

Holy Eucharist / 11:15am

December 8, 2024

JOY LET PEACE
MERCY EVERY HEART GRACE
PREPARE
WONDER HIM LOVE
ROOM

 Trinity Church

Welcome to Trinity Church

We're an Episcopal parish where all are invited to participate in the life of our community. Worship is at the heart of everything we do. It opens us to the wondrous reality of our loving God, gathering and focusing us on what matters.

Together we put our faith into practice. In our homes, at work and school, and in all our civic endeavors, we follow Jesus by serving our neighbors. We believe church at its best is an expression of God's justice-oriented love in the world.

We're glad you're here and hope you will encounter and be transformed by the presence of God in Jesus Christ. Take part in a way that's comfortable for you. If you're new to Trinity, please introduce yourself to a member of the clergy. And everyone is warmly invited to coffee hour in Parish Hall following the service — an usher will show you the way.

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

Advent

In the Episcopal Church, the season of Advent marks the beginning of the new liturgical year. The name of the four-Sunday season originates from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning “to approach.” During Advent, Christians joyfully await the coming of Jesus, a celebration commemorated on the feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, also known as Christmas Day. The season is full of expectation and preparation, not only for Christ's incarnation, but also for his promised “second coming” in majesty.

Preparation

Prelude

Sechs Sprüche, Op. 79: V. Im Advent

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Lasset uns frohlocken, es nahet der Heiland, den Gott uns verheißen.

Der Name des Herrn sei gelobet in Ewigkeit. Halleluja!

Let us rejoice: the Savior whom God has promised us is near.

The Name of the Lord be praised for ever. Hallelujah!

—Anonymous, after Psalm 113:2

Opening Acclamation

Psalm 130:5*

At the sound of the bell, please stand and turn to face the procession.

Celebrant My soul is waiting for the Lord.

People In God's word is my hope.

Opening Hymn

H 76, vv. 1–2

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make

noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.

Station at the Advent Wreath

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A member of the parish lights the second candle on the Advent Wreath.

Celebrant Give light to our eyes, and peace to our hearts.

People May Christ find us watching and waiting in joy.

All O God, as light comes from this candle,
may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us,
warming our hearts and brightening our way.
May Christ our Savior bring life and light
into the darkness of this world. Amen.

Opening Hymn (continued)

H76, vv. 3-5

3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Summary of the Law

Matthew 22:37-40

BCP p. 319*

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 352

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

All **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

Trisagion

HS100

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
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up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 211

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Word of God

The First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

Reader A Reading from the Book of Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle

The Song of Zechariah

BCP p. 92

- Leader* Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
- People* **He has raised up for us a mighty savior, ***
born of the house of his servant David.
- Leader* Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
- People* **He promised to show mercy to our fathers ***
and to remember his holy covenant.
- Leader* This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- People* **Free to worship him without fear, ***
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
- Leader* You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- People* **To give his people knowledge of salvation ***
by the forgiveness of their sins.
- Leader* In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- People* **To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, ***
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The Second Reading

Philippians 1:3–11

Reader A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

H 56, v. 5*

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel as it passes.

O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
high, and close the path to mis - er - y. Re - jice! Re - jice!
Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1–6

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

At the invitation of the Preacher, please be seated.

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Please stand.

Celebrant Let us stand and profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

ICP p. 3/BCP p. 395

Leader As the Church universal celebrates the beginning of its New Year, let us lift up our prayers to God for the needs of all people everywhere.

Silence

We pray for the peace of the world, that our instruments of war may be transformed into instruments of peace, and that nations shall cease to learn war anymore.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for the Church, that we may become more and more a means of grace and peace in the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for the strength to cast off the works of darkness, that we may be enlightened through our service of others.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for all who are in need, that they may know the healing power of Christ's love. We pray for all those who have been commended to our prayers, and especially those we now name before you.

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for this congregation, that we may put on the armor of light and share Christ's love in the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for the souls of all the departed, that they may rest in God's eternal peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you": Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

BCP p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome

Please be seated.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

“For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.” —1 Chronicles 29:14

Offerings at Trinity are applied to the care of our neighbors; particularly to our food assistance ministries Compassion Meals and Compassion Market, and in support of other food banks across lower Manhattan. Last year we were able to provide more than 2.4 million meals for our food insecure neighbors. (TrinityChurchNYC.org/social-justice/food-assistance)

Please place your gift in the basket at the rear of the nave before or after the service, or visit TrinityChurchNYC.org/donate for additional ways to give. Gifts received are blessed immediately after the service with this prayer: Generous God, at your table we present this money, symbol of the work you have given us to do; use it, use us, in the service of your world to the glory of your name. Amen.

