

Holy Eucharist / 11:15am

December 15, 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.

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ABOUT THIS SERVICE

## Christ's Ministry of Healing

Healing people's sickness, wounds, hurts, and brokenness was a principal feature of Jesus' ministry, and Christians have always sought the ministry of the living Christ for our healing, including relying on those to whom God has given gifts in the medical professions. But prayer is a part of the healing process too, and offering your prayers to God in your search for healing is certainly appropriate.

We believe that Jesus' offering of himself for the salvation of the world was and is his great act of healing, and the power of that act is extended to us every time we celebrate the Holy Eucharist and receive Communion. Herein is Christ's primary ministry of healing to us: given day in and day out to his people.

At Trinity Church we especially offer prayers for healing and wholeness at the conclusion of the 11:15 service on the third Sunday of the month. After receiving Communion, those who wish may come to the Chapel of All Saints for laying on of hands and anointing with holy oil (unction) by the clergy.

# Preparation

## Prelude

Virga Jesse, WAB 52

Anton Bruckner (1824–1896)

Virga Jesse floruit:  
Virgo Deum et hominem genuit:  
pacem Deus reddidit,  
in se reconcilians  
ima summis.  
Alleluja.

*The branch from Jesse blooms:  
a Virgin brings forth God and man:  
God restores peace,  
reconciling in himself  
the lowest with the highest.  
Alleluia.*

—Alleluia at the Feast of the Annunciation, after Isaiah 11:1

## 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 65, vv. 1-2

1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.

Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.

*Refrain*  
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

## Station at the Advent Wreath

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*A member of the parish lights the third 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)

H 65, v. 3



3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

# 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

HS 100

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -  
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,  
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy  
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. 212

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# The Word of God

## The First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14–20

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Canticle

The First Song of Isaiah

BCP p. 86

*Leader* Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

*People* **For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.**

*Leader* Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.

*People* **And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

*Leader* Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

*People* **Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.**

*Leader* Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.



# The Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

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

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

# Gradual

H 56, v. 4\*

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

O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

# The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

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

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

*Deacon* John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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.

# Litany of Healing

BOS p. 219\*

*Leader* Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

*The People name those for whom they are interceding, either silently or aloud.*

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

*People* **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

*Leader* God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

*People* **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

*Leader* God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

*People* **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

*Leader* Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

*People* **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

*Leader* Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or infirm, that they may be made whole;

*People* **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

*Leader* Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

*People* **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

*Leader* Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

*People* **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

*Leader* Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

*People* **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

*Leader* Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

*People* **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

*Leader* Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

*People* **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

*Leader* You are the Lord who does wonders:

*People* **You have declared your power among the peoples.**

*Leader* With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

*People* **And in your light we see light.**

*Leader* Hear us, O Lord of life:

*People* **Heal us, and make us whole.**

*Leader* Let us pray.

*A period of silence follows.*

*Celebrant* Almighty God, giver of life and health: Send your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns for ever and 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 Commissioning of our Pilgrims to South Africa

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*The pilgrims come forward.*

*Priest* Dear Friends: From the beginning of time, God has led people on pilgrimages to holy places. The patriarchs—Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—and matriarchs—Sarah, Rebekah, Leah, and Rachel—each traveled at the Lord’s behest. Moses and the people of Israel were led from bondage in Egypt through the Red Sea into the wilderness and on to the promised land. Later, the Magi were led by the Star of Bethlehem to the birthplace of our Lord. And Jesus, as a boy, traveled with the Blessed Virgin Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to the holy city of Jerusalem.

Now it is your turn. You have been called to a pilgrimage. A pilgrimage is a sacred expedition, a holy trip, where the interior journey is as important as the exterior one. Do you give yourselves to this pilgrimage?

*Pilgrims* We do, and we commit ourselves to seeking Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*People* **Almighty and merciful God,  
be present with our people  
as they follow the footsteps of your servant,  
Archbishop Desmond Tutu,  
and his teachings of justice, forgiveness, and peace.  
Watch over them as they travel  
and guide them by your Spirit,  
that they may find the deep communion they seek with you.  
At the conclusion of their journey,  
bring them back safely to us,  
filled with your love and inspired by your peace.  
All this we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Priest* May the reconciling spirit of Christ Jesus confirm your hearts in love, in justice, and in peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you on this journey and always.

*All* **Amen.**

# 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

Rejoice in the Lord

Katherine K. Davis (1892–1980)

Rejoice in the Lord always: again do I say, rejoice.  
Be careful in nothing, or troubled,  
but in all things  
by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving,  
let your requests be made known unto God:  
and the peace of God, that passeth all understanding,  
shall keep your hearts and minds.

