

TRINITY BUCKINGHAM CHURCH

*Sharing God's love and serving God's people
with Christ in our hearts and God's work through our hands*



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10 am

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Welcome to Trinity Church!

Welcome to this gathering place, friend and stranger, saint and sinner. Come, with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning; all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness. May our generous God and our compassionate Savior and the life-giving Spirit bless you this day.

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are new to worship in the Episcopal Church, we hope that you will simply enjoy the movement of the service and focus on the message of the Gospel, and not worry too much about what to do or what not to do. In general, we stand to sing, sit to listen and stand or kneel to pray, but please be comfortable. Some people will cross themselves, bow or kneel at different times—this reflects a personal preference and you are encouraged to follow your own.

If you are seeking a church just for today, thank you for celebrating with us and may God be with you as you travel. If you are searching for a new church home and family, know that you are welcome. We wish to greet you today or on your next visit in whatever manner will suit you best. Please leave a visitor's card with the usher/greeter.

Face-to-face worship during a global health crisis continues to present some challenges. Your health and well-being are our highest priority. If you are not feeling well, we ask that you keep some distance from others and refrain from taking the common Cup.

Please help us care for one another by taking your bulletin and any trash with you when you go.

Children are always very welcome at worship services. Please pick up a "Sunday Paper" from the ushers and some crayons. Puzzles and quiet toys are available in a basket in the rear of the church. The nursery is not staffed, but you are welcome to visit it with your child. The audio from the sanctuary is transmitted to the nursery.

Sunday School takes place during the first part of the 10 am service from September to early June.

Leading Worship Today

Presider & Preacher: Nancy Dilliplane

Lay Associate for Liturgy, Music and Spirituality: Martha Dudich

Greeter/Usher: Deb Grant

Chalice: Steve Guidry

Lay Reader: Jeff Kroberger

Psalmist & Intercessor: Deb Grant

Acolyte: Joanne Welker

Altar Guild: Meg Perry & Joanne Welker

Open/Close: Janet Zimmerman/Jill Unger

A/V: Jill Unger

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Gathering Hymn: Here I Am

G Am D⁷ C G D

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em Am C Am Am⁷ D

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

G Am D⁷ C G D

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em Am⁷ C Am G C Am D

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

Salutation:

One: Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

Many: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise:

Frances W. Wile, 1910; alt.

1 All beau-ti - ful the march of days, as sea - sons come and go;
 2 O'er bril-liant fields of spar - kling snow the ra - diant morns un - fold;
 3 O you from whose un - fath - omed law the year in beau - ty flows,

Frances W. Wile, 1910; alt.

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3 O you from whose un - fath - omed law the year in beau - ty flows,

the hand that shaped the rose has formed the crys - tal of the snow,
The sol - emn splen - dors of the night burn bright-ly through the cold.
your - self the splen - did vi - sion seen in crys - tal and in rose,

Has sent the sil - ver frost of heaven, the flow-ing wa - ters sealed,
Life mounts in ev - ery puls - ing vein, love deep-ens 'round the hearth,
The pass - ing days with grace de - clare, and pass-ing nights pro - claim,

And laid a si - lent love - li - ness on hill and wood and field.
And clear-er sounds the an - gel hymn, "Good will to all on earth."
In ev - er-chang - ing words of light, the won - der of your name."

Gathering Prayer for Creationtide

One: The Lord be with you.
Many: **And also with you.**
One: Let us pray.

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the center of this sacred circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayer from the Indigenous Disciples Prayer Book from the office of Native American/Indigenous Ministries of the Episcopal Church

The Blessing and Sending of the Sunday School *From the Book of Common Prayer*

Most gracious and loving God, Father and Mother of us all, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

(To the tune of London Bridge is Falling Down)

God made me and all of you, all of you, all of you. God made me and all of you. God loves us madly!

God made me and skies and seas, lots of trees, bumble bees. God made me and frogs and geese. Bzzz, Ribbit, Honk.

Please be seated for the lessons.

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of suffering, God finally speaks. God does not directly answer Job's questions, but rather emphasizes God's sovereignty over the cosmos, and invites Job to marvel in its beauty. Some things, it may be inferred, are beyond human understanding.

First Lesson

Job 38:1-7

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

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

Psalm 104: 1-9, 25,

1. Bless the Holy One, O my soul; *
O God, how excellent is your greatness;
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.
2. You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak; *
you spread out the heavens like a curtain.
3. You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; *
you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.
4. You make the winds your messengers *
and flames of fire your servants.
5. You have set the earth upon its foundations, *
so that it never shall move at any time.
6. You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; *
the waters stood higher than the mountains.
7. At your rebuke they fled; *
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
8. They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, *
to the places you had appointed for them.
9. You set the limits that they should not pass; *
they shall not again cover the earth.
25. O Holy One, how manifold are your works; *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
37. Halleluia.