Offertory Anthem

Alma Redemptoris Mater

Gregorian chant, arr. Robert Benson (b. 1942)

Alma Redemptoris Mater,
quae pervia caeli porta manes et stella maris:
succurre cadenti surgere qui curat populo.
Tu quae genuisti, natura mirante,
tuum sanctum Genitorem:
Virgo prius ac posterius,
Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud Ave,
peccatorum miserere.

*Kind Mother of the Redeemer,
our open gateway to heaven and star of the sea:
help your fallen people who strive to rise again.
You who gave birth to your holy Son
while all nature marvelled:
Ever Virgin Mother,
who received God's greeting from the mouth of Gabriel,
have mercy on us sinners.*

—Antiphon to the Blessed Virgin Mary from Advent to the Feast of the Purification

Censing of the Gifts

Please stand.

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as incense.

—Psalm 141:2

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP p. 367/p. 378

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus

HS 124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

Please continue standing or kneel.

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

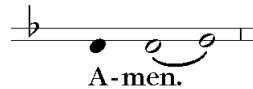
Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All



The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 363

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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.**

The Fraction and Invitation

BCP p. 364/St. Augustine (1 Corinthians)

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Behold what you are.
People **May we become what we receive.**

Please be seated.

Clergy will distribute communion from stations in front of the altar. If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher or sacristan know.

It is our custom to receive the bread in the upturned palms of our hands, and eat it immediately. Gluten-free wafers are available; please let the minister know that you need one.

Those who wish to receive wine should partake by sipping directly from the chalice (intincting, or dipping one's wafer into the wine, is no longer permitted). Please use your hands to gently assist the server in guiding the chalice to your lips.

If you do not wish to receive communion you are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, indicating your desire by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Anthem

Comfort Ye My People

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

Comfort, comfort ye my people,
speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness
mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them;
tell her that her sins I cover,
and her warfare now is over.

Hark, the voice of one that crieth
in the desert far and near,
calling us to new repentance
since the kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him,
and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked,
make the rougher places plain:
let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
now o'er earth is shed abroad;
and all flesh shall see the token
that the word is never broken.

—Johann Olearius (1611–1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878), alt.

Communion Hymn

H314

Sung by all. Please stand at the last verse.



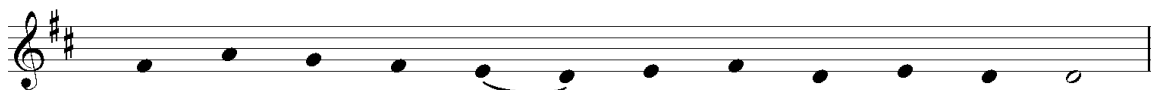
1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;
4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,



1 who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
2 faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.
3 liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,
4 what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:



1 lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
2 I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;
3 grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,
4 face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,



1 tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
2 what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.
3 to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.
4 in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

All Eternal God, heavenly Father,
**you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

BOS p. 11

Celebrant May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and
remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Please turn to face the procession as it passes.

Closing Hymn

H 59

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end-ing a - ges run.

Dismissal

BCP p. 366

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

If you would like to remain in your seat to listen to the Postlude, please do.

Postlude

Glagolitic Mass: Organ Solo

Leoš Janáček (1854–1928)

Service Music

Opening Hymn (H 76)

Words: Charles Coffin (1676–1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867–1944), after John Chandler (1806–1876), alt.

Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889), alt.

Gradual (H 56)

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale*, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811–1890)

Sanctus and Benedictus (HS 124)

Music: from *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

Communion Hymn (H 314)

Words: Att. Thomas Aquinas (c. 1225–1274); sts. 1–3, tr. *Hymnal 1940*; st. 4, tr. *Hymnal 1982*

Music: *Adoro devote*, French church melody, Mode 5, *Processionale*, 1697

Closing Hymn (H 59)

Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt.

Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

GIVING TREE

Make a child's wish come true this Christmas.

Trinity is collecting gifts for children whose families are served by our Compassion Ministries and children of incarcerated parents.

When you exit the church today, or when you go to coffee hour, you'll see the Giving Tree. This is an annual tradition at Trinity, and this year our goal is to collect 670 gifts for our neighborhood children.

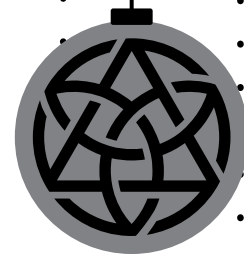
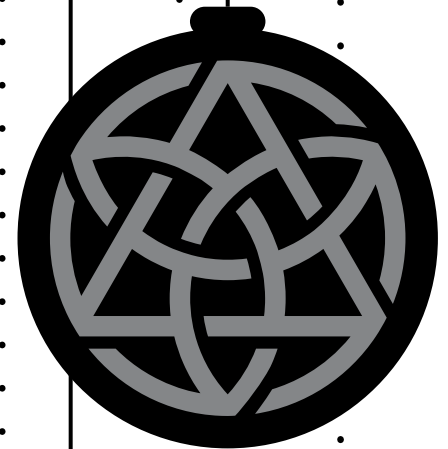
Here's how it works:

- Visit the Giving Tree at the back of the church or in the Parish Hall.
- Select a two-part gift tag, which will include a child's name, age, and their Christmas wish.
- Keep **card #1** with the gift information. Add your name and contact information to **card #2** and place it in the black box by the Giving Tree.
- Shop for gifts and return them unwrapped to the collection box in 76 Trinity Place lobby by December 16 at the latest. Please make sure to attach **card #1** to your gifts.
- If you shop online and would like to mail the gift, write in the delivery instructions, "Giving Tree" and the five-digit number you see on the **card #1**. Send your gift to 76 Trinity Place, New York, NY 10006.

There is no limit to the number of Giving Tree tags you may take!

Please encourage colleagues, friends, and family to make a child's wish come true!

We are counting on you to help us continue the welcoming spirit that is so meaningful to our new neighbors in New York City. These gifts will be given to parents so they can give them to their children on Christmas day. With your help, we will grant the wishes of **670 children** this season. Thank you for your generosity. **We can do it, Trinity Family!**



December *Volunteer Opportunities*

Join us in serving our neighbors this Advent season.



NEIGHBORHOOD MEALS

Serve food and greet guests from our Lower Manhattan community

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SATURDAY

**Quinceañera
Celebration
Dinner**

3–8pm

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SUNDAY

**Christmas Dinner/
Cena Familiar
de Navidad**

1–4:30pm
4–8pm

CHRISTMAS FOOD PANTRY

Pack and distribute holiday favorites to our neighbors in need

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WEDNESDAY

Pack Food

11am–1pm

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THURSDAY

Distribute Food

11am–1:30pm

THE GIVING TREE

Help parishioners select gift tags, and wrap and distribute gifts for our new neighbors

1,8

SUNDAYS

**Giving Tree
Attendant**

Following church
services

19

THURSDAY

**Gift-Wrapping
Party**

5–8pm

22

SUNDAY

Gift Distribution

2–5pm

To sign up,
email Volunteer@TrinityChurchNYC.org

Sunday at *Trinity*

Worship, community, connection. That's what's on here at Trinity Church, Sundays and every day. Stick around for an afternoon concert, head to Trinity Commons for a class, or stop by coffee hour after the service. We hope to see you.

Every *Sunday*

9am–1pm **Childcare**
Trinity Commons mezzanine
Childcare for infants and toddlers is offered during the 9am and 11:15am services, as well as the 10am programs. Ask an usher to show you the way.

10am **Discovery Faith Education**
Trinity Commons 2nd floor
Join a community discussion where ideas become action. Together, we'll talk about God, the Bible, and how our faith shapes the way we show up in our everyday lives.

Bible & Bagels
Trinity Commons 5th floor
Middle and high schoolers can ask questions and join discussion about the Bible, Christianity, and The Episcopal Church.

Sunday School
Trinity Commons mezzanine
Two-year-olds through fifth graders and their families are invited to learn and play together in peer-grouped classes.

