



**An Offering of Reflection, Prayer, and Music**

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

09.20.2020

## 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 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.

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"Abundance" by  
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### PRELUDE

"LORD JESUS CHRIST, TURN TOWARD US" BY J.S. BACH— PAUL CENA, ORGAN

### 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.**

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

OPENING HYMN

"HEAVEN SHALL NOT WAIT"



1. Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their pa-tience, the scorned to  
 2. Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their for-tunes, the proud to  
 3. Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great i - de - as, thoughts of com-  
 4. Heaven shall not wait for tri - um - phant Hal-le - lu - jahs, when earth has

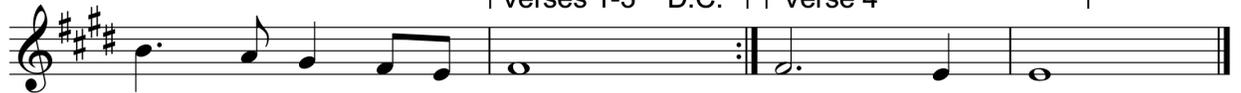


smile, the des-pised to find a friend: Je-sus is Lord; he has  
 fall, the e - lite to tend the least: Je-sus is Lord; he has  
 pas - sion di-vorced from cries of pain: Je-sus is Lord; he has  
 passed and we reach an - oth - er shore; Je-sus is Lord; in our



cham-pioned the un - want - ed; in him in - just - ice con-  
 shown the mas-ters' privi - lege, to kneel and wash ser-vants'  
 mar - ried word and ac - tion; his cross and com - pan - y  
 pre - sent im - per - fec - tion; his power and love are for

Verses 1-3 D.C. Verse 4



fronts its time - ly end. ev - er more.  
 feet be - fore they feast.  
 make his pur - pose plain.  
 now; and then for

FIRST READING

Exodus 16:2-15

They began to complain against Moses and Aaron there in the wilderness. The people of Israel said to them, "If only we had died by God's hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat next to pots of meat and ate our bread till we were filled! But now you have brought the whole community out into this wilderness to die of hunger!"

Then God said to Moses, "Look, I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people will go out and gather a day's portion every day, on that I can test them to see if they will follow my instructions. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they brought in, it will be twice as much as the daily gathering." So Moses and Aaron said to the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was God who brought you up out of Egypt, and in the morning you will witness the glory of God, the One to whom you directed your complaints—for who are we, that you should complain to us?"

Moses continued, "It is God who will give you meat in the evening for your meal, and all the bread you want in the morning, because God has heard your complaints. For it is not to us that you are complaining—who are we—but to God." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Tell the whole Israelite community, 'Present yourselves before God, who has heard your complaints.'" As Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of God appearing in the form of a cloud. Then God spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the people of Israel. Say this to them: 'In the evening you

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

will eat meat, and in the morning you will have your fill of bread. Then you will know that I, the Lord, am your God." So it came about that in the evening quail flew in and all around the camp. And in the morning there was a layer of dew all around the camp; when the layer of dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were flakes of something: delicate, powdery, fine as frost. When they saw this, the people of Israel said to each other, "What is it?"—not knowing what it was. But Moses told them, "This is the bread God has given you to eat."

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**ECHO**

"LET IT BE"

When I find my-self in times of trou-ble Mo-ther Ma-ry comes to me,  
 speak-ing words of wis-dom, let it be. And in my hour of dark-ness she is  
 stand-ing right in front of me, speak-ing words of wis-dom, let it be.  
 Let it be let it be let it be let it be  
 whis-per words of wis-dom let it be.