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Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, the passage from Hebrews presents Jesus as a great high priest who is obedient to God's plan for the salvation of the world. Through his suffering and death, Jesus has become the source of eternal salvation.

Second Lesson

Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with

the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Anthem: *verse 1 before the Gospel, verse 2 afterwards*



1 Praise and thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, Son of God, to you we give,
2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing, com - fort me in pain and strife;



for you chose to serve cre - a - tion, died that sin - ners all might live.
through my laugh - ter and my weep - ing, lift me to a no - bler life.



Dear Lord Je - sus, guide my way; faith - ful let me day by day
Draw my fer - vent love to you; con - stant hope and faith re - new



fol - low where your steps are lead - ing, find ad - ven - ture, joys ex - ceed - ing!
in your birth, your life and pas - sion, in your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor when he begins to reign. Jesus responds by telling them that the entrance to this reign is through suffering and self-giving service. The cup and baptism to which he refers is his death on the cross, and the death of self that his followers must undergo as well.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 10:35-45

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Reflection

Nancy Burton Dilliplane

Affirmation of Faith for Creationtide *from Wild Goose Worship, the Iona Community*

We believe in God

Whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,

Whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth.

Whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all

and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.

Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,

in God we trust;

And in the name of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves,

in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace;

**To care for the earth and to share in the commonwealth of God's goodness;
To live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the Spirit of love,
and in the company of the faithful so to be the Church,
for the glory of God. Amen.**

Prayers of the People for Creationtide *from the Church of Scotland*

Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

In the beginning, **God was**. Here and now, **God is**. In the future, **God will be**.

Loving God, through your Son you have given us the Church as a community of faith, hope and love, to carry out your work and make disciples of all nations. Give us the desire and the strength to do what pleases you in building your Kingdom here on earth.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer**.

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer**.

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local community and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer**.

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer**.

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer**.

Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer**.

Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help, especially those we name now...

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died especially *N* in whose memory the flowers are given today and those we name now...

Silence

Eternal God, the light of all who know you, come and fill our hearts with your love. Help us speak when many keep silent, help us stand for what is right when many sit in indifference. Increase our faith and charity, until your kingdom comes and heaven and earth rejoice in everlasting glory; through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution of Sins for Creationtide

From Common Worship of the Church of England

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Creator God, we confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of your creation.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us. God, in your mercy, **forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry. God, in your mercy, **forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made. God, in your mercy, **forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven.

God, in your mercy, **forgive us and help us.**

We are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully. Hear our prayer, and in your mercy **forgive us and help us.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

The Offering of our Common Life

Offertory Hymn: Earth and All Stars ~Herbert Brokering Trinity Choir

At God's table, there is food for all who are hungry. If you are seeking God and a deeper knowledge of Jesus Christ, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not baptized, and would like to learn more about what this could mean for you please speak to our rector, Nancy. Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available, please ask the server if you desire either. You may sip from the chalice, or dip your bread using careful hands. If you prefer to receive only the bread, simply bypass the chalice and return to your seat. If you prefer not to receive bread or wine at this time, place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing, or remain seated and honor Communion in your heart.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Preparatory Sentences are from Common Worship of the Church of England

One: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Many: **Blessed be God for ever.**

One: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Many: **Blessed be God for ever.**

One: Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed, by whose love heaven is opened, by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

Many: **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer is adapted from the New Zealand Prayer Book and used with the Bishop's permission during Creationtide.

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts
Many: **We lift them to the Lord.**
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Many: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right and the joy of our salvation, O God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ. You said, "Let there be light" and there was light. Your light shines on in our darkness. For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms.

You created us to hear your Word, to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love. It is right to thank you.

You sent Jesus to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know. He gave his life to release us from our sins.

You sent your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church.

Day by day you call us to be one people, to be your people. Day by day you call us to feed the hungry, heal the sick, deliver the oppressed, care for this good earth and to wait and watch for your kingdom.

Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling and with loving and joyful hearts we sing:

Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy from Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, most holy, in Jesus, who washed his disciples' feet. "I am among you," he said, "as one who serves."

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me."

After supper, he took the cup and gave you thanks. He gave it to them and said: "Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin: do this to remember me."

Therefore, with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us.

