



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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

06.14.2020

## 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.

### PRELUDE

"TURN YOUR RADIO ON" BY ALBERT E. BRUMLEY  
PERFORMED LAST YEAR BY ED WOODS AND THE FREE RANGE BLUEGRASS BAND

### CENTERING PRAYER

Let us pray out loud, together:

**God in the darkness, God beyond our knowing,  
patient creator, seed in secret growing,  
rock of the living water ever flowing  
come and renew us.**

**God in the darkness, God in all our grieving,  
friend of our tears, companion never leaving,  
drawing us past the limits of believing:  
come and renew us.**

**God in the darkness, God of holy dreaming,  
giver of hope, and pledge of our redeeming,  
Spirit of truth, our memory and meaning;  
come and renew us.  
Amen.**

*Cover image: Wheat detail from the "Christ Knocking At The Door" by Gibson Studios on the south side of the Trinity nave.*

*This centering prayer is by Elizabeth J. Smith.*

OPENING HYMN

"YOU WHO DWELL IN THE SHELTER OF THE LORD"



1. You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a -  
 2. Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and  
 3. For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com-mand to



bide in his sha - dow for life, say to the Lord: "My  
 fam - ine will bring you no fear; un - der God's wings your  
 guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will



ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"  
 ref - uge with faith - ful - ness your shield.  
 bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain



"And I will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,



bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the



sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."

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

FIRST READING

EXODUS 19: 2-8A

Three months to the day after their departure from the land of Egypt, the Israelites came to the desert of Sinai. They had traveled from Rephidim into the desert of Sinai and camped there, in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God, and God called out from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob, what you are to tell the Israelites: 'You saw for yourselves what I did to Egypt, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. If you now listen to my voice and keep my covenant, then out of all people you will be my cherished ones. Truly, the whole earth is my own, but you will be a kingdom of priests—a holy nation. These are the words you are to say to the Israelites.'" Moses descended from the mountain. Summoning the elders of the people, he laid down for them the things God said to him. The people answered with one voice: "What God has said, we will do."

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## ECHO

“MY SWEET LORD”



My sweet Lord, ooh, my Lord, ooh, my Lord.

I real-ly want to see you. Real-ly wan-na be with you. Real-ly wan-na see you, Lord but it takes  
I real-ly want to know you. Real-ly wan-na go with you. I real-ly wan-na show you, Lord that it won't

so long my Lord. My sweet Lord, ooh, my Lord, ooh, my Lord.  
take long my Lord. My sweet Lord, ooh, my Lord, ooh, my Lord.

*Why hasn't this George Harrison song been part of our repertoire all along? It was first recorded and released by Billy Preston and soon after by Harrison himself, in 1970.*

## MIDDLE READING

“TODAY, WHEN I COULD DO NOTHING” BY JANE HIRSHFIELD

*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.*

*Poet Jane Hirshfield (b. 1953) is an award-winning poet, inspired by both Eastern and Western traditions. She has also translated the work of early women poets. Hirshfield studied Zen Buddhism for eight years. “I don't think poetry is based just on poetry; it is based on a thoroughly lived life. And so I couldn't just decide I was going to write no matter what; I first had to find out what it means to live.”*

Today, when I could do nothing,  
I saved an ant.  
It must have come in with the morning paper,  
still being delivered  
to those who shelter in place.  
A morning paper is still an essential service.  
I am not an essential service.  
I have coffee and books,  
time,  
a garden,  
silence enough to fill cisterns.  
It must have first walked  
the morning paper, as if loosened ink  
taking the shape of an ant.  
Then across the laptop computer — warm —  
then onto the back of a cushion.  
Small black ant, alone,  
crossing a navy cushion,  
moving steadily because that is what it could do.  
Set outside in the sun,  
it could not have found again its nest.  
What then did I save?  
It did not move as if it was frightened,  
even while walking my hand,  
which moved it through swiftness and air.  
Ant, alone, without companions,  
whose ant-heart I could not fathom—  
how is your life, I wanted to ask.  
I lifted it, took it outside.  
This first day when I could do nothing,  
contribute nothing  
beyond staying distant from my own kind,  
I did this.

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## THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 9:35-10:8

Jesus continued touring all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of God's reign and curing all kinds of diseases and sicknesses. At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity because they were distressed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Jesus said to the disciples, "The harvest is bountiful but the laborers are few. Beg the overseer of the harvest to send laborers out to bring in the crops."

Jesus summoned the Twelve, and gave them authority to expel unclean spirits and heal sickness and diseases of all kinds.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: the first were Simon, nicknamed Peter (that is, "Rock") and his brother Andrew; then James, ben-Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas; Matthew, the tax collector; James, ben-Alphaeus; Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot; and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus.

These twelve Jesus sent out after giving them the following instructions: "Don't visit Gentile regions, and don't enter a Samaritan town. Go instead to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The reign of heaven has drawn near.' Heal those who are sick, raise the dead, cure leprosy, expel demons. You received freely—now freely give."

