be helpful to the faithful even after fulfilling their original purpose.

The Bible readings are taken from The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation by Priests for Equality. FIRST READING REVELATION 7:9-17

fter that, I saw before me an immense crowd without number, from every nation, tribe, people and languages. They stood in front of the throne and the Lamb, dressed in long white robes and holding palm branches. And they cried out in a loud voice,

"Salvation is of our God, who sits on the throne, and of the Lord!"

All the angels who were encircling the throne, as well as the elders and the four living creatures, prostrated themselves before the throne. They worshiped God with these words: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength be to our God forever and ever! Amen!"

Then one of the elders asked me, "These people in white robes—who are they, and where do they come from?"

I answered, "You are the one who knows." Then the elder said to me, "These are the ones who survived the great period of testing; they have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and made them white. That's why they stand before God's throne and the One who sits on the throne will shelter them forever. Never again will they be hungry or thirsty; the sun and its scorching heat will never beat down on them, for the Lamb, who is at the center of the throne, will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe every tear from their eyes."

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

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

## Thanks be to God.

## MIDDLE READING

"AT THE CEMETERY, WALNUT GROVE PLANTATION, SOUTH CAROLINA, 1989" BY LUCILLE CLIFTON

Lucille Clifton (1936 - 2010) was an American poet, writer, and educator from Buffalo (Depew), New York. She graduated from the State University of New York College at Fredonia. From 1979 to 1985 she was Poet Laureate of Maryland. Clifton was a finalist twice for the Pulitzer Prize for poetry.

The Middle Reading

ongoing word as it

limits of the Bible. Most often, we turn

to contemporary

poets for this reading.

is spoken outside the

among the rocks at walnut grove your silence drumming in my bones, tell me your names. nobody mentioned slaves and yet the curious tools shine with your fingerprints. nobody mentioned slaves but somebody did this work who had no guide, no stone, who moulders under rock. tell me your names, tell me your bashful names and I will testify. the inventory lists ten slaves but only men were recognized. among the rocks at walnut grove some of these honored dead were dark some of these dark were slaves some of these slaves were women some of them did this honored work. tell me your names foremothers, brothers, tell me your dishonored names. here lies here lies here lies here lies

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hear

## THE GOSPEL

"THE BEATITUDES" BY MARILYN BIERY/JAMES BIERY

The reading appointed for All Saints' Day is **Matthew 5:1-11**, a passage known as "The Beatitudes." Today, the reading will be presented in musical form.

Lift up your hearts, you poor in spirit, the kingdom of heaven is yours; And blest are you, bent in two with mourning, God's comfort sustains you through all.

Be still with gentle, quiet meekness, the plenty of earth will be yours; And blest are you, filled with aching hunger,

The satisfied heart will be yours.

With joyfullness show love and mercy, the mercy of God will be yours;

And blest are you, pure of heart and selfless,

The vision of God will be yours.

Work tirelessly for peace and justice, as children of God you'll be known;

And blest are you, who are persecuted,

The kingdom of heaven is yours.

Rejoice, be glad, be joyful people, the kingdom of heaven is yours;

So blest are you hear the words of Jesus;

The kingdom of heaven is yours!

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

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 four Gospels hold the core of

Christian spiritual

wisdom, reflecting the earliest stories

Like all Scripture, they are not definitive

prescriptions but

narrative stories

requiring endless interpretation.

and images of Jesus.

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. Because this is All Saints' Day, we pray particularly for those who have died, with special thanks for those whose lives have inspired us to live the Way of God's Love. Feel free to participate by adding your prayers to the comment section and singing the Taizé chant as it comes up.

The Lord be with you.

## And also with you.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

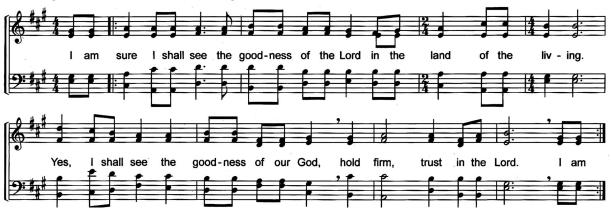
Jesus, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn, and dry the tears of those who weep.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

We grieve because we miss those we love but see no longer. We grieve also because of the suffering and death worldwide caused by the pandemic, and by the fear and greed that drive injustice and poverty.