11am–1pm **Open Gym**
Trinity Commons 4th floor
Families and parishioners can play together and bond as a community while participating in a wide array of activities including basketball, pickleball, volleyball, soccer, badminton, open play, stretching, and more.

Happening *Today*

DISCOVERY
The Love That Is God
10am, Trinity Commons Parish Hall and online

In this season of Advent waiting, join Dr. Frederick Christian Bauerschmidt, author of *The Love That Is God*, to explore the radical and subversive claim at the heart of Christianity: God is love.

Newcomers Brunch
12:30–2pm, Trinity Commons Parish Hall

Want to find your place at Trinity? Whether you're new here or have been coming to church for a long time, you're invited to brunch! Come meet new people and hear about opportunities to get involved, from worship to faith education, outreach to fellowship and more. We'll have live music from JAZZ HOUSE KIDS.

Trinity Knitters
12:30–2:30pm, Trinity Commons Third Floor

Everyone is invited to join a welcoming group that knits and crochets together. We'll talk about our projects, share advice, and enjoy one another's company!

LGBTQ+ Ministry Listening Session
1–2pm, Trinity Commons Second Floor

Join a parishioner-led ministry that offers a space to discuss the issues, concerns, and roles of LGBTQ+ people in a supportive faith community. Today we'll share ideas and plan future activities for the group.

Stay and Chat
Linger awhile after service. Everyone is invited to talk with clergy and staff or take an augmented reality tour of the church and grounds. Feel free to ask questions; we're here to answer them.



Grab a Coffee
Following the 9am and 11:15am Sunday services, take a stroll across the bridge just behind the church and join us for a cup of coffee at Trinity Commons.
We'd love to meet you!

Every Week

WEEKDAYS

2:30–6pm **Trinity Youth Afterschool**
Trinity Commons
On holiday break
December 12–January 20

WEDNESDAYS

1pm **Catch Your Breath**
Trinity Church

5:30pm **Contemplative Eucharist**
Trinity Church

6pm **Trinity Youth Group**
Trinity Commons
Returning in January

6:30pm **Contemplative Practice with Poetry**
Online

THURSDAYS

9:30am–3pm **New Beginnings**
Trinity Commons

3:30–5pm **Knit Together**
Trinity Commons
Returning in January

FRIDAYS

6pm **Book Club**
Online

This Week

Trinity Youth Afterschool Holiday Open House

Wednesday, December 11, 5pm
Trinity Commons

Trinity Youth members and their families are invited to celebrate the winter holidays at Trinity Afterschool! Join us for festive activities, including a feel-good holiday movie, cookie and ornament decorating, musical performances from JAZZ HOUSE KiDS and Trinity Youth Chorus, and more. Register at TrinityChurchNYC.org/AfterschoolHoliday.

Living with Loss

Wednesdays through December 18,
6:30–8pm, online

If you're walking through grief this season, you don't have to do it alone. Find support in a professionally facilitated online group

that makes space for reflection. Learn more and register at TrinityChurchNYC.org/loss.

Handel's Messiah

December 11–13, 7pm
Trinity Church

Acclaimed British conductor and Baroque specialist Jane Glover serves as guest conductor for this year's much-anticipated *Messiah*. Didn't get tickets? Tune in to a livestream of the December 13 performance on Trinity's YouTube channel. Learn more at TrinityChurchNYC.org/Messiah.

Christmas Flower Dedications

Due Sunday, December 8

Christmas flowers may be dedicated in the name of loved ones by making a donation at trinity.givingfire.com. Select "Christmas Flowers" as the fund and list names for dedication in the "Optional Comments" section — or contact Flowers@TrinityChurchNYC.org to submit payment by check.