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## ECHO

See above

“MY SWEET LORD”

## SERMON

THE REV. MATT LINCOLN

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

*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 Tuesday.*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

### **El Salvador Creed**

**We believe in God,  
who created us free  
and walks with us as we walk  
with others in their struggle  
for liberation.**

**We believe in Christ,  
crucified again in the suffering  
of all humankind,  
a suffering which calls out to the conscience  
of people and nations,  
a suffering which ends in resurrection.**

**We believe in the power of the Spirit,  
capable of inspiring the same compassion  
which has led many  
of our brothers and sisters to sacrifice health,  
wellness, livelihood and life itself  
on behalf of others.**

**We believe in the Church,  
called forth by Jesus and by the Holy Spirit.  
We believe that when two or three of us gather,  
God is in the midst of us.**

**We believe in the Christian community  
where we proclaim our core values  
and through which we practice our faith.**

**We believe in creating and sustaining a Church  
where we pray and reflect on the true circumstance  
of our lives, and share the prophetic,  
priestly and pastoral mission of Jesus.  
In this way we make the dominion of God  
present on earth.**

**We believe in unity in the midst of differences.  
We believe that Christ calls us to communion  
and to live as sisters and brothers.  
We believe that through the marginalized  
and persecuted Christ is calling us to work  
for justice and peace and that their cause is our cause.  
We believe that Christ is also present  
in those who are enslaved by their vices,  
squander their power and money,  
and commit acts of injustice and violence.  
Amen.**

*This creed is modified and adapted for our use from one said at Christ the Savior Church in San Salvador, El Salvador. Christ the Savior Church was destroyed twice by army troops during the country's civil war and this Affirmation of Faith was written and shared by the people of the congregation in the face of that persecution. It is hoped that in voicing this affirmation we are not only engaging in an act of historic and contemporary solidarity with the universal Christian community, we are also being challenged to contemplate what our own core affirmations may be.*

## 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. Also, join the responsive prayer below to remind you of the concerns and events you want to share with God. These words are adapted from the Church of England's *Common Worship*.

At this time, please add your prayers to the comments section on Facebook.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

In a world of change and hope, of fear and entrenched oppression;  
faithful God

**your will be done.**

In times of faithful openness to your will, in times of self-centered greed;  
faithful God

**your will be done.**

In the common life of our society, in prosperity and need;  
faithful God

**your will be done.**

As your Church proclaims your goodness in words and action;  
faithful God

**your will be done.**

Among our friends and in our homes, in our cities and neighborhoods;  
faithful God

**your will be done.**

In our times of joy, in our days of sorrow;  
faithful God

**your will be done.**

In our strengths and triumphs, and when we must face death;  
faithful God

**your will be done.**

In your saints in glory and on the day of Christ's coming;  
faithful God

**your will be done.**

*The Celebrant will conclude the prayers with a final collect.*

**Amen.**

*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.*

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

## MUSICAL RESPONSE

*After a short introduction, we'll sing this once.*

Day by day, day by day,  
Oh, dear Lord, three things I pray:  
To see thee more clearly,  
love thee more dearly,  
follow thee more nearly, day by day.

## THE PEACE

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

## MUSICAL OFFERING

## 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

Let us pray:

**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.**

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

## 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 animated and guides us be with you now and always. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

"ALL MY HOPE ON GOD IS FOUNDED"



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; who else can my  
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -  
3 God's great good-ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep God's wis - dom



1 trust re - new? Still through change and chance God  
2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we  
3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -  
2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's  
3 tend - eth, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -



1 known, grace a - lone calls my heart to be God's own.  
2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.  
3 more from God's store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.

Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt., after Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

Music: *Michael*, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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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

## **SUMMER SERVICES @TRINITY**

Ordinarily, Trinity moves outdoors for the summer starting with the Allentown Art Festival. We all know there's nothing ordinary about this year. So, in the interest of staying connected and sharing what we can of our spiritual life together, here's the plan:

**SUNDAY MORNING @10:30** Continue 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** Continue Zoom gatherings on Sunday night @7pm

**WEDNESDAY @NOON** Continue Zoom gatherings

**THURSDAY @7** Continue Zoom gatherings @7pm

This plan will be in place for the foreseeable future. We may be able to open the church in July or August, but certainly not in any form that we are used to. 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 this summer for spiritual enrichment, please contact the church office to share your ideas and plans for implementation. Also, please continue to read the newsletters to stay informed.

Trinity's other weekly worship services are shared as Zoom meetings online.

Trinity@7 starts at 7pm on Sunday nights and features poetry and jazz.

Wednesday@Noon offers prayer and holy conversation.

12 Steps@Trinity starts at 7pm Thursday nights and offers the wisdom and fellowship of 12-Step Recovery.

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

*Vocal Soloist:* Laura Munson,  
*Readers:* Becca Ballard, Susana Bernhardt, John Fantini  
*Guest Musician:* George Caldwell, Piano  
*Cyber Sacristan:* Jeffrey Tooke  
*Music Mixologist:* Jane Lincoln

**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