*Words and music by Paul McCartney, who said he had the idea of "Let It Be" after he had a dream about his mother during the tense period surrounding the sessions for The Beatles ("the White Album") in 1968.*

*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 Ansie Baird, a member of Trinity, has taught for many years at Buffalo Seminary, the Just Buffalo Literary Center and other places, and her poetry has been published widely.*

**MIDDLE READING**

"WHO CARRIES MY CANDLE" BY ANSIE BAIRD

It's not so much a question of who as what carries my candle And when	whether to lean into the wind on bare feet  or flee in some dumb contraption abandoned to find	not to stumble  Who carries my candle? What small flame leads
thunder storms wrack the branches of the dark part of the park I am distracted	my way in ample darkness I have need of light	me I ask night's lurking silence No reply Still I ask
which stone bridge to take		time and time again you do

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## ECHO

"LET IT BE"

And when the bro-ken heart-ed peo-ple liv-ing in the world\_\_ a-gree,  
there will be an an - swer, let it be.\_\_ but though they may be par-ted, there is  
still a chance that they\_\_ will see\_\_ there will be an an - swer, let it be.\_\_  
Let it be\_\_ let it be let it be\_\_ let it be  
whis - per words of wis - dom let it be.\_\_

*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 GOSPEL

MATTHEW 20:1-16

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like the owner of an estate who went out at dawn to hire workers for the vineyard. After reaching an agreement with them for the usual daily wage, the owner sent them out to the vineyard. About mid-morning, the owner came out and saw others standing around the marketplace without work, and said to them, 'You go along to my vineyard and I will pay you whatever is fair.' At that they left.

"Around noon and again in the mid-afternoon, the owner came out and did the same. Finally, going out late in the afternoon, the owner found still others standing around and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?' 'No one has hired us,' they replied.

"The owner said, 'You go to my vineyard, too.'

"When evening came, the owner said to the overseer, 'Call the workers and give them their pay, but begin with the last group and end with the first.' When those hired late in the afternoon came up, they received a full day's pay, and when the first group appeared they assumed they would get more. Yet they all received the same daily wage.

"Thereupon they complained to the owner, 'This last group did only an hour's work, but you've put them on the same basis as those who worked a full day in the scorching heat.' 'My friends,' said the owner to those who voiced this complaint, 'I do you no injustice. You agreed on the usual wage, didn't you? Take your pay and go home. I intend to give this worker who was hired last the same pay as you. I'm free to do as I please with my money, aren't I? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

"Thus the last will be first and the first will be last."

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## ECHO

"LET IT BE"

And when the night is cloud-y there is still a light that shines\_\_ on me, shine un-til to-  
mor-row, let it be.\_\_ I wake up to the sound of mu sic  
Mo-ther Ma - ry comes\_\_ to me, speak-ing words of wis - dom, let it be.\_\_  
Let it be\_\_ let it be let it be\_\_ let it be  
whis - per words of wis - dom let it be.\_\_

*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.*

## SERMON

THE REV. MATT LINCOLN

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

KRISTA SEDDON, PIANO

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

NEW ZEALAND (MAORI) CREED

*The following creed is from the Book of Common Prayer of New Zealand 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.*

**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.**

## 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!

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

*\*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 Henri Frederic Amiel (1821-1881).*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"WHAT COMFORT CAN OUR WORSHIP BRING" BY ADAM TICE/BLAKE HENSON

What comfort can our worship bring on bleak and empty days  
To those who cannot bear to sing when pain is missed in praise?  
What sorrow can we dare to own, what anger, loss and fears?  
Not just in joy is God made known, but also in our tears.

O God, hear every longing sigh as voices rise and strain  
And meet us in that honest cry where praise is voiced in pain  
And meet us in that honest cry where pain is missed in praise.

## CONCLUDING PRAYERS

**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.**

## 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

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

"SHEPHERD OF SOULS, REFRESH AND BLESS"

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen  
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy  
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not  
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the  
 word of grace, in strength of which we  
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with  
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.  
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.  
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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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

"AUTUMN LEAVES" BY JOSEPH KOSMA, ENGLISH LYRICS BY JOHNNY MERCER

## **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](#).

**MONDAY @5 TO 7PM AND THURSDAY @NOON TO 2PM** 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  
*Readers:* Colleen O'Neill, Ansie Baird, Ursie Bankhead  
*Guest Musician:* Harry Fackelman, Saxophone  
*Cyber Sacristan:* Jeffrey Tooke  
*Recording Engineer:* John Hasselback, III

**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