Upcoming

Trinity Young Adults Sunday Brunch

*Sunday, December 15, 12:30–3pm
Trinity Commons*

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join the Trinity Young Adults group for brunch following the 11:15am service. If you'd like to join next Sunday, meet in the back of the church following the service and we'll head to brunch at a local restaurant. To RSVP and learn about future events, email YoungAdults@trinitywallstreet.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Christmas Dinner

*Sunday, December 15
1–4:30pm and 4–8pm*

Volunteers are needed to serve food and greet guests at Trinity's Christmas Dinner/Cena Familiar de Navidad, where we'll welcome neighbors served by our Compassion Ministries. For more information, contact Helen He at Volunteer@TrinityChurchNYC.org.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

*Sunday, December 15, 4pm
Church of the Intercession*

For more than 100 years, the Church of the Intercession in Washington Heights, formerly a Trinity chapel, has hosted a festive annual reading of "A Visit from St. Nicholas," better known as "'Twas the Night Before Christmas." This year, the beloved poem will be read by the Rt. Rev. Matthew F. Heyd, Bishop of the Diocese of New York. The reading will be followed by a procession to the Trinity Cemetery for a short service in memory of Clement Clarke Moore, author of the poem and son of the sixth Trinity Rector Benjamin Moore. For more information, visit intercessionnyc.org.

Comfort at Christmas Eucharist

*Monday, December 16, 6–7:30pm
Trinity Church*

Not everyone experiences the holidays as a time of joy and cheer. Find a quiet space for comfort and support in Trinity Church. Join us for meditative music and prayer in a service for those facing grief or loss. For more information, email PastoralCare@TrinityChurchNYC.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Christmas Food Pantry

*December 18, 11am–1pm
December 19, 11am–1:30pm
St. Paul's Chapel*

Help us make the season a bit brighter for our Lower Manhattan neighbors in need. Trinity is providing free holiday staples, and we need volunteers to pack food on December 18 and distribute packed goods on December 19. Please email Helen He at Volunteer@TrinityChurchNYC.org if interested.

Giving Tree Gift-Wrap Party

*Thursday, December 19, 5–8pm
Trinity Commons*

Volunteers needed! Help wrap Christmas presents for children whose families are guests at our Compassion Ministries and children of incarcerated parents. To sign up, contact Maggy Laraque at MLaraque@TrinityChurchNYC.org.

Trinity Youth Chorus Celebrates 20 Years

*Friday, December 20
5pm and 6:30pm, St. Paul's Chapel*

Past and present members of the Trinity Youth Chorus, led by conductor Peyton Marion, come together to sing *A Ceremony of Carols*. The exuberant Benjamin Britten piece juxtaposes ancient and modern influences and is one of our most popular holiday offerings. Learn more at TrinityChurchNYC.org/music.

Sing, Choirs of Angels: Holiday Sing-Along

*Saturday, December 21
2pm and 3:30pm, Trinity Church*

Join us for a holiday sing-along featuring the combined power of all Trinity's vocal groups — Trinity Choir, Trinity Youth Chorus, St. Paul's Chapel Choir, and Trinity's Downtown Voices — NOVUS brass and percussion, The Choirs of the Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC), and, of course, our congregation. Learn more at TrinityChurchNYC.org/music.

Into the Word

*Thursdays, January 30–April 10
6–8pm, Trinity Commons and online*

Have questions about what the Bible is, where it comes from, or its role in today's world? Join an 11-week evening discussion series that goes beyond an ordinary Bible study. Hear from leading scholars about the history and interpretation of the Bible — and think together about how scripture can inform and enrich our everyday lives. To learn more, visit TrinityChurchNYC.org/word2025.

Being With

Begins February 2025, Trinity Commons and online

Join a 10-week course exploring questions about faith, meaning, and purpose through stories shared in community. In February, we'll launch a new session of online and in-person small groups for New Yorkers seeking to make new friends and discover the sacred in their everyday lives. Want to learn more? Fill out our interest form at TrinityChurchNYC.org/beingwith.

Join a Group

Dig deep into scripture, craft, chat, and make lifelong friends in community groups at Trinity Church. Sign up at TrinityChurchNYC.org/Groups.

New Beginnings

Trinity's seniors meet weekly for chair yoga, Bible study, weekday church service, lunch, and tai chi. It's an active and nourishing day together.

Thursdays / 9:45am–3pm

Trinity Young Adults Group

Adults in their 20s and 30s meet monthly for Sunday brunch and Thursday night dinner, plus throughout the year for volunteer opportunities and an annual retreat.

Brunch / 2nd Sundays / Following

11:15am service

Dinner / 3rd Thursdays / 6:30–8:30pm

Trinity Youth Group

Middle and high schoolers meet weekly for dinner and talk about what's on their hearts and minds.