Refrain

We sing this Taizé chant 3 times through.



As you showed your friends the way of life in God, so they showed their friends, and their friends have shown us.

You invited them to abide in your love, and they in turn invited us to abide in your love as well.

You taught with words, but we have come to understand those words as they were brought to life by the courageous and compassionate examples of those who have come before us.

As we remember those whose lives have inspired us to trust in you, we ask you to give us the courage and determination to follow their way: to do justice, to love mercy, and to know that you never leave us to walk alone.

Help us to see the world as you see it, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to offer our lives for the renewal of your world. Receive the offering of our lives by transforming our concern and anxiety into hope and action, trusting that you are already doing more than we can ask or imagine.

Refrain

O God of the living and the dead, you have trampled upon death and abolished the power of evil, giving life to your world. Give to your servants whose mortal lives have ended, rest in a place of light, in a place of tranquility, in a place of refreshment, where there is no pain, nor sorrow, nor suffering. For you, Christ our God, are the resurrection, the life, and the repose of all your servants, and to you we give glory, with God Almighty, and the all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and for ever.

Refrain

Your financial support is not only a practical necessity. Ît 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.

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, then the Prayer Book version, etc.

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

"THE MORNING TRUMPET" BY DANIEL KALLMAN

O when shall I see Jesus and reign with him above, And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning And from the flowing fountain drink everlasting love And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning?

O Shout glory, glory! I shall mount above the skies When I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

When shall I be delivered from this vain world of sin, And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning And with my blessed Jesus drink endless pleasures in, And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning?

Through grace I feel determined to conquer though I die And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning; And then away to Jesus on wings of love I'll fly And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

#### 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

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

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.** 



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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** 

"O WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN" COMPOSER UNKNOWN

#### **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. 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.

#### **Everything Happens: Kate Bowler Podcast Discussion**

The Everything Happens – Kate Bowler Podcast Discussion group will start this **Tuesday, November 3**, **at 7pm,** facilitated by Tim Lane and Jeffrey Tooke, and will run for four consecutive Tuesdays at 7pm.

Use this zoom link for the discussion group on Tuesdays at 7pm:

Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81668634672?pwd=eTVJZXFoNzVYdHZvSHZONG1NUUowZz09

Meeting ID: 816-6863-4672

Passcode: trintalk

This week's podcast for November 3 – **Mia Birdsong: Community as a Verb** - is listed below along with a link to the podcast and discussion questions for that evening. The discussion questions can be downloaded as pdf from the linked page for easy use. The podcasts can also be found on any of your favorite podcast platforms.

## NOVEMBER 3, 2020: Mia Birdsong: Community as a Verb

Podcast Link; https://katebowler.com/podcasts/mia-birdsong-community-as-a-verb/

Discussion questions: https://katebowler.com/resources/discussion-questions-for-mia-birdsong-community-as-a-verb/

## **NOVEMBER 10, 2020: Vivek Murthy: The Loneliness Epidemic**

Podcast Link: https://katebowler.com/podcasts/vivek-murthy-the-loneliness-epidemic/

#### NOVEMBER 17, 2020: Lanecia Rouse Tinsely: When Hope Seems Lost

Podcast Link: https://katebowler.com/podcasts/lanecia-rouse-tinsely-when-hope-seems-lost/

#### NOVEMBER 24, 2020: Bishop Curry: The Power of Ordinary Love

Podcast Link: https://katebowler.com/podcasts/bishop-michael-curry-the-power-of-ordinary-love/

If you are interested in joining the podcast discussion group or have questions about the group, please send an email to Jeffrey Tooke at <u>jeffrey@bayharboradvisors.com</u> to receive more information.

## REMEMBERING THE SAINTS IN OUR LIVES

May they go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in God's kingdom.

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Vocalists: Laura Munson, Suzanne Fata, John Clayton, Tyler Mecklenburg

Guest Musician: Mark Filsinger, trumpet

Diana Rodechko, Bruce McKay Readers:

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



