



An Offering of Reflection, Prayer, and Music
Fifth Sunday in Lent
03.21.2021

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.

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"Lenten Rose Buds"
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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

"ADAGIO" BY TOMASO ALBINONI

CENTERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:

**It is in the depths of life that we find you
at the heart of this moment
at the centre of our soul
deep in the earth and its eternal stirrings.
You are the Ground of all being
the Well-Spring of time
Womb of the earth
the Seed-Force of stars.
And so at the opening of this day
we wait
not for blessings from afar
but for You
the very Soil of our soul
the early Freshness of morning
the first Breath of day.
Amen.**

*The centering prayer
is a poem written by
John Philip Newell
and can be found in
his book, Praying
With The Earth.*

OPENING HYMN

"WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS"

Unison

The musical notation consists of three staves of music. The first staff starts with a treble clef, the second with an alto clef, and the third with a bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves contain the same lyrics:

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

The third staff continues the melody and lyrics:

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835 Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

Behold, the days are coming," says God, "When I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them up out of the land of Egypt—a covenant they broke, though I was their spouse. But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days," says God. "I will put my Law in their minds and on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they need to teach one another or remind one another to listen to God. All of them, high and low alike, will listen to me," says God, "for I will forgive their misdeed and will remember their sins no more."

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.

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

Thanks be to God.

MIDDLE READING

"THE WORLD IS A BEAUTIFUL PLACE" BY LAWRENCE FERLINGHETTI

The world is a beautiful place to be born into
if you don't mind happiness not always being so very much fun
if you don't mind a touch of hell now and then
just when everything is fine because even in heaven
they don't sing all the time

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Lawrence Ferlinghetti (1919–2021) was an American poet, painter, social activist, and the co-founder of City Lights Booksellers & Publishers. He was the author of poetry, translations, fiction, theatre, art criticism, and film narration. Ferlinghetti was best known for his first collection of poems, A Coney Island of the Mind (1958).

The world is a beautiful place to be born into
if you don't mind some people dying all the time
or maybe only starving some of the time
which isn't half so bad if it isn't you

Oh the world is a beautiful place to be born into
if you don't much mind a few dead minds
in the higher places or a bomb or two
now and then in your upturned faces
or such other improprieties as our Name Brand society
is prey to with its men of distinction
and its men of extinction and its priests
and other patrolmen and its various segregations
and congressional investigations and other constipations
that our fool flesh is heir to

Yes the world is the best place of all for a lot of such things as
making the fun scene and making the love scene
and making the sad scene and singing low songs of having inspirations
and walking around looking at everything and smelling flowers
and goosing statues and even thinking and kissing people and
making babies and wearing pants and waving hats and
dancing and going swimming in rivers
on picnics in the middle of the summer
and just generally 'living it up'

Yes but then right in the middle of it comes the smiling mortician

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THE GOSPEL

JOHN 12:20-33

Among those who had come up to worship at the Passover festival were some Greeks. They approached Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put forth this request: "Please, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went to tell Andrew, and together the two went to tell Jesus.

Jesus replied, "Now the hour has come for the Chosen One to be glorified. The truth of the matter is, unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. If you love your life, you'll lose it; if you hate your life in this world you'll keep it for eternal life. Anyone who wants to work for me must follow in my footsteps, and wherever I am, my worker will be there too. Anyone who works for me will be honored by Abba God. Now my soul is troubled. What will I say: 'Abba, save me from this hour?' But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Abba, glorify your name!"

A voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowds that stood nearby heard this and said it was a clap of thunder; others said, "It was an angel speaking." Jesus answered, "It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. Sentence is now being passed on this world; now the ruler of this world will be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from this earth, I will draw all people to myself."

By these words Jesus indicated the kind of death he would die.

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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.

Like all summaries of historic and communal belief, this affirmation of faith is intended as a symbol of unity and continuity rather than a litmus test of one's individual commitment to a particular dogma.

SERMON

THE REV. MATT LINCOLN

MUSICAL REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Amen.

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. Today's invitation to pray for each other, the church and the world is a poem by Ted Loder. Please join in singing out loud on the refrains, following the melody line given by Krista Seddon on piano. Share your own prayers in the Comment section.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Lord, grant me your peace,
for I have made peace
with what does not give peace
and I am afraid.

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

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Refrain, twice
Drive me deep, now,
to face myself so I may see
that what I truly need to fear is
my capacity to deceive
and willingness to be deceived,
my loving of things
and using of people,
my struggle for power
and shrinking of soul,
my addiction to comfort
and sedation of conscience,
my readiness to criticize
and reluctance to create,
my clamor for privilege
and silence at injustice,
my seeking for security
and forsaking the kingdom.