Wednesdays / 6–8pm

Women in Community

Trinity's women meet monthly in fellowship to study scripture, paying particular attention to women in the Bible.

First Sundays / 1pm

Trinity Men

Trinity's men meet to explore what it means to live a life of faith in New York City through social gathering and service opportunities.

Fourth Thursdays / 6:30pm

RETURNING SOON

LGBTQ+ Ministry

Join us to discuss the issues, concerns, and roles of LGBTQ+ people in a supportive faith community.

ParentSpace

Join fellow parents for a supportive conversation about raising children.

Second and Fourth Sundays, 10am

Trinity Knitters

New and experienced knitters gather to work on projects, share advice, and enjoy time together. Trinity Knitters meets twice a month — once online and once at Trinity Commons.

Third Sundays / 12:30–2:30pm

(In Person)

Third Mondays / 6:30–7:30pm (Online)

Knit Together

All are invited to join Trinity Youth for weekly community knitting sessions.

We'll craft cold-weather essentials that will be donated to unhoused LGBTQ+ youth.

Thursdays / 3:30–5pm

Environmental Justice Ministry

Join a passionate group that meets monthly to examine, and act on, the most pressing problems of climate change, through the lens of faith. Hear from special speakers and join service projects in the city.

Upcoming Listening Session:

Sunday, January 12, 1–2:30pm

Prison Ministry

Advocate for criminal justice reform and support those currently incarcerated with a group that meets monthly online. Caring for incarcerated people is a gospel mandate: "I was in prison and you visited me" (Matthew 25:36).

First Thursdays / 6pm

Contemplative Practice with Poetry

Practice guided meditation centered on poetry in weekly online practice led by spiritual directors Dr. Kathy Bozzuti-Jones and John Duell.

Wednesdays / 6:30pm

Poets' Corner

A monthly forum where poets and writers can share their works with an encouraging community of fellow artists.

Third Tuesdays / 7pm

Trinity Book Club

Meet Friday evenings to explore the mysteries of the Christian faith through the medium of literature.

Fridays / 6pm

Become a Member

We welcome your participation in Trinity Church's active and vibrant community of faith. If you have questions about membership or want to learn more about Trinity, email Membership@TrinityChurchNYC.org or call 646-216-6484.

Announcements

Movement Choir Advent Devotionals

The Trinity Movement Choir practices worship through sacred dance, a style of slow, dreamlike choreography that responds to spiritual and social issues. In this Advent season, experience messages of joy and peace through the medium of movement. Watch this week's video at TrinityChurchNYC.org/AdventLove.

Christmas Pageant

Register by December 8

Calling all aspiring shepherds, angels, and barnyard animals — it's time for Trinity's annual Christmas Pageant! Children and youth ages 5–18 are invited to participate in our Nativity play, part of the 3pm Christmas Eve service. Whether you're enrolled in Trinity's Sunday School, Choristers, or Youth programming, there's room in the inn for you! Register at TrinityChurchNYC.org/pageant.

In Our Prayers

We Pray for

Cynthia Cartwright; Evadne Hodge; Susie Edwards; Ivy Gheler; Eileen Hope; Jack Moody; Roland Stewart; Elizabeth Melillo; Roslyn Williams; Patti Bovers; Irene Horvath; Diana Foote; Kris Seeram (father of Mintrani Seeram); Lonny Shockley; Myoung Lee (mother of Joanne Lee); Marilyn Green; George White (brother of Susie Edwards); Gerald Baugh; Antoinette Rose (friend of Beverly Ffolkes-Bryant); Jeanne Grifo (sister of Lynne Grifo); Al DiRaffaele; Anne Alarcon; James Berry; Brendan Cayton; Tom Stachow and family (brother of Judy Stachow); Janice Rocco (mother of Christine Rocco).

Departed

Emery Lantos.

In the Military

Oliver Barnyak (friend of Alex Burns); Randall Middleton, Christine and Sean Reardon (friends of Evadne Hodge); Paul Watson; Michael Dunn; Zane Kupper; Margo Protain (sister of Anesia Protain); Col. Stephen Ryan (friend of Bob Zito); Rob Jones (brother of Megan Jones); Graham Scarbro, USN (nephew of Amy Roy); Perry Brock.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Pray for Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

To add names to the list, email WorshipBulletin@TrinityChurchNYC.org or call 212.602.0800. Names are kept on the list for a month and can be added again upon request.