—Philippians 4:4–7

## Censing of the Gifts

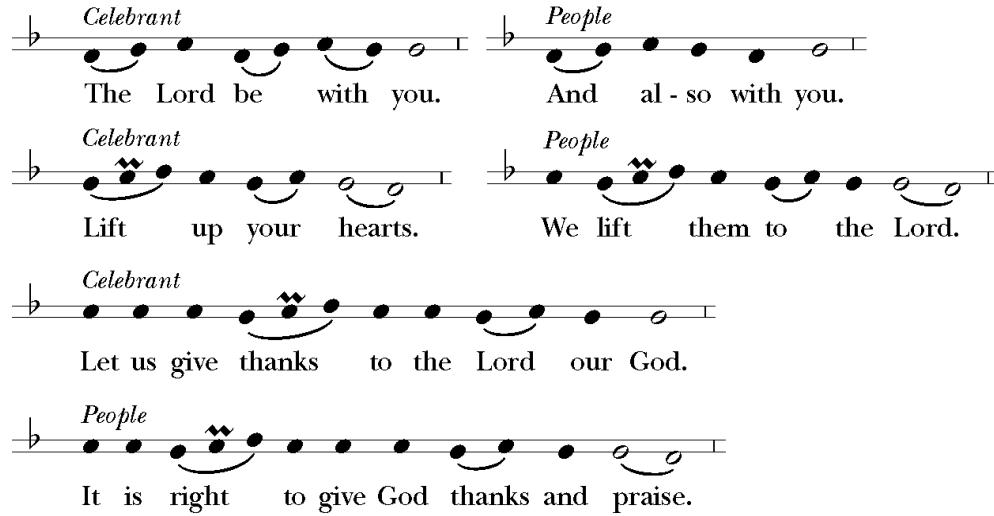
*Please stand.*

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 also with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

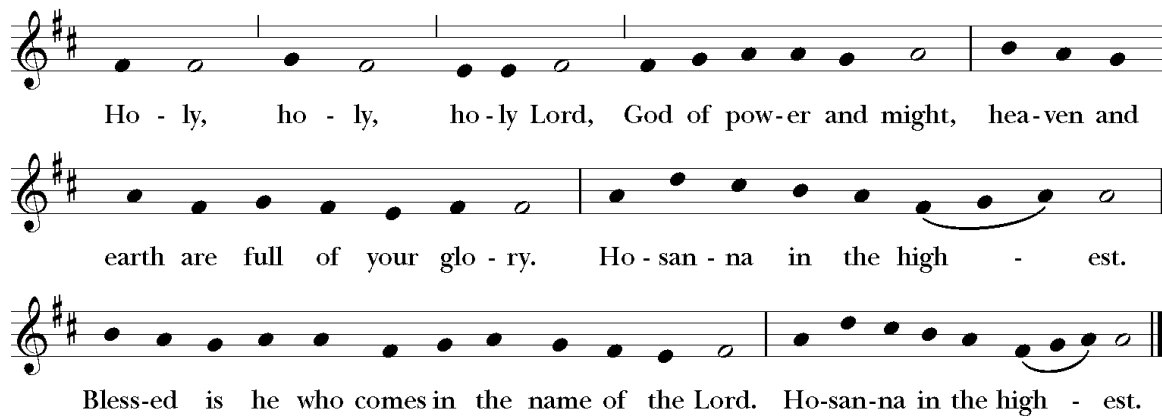
*People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*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."

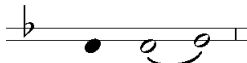
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*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*   
A - men.

## 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.*

## Healing Prayers

*After receiving communion or a blessing, you may go to the Chapel of All Saints for anointing and healing prayers with members of the clergy.*

# Communion Anthem

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz (1919–2009)

Peace be to you and grace from him  
Who freed us from our sins,  
Who loved us all and shed his blood  
That we might savèd be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord,  
The Lord, Almighty God,  
Who was and is and is to come;  
Sing holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,  
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,  
For Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,  
And night shall be no more;  
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,  
For Christ will be their All!

—Ruth Manz (1919–2008), after Revelation 22

# Communion Hymn

H 679

*Sung by all. Please stand at the last verse.*



1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not  
2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing  
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - jice as you draw wa - ter from sal -  
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -  
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the



liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.  
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

## 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

H75



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a  
 2 O \_\_\_\_\_ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee  
 3 but the word of our God \_\_\_\_\_ en - du - reth, the \_\_\_\_\_



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst \_\_\_\_\_ of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The \_\_\_\_\_  
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the  
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
 flowers of the field they \_\_\_\_\_ per - ish, like  
 feed his \_\_\_\_\_ flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of  
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_ may go!  
 na - tions shall \_\_\_\_\_ pass like a dream \_\_\_\_\_ a - way;  
 lead them, and \_\_\_\_\_ bring them \_\_\_\_\_ safe to his fold.

