

Holy Eucharist / 7pm

December 24, 2024



JOY
LOVE
PEACE
GRACE
MERCY
WONDER

“Let every heart prepare him 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.

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The Nativity of our Lord: Christmas Eve

The celebration of Christ's coming among us at Christmas—the Incarnation—is one of the two highest holy days of the Christian year, along with the celebration of his resurrection on Easter. In the Book of Common Prayer, Christmas Day is one of the seven principal feasts. The Christmas season lasts twelve days: from Christmas Day until January 5, the day before the Epiphany.

Christmas is much more than simply the celebration of Jesus' birth: it reminds us of the central truth that “the Word became flesh and lived among us” (John 1:14), fulfilling the prophecy that “the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel—God is with us” (Isaiah 7:14).

Preparation

Prelude

O magnum mysterium

Nicholas White (b. 20th cent.)

O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum jacentem in praesepio.
Beata virgo cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Christum.

*O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the newborn Lord lying in a manger.
Blessed virgin whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord.*

—Responsories at Matins, Christmas Day

The Quiet Heart

June Collin (b. 20th cent.)

'Twas in the stillness of the night that Jesus came;
No blare of trumpets heralded his birth
Nor broke the wonted silence of the earth;
No clang of bells or blatant hue and cry
Disturbed the calm beneath the Bethlehem sky.
When Jesus came 'twas night,
And the world was still.

'Tis to the quiet heart he loves to come:
Not often 'midst the tumult of the day,
When we can find small time to think or pray,
Or when, confused by agitating care,
We find no secret place for him to share.
We must be still if we his voice would hear.
'Tis to the quiet heart he loves to come.

—James Morgan

Sweet, Little Jesus Boy

Robert MacGimsey (1898–1979), arr. Stacey V. Gibbs (b. 1962)

Oh, sweet, little Jesus boy,
born in a manger,
sweet, little holy child,
didn't know who you were.

I didn't know you'd come to save us, Lord,
to take our sins away;
our eyes were blind and couldn't see.
We didn't know who you were.

Long time ago,
they made you be born in a manger,
sweet, little holy child,
we didn't know who you were.

The world treats you mean, Lord,
treats me mean, too,
but that's how it is down here, oh, Lord,
because we didn't know who you were.

—Robert MacGimsey

My Lord Has Come

Will Todd (b. 1970)

Shepherds, called by angels,
called by love and angels;
no place for them but a stable.
My Lord has come.

Sages, searching for stars,
searching for love in heaven;
no place for them but a stable.
My Lord has come.

His love will hold me,
his love will cherish me,
love will cradle me.

Lead me, lead me to see him,
sages and shepherds and angels;
no place for me but a stable.
My Lord has come.

—Will Todd

In Bethlehem Above

Yshani Perinpanayagam (b. 1983)

In Bethlehem above,

a star

pierces the midnight sky to proclaim

the child is born!

Gloria in excelsis Deo! [*Glory to God in the highest!*]

In a stall below,

a babe

fed by a mother loving and brave.

The oxen whisper:

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherd, take knee with king.

Rejoice!

Heaven and earth resound with his glory,

The angels singing:

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

—Yshani Perinpanayagam

Opening Acclamation

CW p. 302*

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

Celebrant The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

People And we beheld his glory.

Opening Hymn

H 83, vv. 1, 3

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, —

come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;
sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;

come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
glo - ry to God, — glo - ry in the high - est;

Refrain
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Blessing of the Crèche

TC

Celebrant God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you made manifest your love within our world: when our need for a savior was great, and the fullness of time had come, you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary, bringing to our lives joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love; bless now this crib, we pray you, by which we recall this most wondrous mystery, and grant that our thoughts may be raised to him who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Opening Hymn (continued)

H 83, v. 6

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; —

Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry giv'n;

Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 212

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Word of God

The First Reading

Isaiah 9:2–7

Reader A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 96:1-4, 11-12

BCP p. 725

Choir Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.

The Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

Reader A Reading from the Letter to Titus.

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

H 96, v. 1

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

An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1–20

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

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

Deacon In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn (continued)

H96, v. 4

See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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

CW:TS p. 81*/BCP p. 393/CW p. 136*

Leader Good and gracious God, in this holy night your Son our Savior was born in human form.
Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader In this holy night Christians the world over are celebrating his birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us today.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader In this holy night there was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader In this holy night strangers found the Holy Family and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader In this holy night heaven is come down to earth and earth is raised to heaven. Keep in safety all those who have died, and receive the worship we offer with all the company of heaven.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader In this holy night your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world, and forgive us for the ways we have contributed to it in thought, word, and deed.

Silence

All **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the Word made flesh, our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and make you holy to serve him in all the world.

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

Mary Had a Baby

Spiritual, arr. Craig Courtney (b. 1948)

Mary had a baby, O Lord,
Mary had a baby, O my Lord,
Mary had a baby, O Lord,
The people keep a-comin' and the train done gone.

Laid Him in a manger, O Lord,
Laid Him in a manger, O my Lord,
They laid Him in a manger, O Lord,
I'm singin' glory, glory, hallelujah.