Congregational Voice

“What man among you would give his son a stone if he should ask for bread? Or if he asks for a fish, would he give him a snake? You are bad and you know how to give good things to your children. How much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask Him?” (Matthew 7:9–11 NLV). This is my favorite verse because we have to meet people where they are to help and care for them.

— TONYA PATTON

To submit a brief reflection to be featured in Congregational Voice, please email [BeverlyFfolkes-Bryant at esmiechild@aol.com](mailto:BeverlyFfolkes-Bryant@esmiechild@aol.com).

Food Assistance

Breakfast, every weekday

Lunch, every day

Dinner, Friday, Trinity Church

We offer free Compassion Meals seven days a week to those in need, served right outside Trinity Church. Volunteer opportunities are available. For schedules and more information, please reach out to Helen He at HHe@TrinityChurchNYC.org.

Compassion Market & Space

Tuesdays, 9–11am

Thursdays, 9:30am–1:30pm

Trinity Commons lower level

Our biweekly food pantry at Trinity Commons offers groceries and essential items, including diapers and clothes. Volunteer opportunities are available. For schedules and more information, please reach out to Helen He at HHe@TrinityChurchNYC.org.

Pastoral Care

In case of illness, a death in the family, or other pastoral emergencies, call 917-488-0717 to reach a member of the Pastoral Care team. For other pastoral needs, call 212-602-0800 and leave a detailed message. Someone will reach out as soon as possible.

Resource Line

Mondays–Fridays, 2–5pm

If you or someone you know needs a helping hand, call 917-594-6300 for our Resource Connections program. Trinity's Outreach team helps guests access housing, legal aid, mental health services, immigration assistance, SNAP benefits, and other services. Learn more at TrinityChurchNYC.org/resourceline.

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LITURGICAL SOURCES

BCP *The Book of Common Prayer*
BOS *The Book of Occasional Services 2022*
CW *Common Worship*
CW:DP *Common Worship: Daily Prayer*
CW:TS *Common Worship: Times and Seasons*
EDC *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church*
EOW *Enriching Our Worship*
ICP *Intercessions for the Christian People*
LFF *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*
NRSV New Revised Standard Version
NZPB *A New Zealand Prayer Book*
RCL *Revised Common Lectionary*
TC Trinity Church staff

MUSICAL SOURCES

H *The Hymnal 1982*
HS *The Hymnal 1982 Service Music*
LEVAS *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*
MHSO *My Heart Sings Out*
WLP *Wonder, Love, and Praise*

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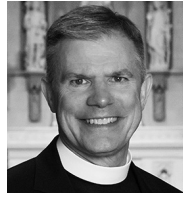
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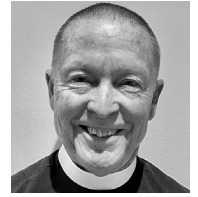
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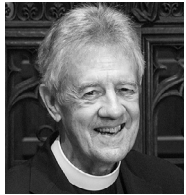
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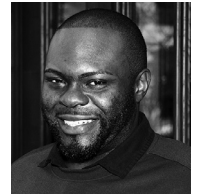
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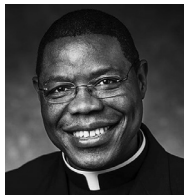
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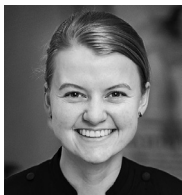
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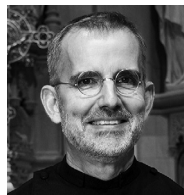
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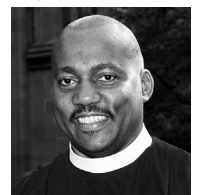
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WORSHIP

Sundays

8am, 9am, 11:15am[†]

Holy Eucharist

Trinity Church

7pm | Compline by Candlelight
St. Paul's Chapel

Weekdays

9am | Morning Prayer

12:05pm[†] | Holy Eucharist

Trinity Church

Wednesdays

5:30pm

Contemplative Eucharist

Trinity Church

Weekdays Online[‡]

8:15am | Morning Prayer

5:15pm | Evening Prayer

[†] Livestreamed and available
on demand

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