## 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

Symphonie-Passion, Op. 23: I. Le Monde dans l'attente du Saveur  
(*Passion Symphony, Op. 23: I. The World Awaiting the Savior*)

Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

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## Service Music

### Opening Hymn (H 65)

Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772–1847); tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (1920–1999)

Music: *Bereden väg för Herran*, melody from *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697; desc. Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

### 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 679)

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944); para. of *The First Song of Isaiah*

Music: *Thomas Merton*, Ray. W. Urwin (b. 1950)

### Closing Hymn (H 75)

Words: James Lewis Milligan (1876–1961), alt.

Music: *Ascension*, Henry Hugh Bancroft (1904–1988)

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# December *Volunteer Opportunities*



**Join us in serving our neighbors this Advent season.**

This season, over 250 volunteers are participating in our holiday food pantries, Christmas dinners, and Giving Tree drive, and members of our congregation and staff have committed to purchase 670 gifts for children served by our Compassion Ministries and children of incarcerated parents. We've reached these goals by working together, in solidarity with our neighbors.

*Thank you, Trinity community!*

**21** Gift Distribution  
10am–2pm  
SATURDAY

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To sign up,  
email [Volunteer@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:Volunteer@TrinityChurchNYC.org)



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# 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.

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## 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*  
*Returns January 12*

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*  
*Returns January 12*  
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*

### Incarnation Sleepaway Camp Presentation

*10am, Trinity Commons Parish Hall*

Meet representatives from Incarnation Camp in Deep River, CT, and learn about programs for children ages 7–14 plus discounts for Trinity families.

#### 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.

### No 11:15am Coffee Hour

There will be no coffee hour following the 11:15am service this week as we prepare to welcome guests from our Compassion Ministries for a Christmas dinner.

### Trinity Young Adults Sunday Brunch

*12:30–3pm, Offsite*

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join the Trinity Young Adults group for brunch. If you'd like to join, meet in the back of the church following the 11:15am service.

### 'Twas the Night Before Christmas

*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.

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## *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.



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## *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!*

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## Every Week

### WEEKDAYS

2:30– **Trinity Youth  
Afterschool**  
*Trinity Commons*  
*Returns January 21*

### WEDNESDAYS

1pm **Catch Your Breath**  
*Trinity Church*

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

6pm **Trinity Youth Group**  
*Trinity Commons*  
*Returns January 22*

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

### THURSDAYS

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

3:30– **Knit Together**  
*Trinity Commons*  
*Returns January 23*

### FRIDAYS

6pm **Book Club**  
*Online*  
*Returns January 10*

## This Week

### 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](mailto:PastoralCare@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

### Poets' Corner

*Tuesday, December 17, 7–9pm*  
*Trinity Commons*

Come search for the deepest truths in an encouraging community of fellow artists. Everyone is welcome to bring their verses, songs, and other written works to share and discuss with one another in an open forum. RSVP to Helen He at [HHe@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:HHe@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

### 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](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/loss).

### 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](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/music).

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### HOLIDAY SING-ALONG

## Sing, Choirs of Angels

*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](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/music).

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# Upcoming

## PARISH GROUP PRESENTATION

### Trinity Men

*Sunday, December 22, 12:30pm*  
*Trinity Commons*

Come meet the Trinity Men group and hear about what they're doing and how to get involved. Trinity Men meets monthly to explore what it means to live a life of faith in New York City through social gatherings and service opportunities.

### 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. Visit [TrinityChurchNYC.org/word2025](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/word2025) to learn more.

### Being With

*Begins February 2025, 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 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](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/beingwith).

### Trinity Book Club

*Fridays starting January 10*  
*6–7pm, Online*

We meet weekly online to explore the mysteries of the Christian faith through the medium of literature. Join us in 2025 as we discuss *Strength to Love* by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride, and *The Nicene Creed: An Introduction* by Phillip Cary. Learn more: [TrinityChurchNYC.org/bookclub](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/bookclub).

### Discovery Spring 2025

*Sundays, starting January 19*  
*10–11am, Trinity Commons and Online*

The way we read and interpret the Bible — and the questions we ask about what we believe and why — can shape how we show up in the world. This winter and spring, join a community where ideas become action. Together we'll seek answers that challenge us to put faith into practice. Learn more and register at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/DiscoverySpring25](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/DiscoverySpring25).