Shepherds came to see Him, O Lord,
Shepherds came to see Him, O my Lord,
The shepherds came to see Him, O Lord,
I'm singin' glory, glory, hallelujah.

Named Him King Jesus, O Lord,
Named Him King Jesus, O my Lord,
Named Him King Jesus, O Lord,
The people keep a-comin' and the train done gone!

—Traditional

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.

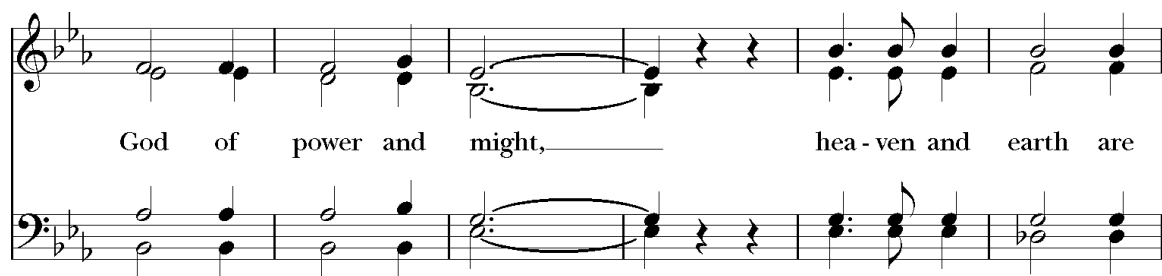
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

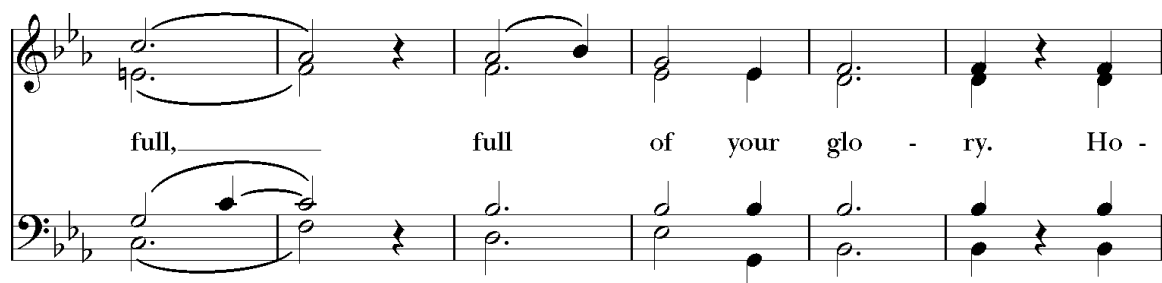
Sanctus and Benedictus

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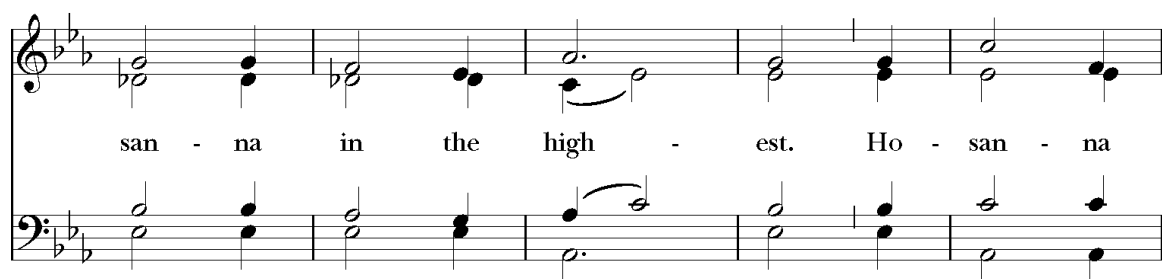
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



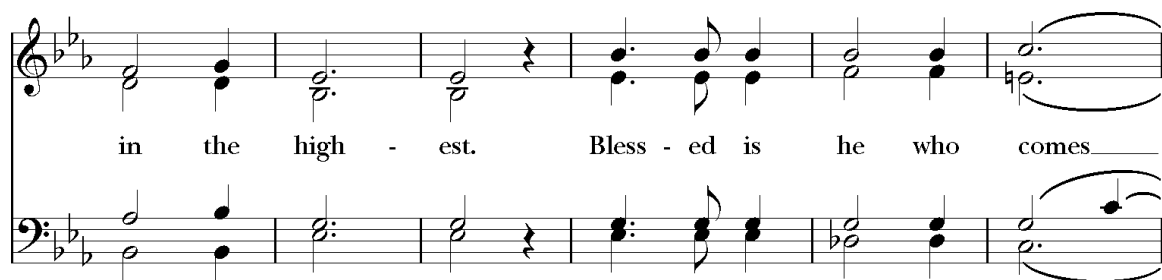
God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are