God of the past and present, we your people remember your Son. We thank you for his life, his cross and his rising again, and we take courage from his ascension. We look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. And send your Holy Spirit upon us also, that we who receive Christ's Body may indeed be the Body of Christ and we who share his cup may draw strength from the one true vine.

You call us to follow Christ; help us to reconcile and unite.

You call us to share in the world's suffering; give us hope in our calling.

For you, the Heavenly One, make all things new;

You are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

Praise, glory and love be yours, from us and from all people, here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit we now pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ;

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, **grant us peace.**

The Communion of the People

Prayer following Communion

God of abundance, we thank you for refreshing us through this feast, the body and blood of your Son. Open our eyes to see, our lips to praise and our hands to share. May our feet tread lightly on this good earth, and our footsteps be worthy of following, because they lead to you. Amen.

Blessing

Deep peace of the running wave to you,

Deep peace of the flowing air to you,

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,

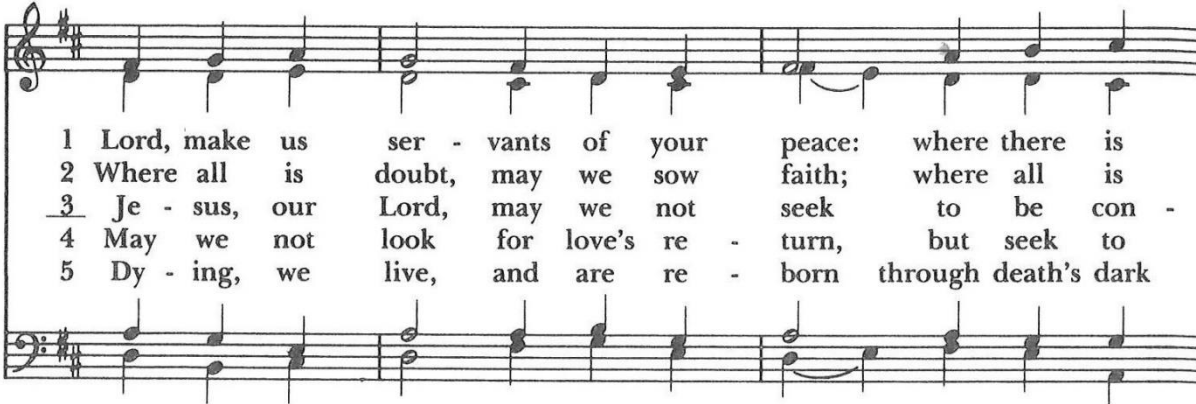
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,

Deep peace of the gentle night to you

Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,

Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world, to you. *Amen.*

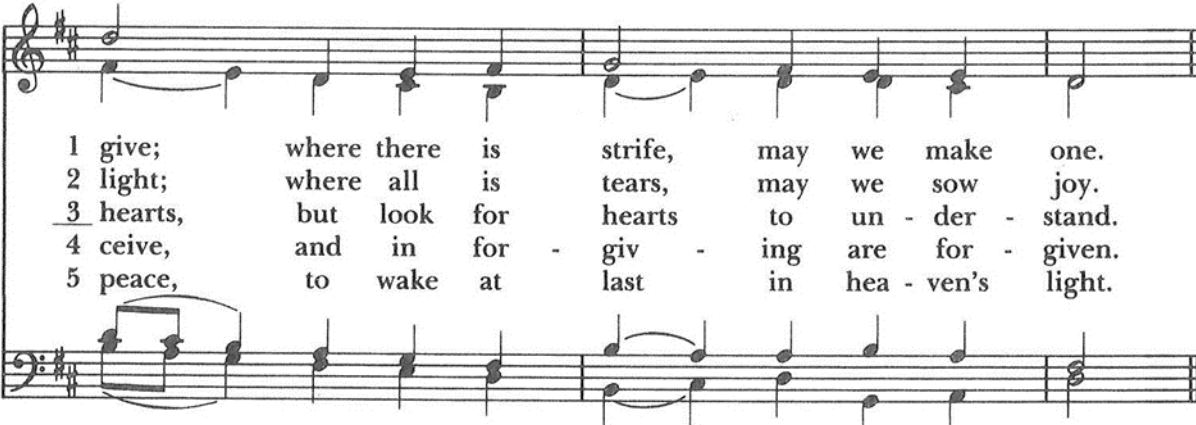
Sending Hymn Lord Make us Servants of Your Peace ~James Quinn



1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark



1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your



1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



The flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory of son, Michael Downs,
by parents Carol and Steve Downs.