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# Celebrate *Christmas* with Trinity Church

We warmly invite you to join us this holiday season in worship, community, and song. Learn more at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/Christmas](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/Christmas).

## *Christmas Eve*

### 3pm Family Eucharist

children's Christmas pageant with Trinity Youth Chorus, Trinity Choir, and NOVUS Brass

### 7pm Festival Eucharist

Musical prelude begins 6:45pm with Trinity Choir, St. Paul's Chapel Choir, and NOVUS Brass

### 11pm Candlelight Eucharist

Musical prelude begins 10:45pm with Trinity Choir and a string quartet

### 5pm Solemne Eucaristía de Navidad en español

family-friendly service with Trinity Choir and NOVUS Brass

### 9pm Festival Eucharist

Musical prelude begins 8:45pm with Trinity Choir, Trinity Youth Chorus, and NOVUS Brass

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## *Christmas Day*

### 11:15am Festival Eucharist

with Trinity Choir

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**Note:** From December 24–January 3, there will be no regularly scheduled weekday services (Morning Prayer, 12:05pm Eucharist, Evening Prayer, or Wednesday evening Contemplative Eucharist). On Sunday, December 29, there will be one service at 11:15am.

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# 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](http://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*

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# 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](mailto:Membership@TrinityChurchNYC.org) or call 646-216-6484.

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# Announcements

## Giving Tree Donations Due December 16!

Thank you, Trinity community, for committing to purchase 500 gifts for children served by our Compassion Ministries! If you selected a tag from the tree, please be sure to drop off your unwrapped gift with tag attached by Monday, December 16, at the collection box in the Trinity Commons lobby. For more information, contact Maggy Laraque at [MLaraque@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:MLaraque@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

## 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/AdventPeace](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/AdventPeace).

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# 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); Pat Weiss (friend of Cynthia Cartwright).

## *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 The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

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

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# Congregational Voice

*"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake" (Psalm 23:1-3 NRSV). The twenty-third Psalm is my favorite Bible verse. My great-grandmother raised me, and she used to say it to me daily. Amen!*

— MAXINE LEWIS-BRIGGS

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

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# 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](mailto: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](mailto:HHe@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

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# 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](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/resourceline).

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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*  
MHOS *My Heart Sings Out*  
WLP *Wonder, Love, and Praise*

*An asterisk (\*) denotes that the content has been adapted.*

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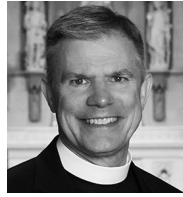
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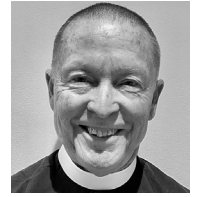
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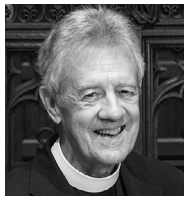
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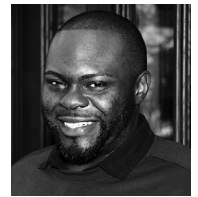
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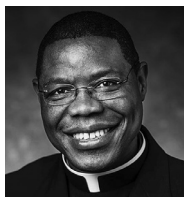
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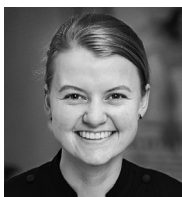
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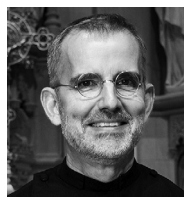
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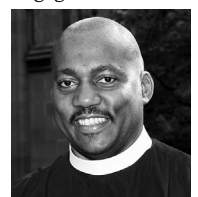
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# Join our Community

Find your people in a parish group, expand your mind in a faith education class, or roll up your sleeves and work with us to create a more just world. We do things together at Trinity Church.



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## WORSHIP

### Sundays

8am, 9am, 11:15am<sup>†</sup>

Holy Eucharist

*Trinity Church*

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

### Weekdays

9am | Morning Prayer

12:05pm<sup>†</sup> | Holy Eucharist

*Trinity Church*

### Wednesdays

5:30pm

Contemplative Eucharist

*Trinity Church*

### Weekdays Online<sup>‡</sup>

8:15am | Morning Prayer

5:15pm | Evening Prayer

<sup>†</sup> Livestreamed and available  
on demand

<sup>‡</sup> To join online prayer, contact  
[Sacristans@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:Sacristans@TrinityChurchNYC.org)

**Childcare for infants and toddlers** is offered during the 9am and 11:15am services and the 10am programs.

*Ask an usher to show you the way.*

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