Refrain, twice

Lord, grant me your peace.
Instill in me such fear of you
as will begin to make me wise,
and such quiet courage
as will enable me to begin to make
hope visible,
forgiving delightful,
loving contagious,
faith liberating,
peace-making joyful
and myself open and present
to other people
and your kingdom.

Refrain, twice

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!

This version of the Lord's Prayer is what many of us grew up learning. It is also the version shared at the end of many 12 Step meetings. Although it is important to stay fresh and engaged by the words of our prayers, it is also important to be reminded that we as individuals are part of a great cloud of witnesses who have been inspired to turn to God in prayer throughout the ages.

**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.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

De profundis clamavi ad te Domine.
Domine, exaudi vocem meam;
Fiant aures tuae intendentess
In vocem deprecationis meae.
Si iniquitates observaveris,
Domine quis sustinebit?

Quia apud te propitiatio est
Et propter legem tuam sustinuit te, Domine.
Sustinuit anima mea in verbo ejus
Speravit anima mea in Domino.
A custodia matutina usque ad noctem speret
Israel in Domine.
Quia apud Dominum misericordia
Et copiosa apud eum redemptio.
Et ipse redimet Israel ex omnibus iniquitatibus
ejus.

Gloria patris et filio et spiritui sancto,
Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper
Et in saenla saeculorum.
Amen.

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.**

"DE PROFUNDIS" BY W.A. MOZART

(Translation)

From the depths have I cried out unto Thee, O Lord.
Hear my voice, hear Thou my voice Lord God;
Let Thine ears incline unto my crying,
Unto the calling of my supplications.
If Thou, Lord should now remember every iniquity,
Who, O Lord, shall stand before Thee?

For with Thee is forgiveness from every sin,
And by Thy holy law Thou may be feared.
I wait for the Lord, and my spirit hath waited on
Him
Upon His word hath my spirit awaited long.
From the morning watches even unto the night
Let Israel now hope in Him.
For there is compassion with the Lord forevermore,
And with Him plenteous redemption for all
mankind
And He shall ransom all Israel and redeem her
from her misdoings.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and the Holy
Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, as it is now, and shall
be,
Throughout ages forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

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

**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 animates and guides us, be with you now and always.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"WHEN JESUS WEPT"

A musical score for three voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor) in common time, treble clef, and B-flat major. The lyrics are: "When Je - sus wept, the fall - ing tear in
mer - cy flowed be - yond all bound; when Je - sus groaned, a
trem - bling fear seized all the guilt - y world a - round." Measure numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4 are placed above the staff.

Words: The New England Psalm Singer, 1770 Music: When Jesus Wept, William Billings (1746-1800)

DISMISSAL

Take your leave, trusting that we are made one in Christ, to shine in the world with God's light.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"OBSESSION" BY ASTOR PIAZZOLLA

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MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF PEACE: A GROUP DISCUSSION ON CIVIL DISCOURSE

On Tuesday evenings @7pm during Lent, Tim Lane and Jeffrey Tooke are facilitating **Make Me An Instrument of Peace: A Group Discussion on Civil Discourse**. Designed by the Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations, *Make Me An Instrument of Peace* is a group discussion study designed to help us bridge the divides that keep us from moving forward. During our evening gatherings, the group will watch video material taught by a team of experts in civil discourse and then discuss the subject matter as a group.

This Tuesday, **March 23 @7pm** Tim and Jeff will facilitate the session regarding **Sacred Space for Debate** in which we explore how to work through partisan divisions within our personal lives and especially within our congregations, and how bringing our varying gifts and perspectives to the table of the liturgy can help to bring us together.

Download the participant's guide [here](#).

Use this zoom link for the discussion group on Tuesday @7pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81668634672?pwd=eTVJZXFoNzVYdHZvSHZONG1NUUowZz09>

Meeting ID: 816-6863-4672

Passcode: trintalk

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

THE FLOWERS THAT BLOOM IN THE SPRING, TRA LA!

It's time to Easter up the place, your place that is. Trinity will not have an in-person service this year, but we can celebrate Easter at home, and what says Easter better than flowers?

TONIGHT is your last chance to order.

Pick up at church on **April 3** from noon to 3pm

Lilies with 5-6 blooms per pot: \$10

Tulips: \$8

Daffodils: \$7

Hydrangea (8" pot): \$20



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 and [YouTube](#) 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.

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.

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](#).



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TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Vocalists:

Laura Munson, Suzanne Fatta, John Clayton, Brandon Mecklenburg

Guest Musicians:

Clair Fisher, violin and Nancy Baun, cello

Readers:

Joanne Dunnigan, Teresa Maciocha, Dan Galley

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