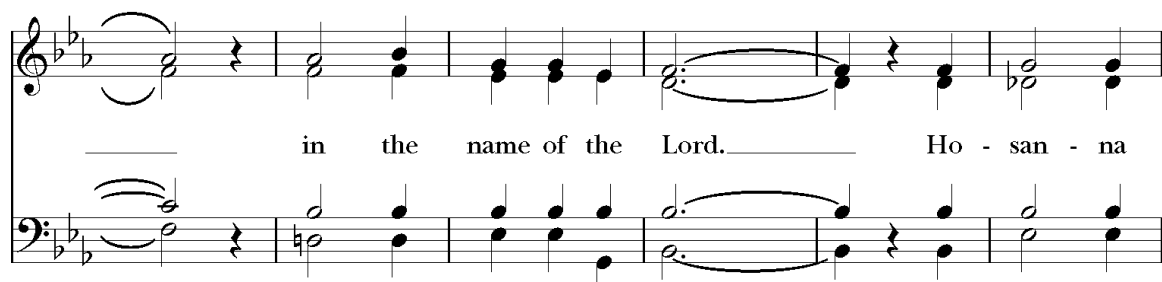
full, full of your glo-ry. Ho-



san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na



in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na



in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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,

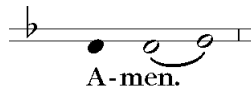
All **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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 Anthems

A Tender Shoot

Kerensa Briggs (b. 1991)

A tender shoot hath started
Up from a root of grace,
As ancient seers imparted,
From Jesse's holy race,
It blooms without a blight,
Blooms in the cold bleak winter,
Turning our darkness into light.

This shoot Isaiah taught us
From Jesse's root should spring;
The Virgin Mary brought us
The branch of which we sing;
Our God of endless might
Gave her this child to save us,
Thus turning darkness into light.

—German, 15th cent.; versified Otto Goldschmidt (1829–1907); tr. William Bartholomew (1793–1867)

Ave Maria

R. Nathaniel Dett (1882–1943)

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
Et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

Sancta Maria, mater Dei,
Ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
Ave Maria, ora pro nobis,
Nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.

*Holy Mary, mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Hail Mary, pray for us,
Now and at the hour of our death.*

Ave Maria, Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis.
Amen.

*Hail Mary, Holy Mary, pray for us.
Amen.*

—Marian antiphon; Luke 1:28, 42

Away in a Manger

William J. Kirkpatrick (1838–1921), arr. Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
and take us to heaven, to live with Thee there.

—Anonymous (19th-cent. American)

A Stable Lamp is Lighted

David Hurd (b. 1950)

A stable lamp is lighted
Whose glow shall wake the sky;
The stars shall bend their voices,
And every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry,
And straw like gold shall shine;
A barn shall harbor heaven,
A stall become a shrine.

This child through David's city
Shall ride in triumph by;
The palm shall strew its branches,
And every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry,
Though heavy, dull, and dumb,
And lie within the roadway
To pave his kingdom come.

Yet he shall be forsaken,
And yielded up to die;
The skies shall groan and darken,
And every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry
For stony hearts of men:
God's blood upon the spearhead,
God's love refused again.

But now, as at the ending,
The low is lifted high;
The stars shall bend their voices,
And every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry
In praises of the Child
By whose descent among us
The worlds are reconciled.

—Richard Wilbur (1921–2017)

Hymn

H 111

Sung by all.

Please kneel for Silent Night through the Post-Communion Prayer and Blessing.

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Post-Communion Prayer

CW p. 380*

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Blessing

BOS p. 11*

Celebrant May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace; 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 stand.

Please turn to face the procession as it passes.

Closing Hymn

H 87*

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!

Dismissal

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Deacon Inspired by the Word made flesh, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Postlude

Joy to the World

George Frideric Handel (1685–1759), arr. Dan Marvin

Service Music

Opening Hymn (H 83)

Words: John Francis Wade (1711–1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802–1880) and others

Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906;
arr. David Willcocks (1919–2015)

Psalm

Music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848–1918)

Sequence Hymn (H 96)

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813–1882), alt.

Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887–1958)

Sanctus and Benedictus (S 130)

Music: from *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797–1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

Hymn (H 111)

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792–1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820–1885)

Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787–1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824–1910)

Closing Hymn (H 87)

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788), alt.

Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831–1915);
arr. David Willcocks (1919–2015)

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In loving memory of John Hicks and with condolences to the Hicks family.

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In memory of George S. Hope.

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Dedicated with love to Cate Halsey and George Olsen.

Lila Kirton

In loving memory of our parents Allan and Shirley Kirton, from Lila and Bruce Kirton and their families.

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In memory of my parents, Leona and James Richards; and my sister and her husband, Virginia and Joseph Williams.

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Happening at *Trinity*

Worship, community, connection. That's what's on here at Trinity Church. Attend an evening concert, sign up for a class at Trinity Commons, or come back for Sunday worship and learning. We hope to see you.

Every *Week*

WEEKDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

1pm **Catch Your Breath**
Trinity Church
Returns January 8

5:30pm **Contemplative Eucharist**
Trinity Church
Returns January 8

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

6:30pm **Contemplative Practice with Poetry**
Online
Returns January 8

THURSDAYS

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

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

FRIDAYS

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

Every *Sunday*

9am– **Childcare**

1pm *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, returns January 19

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– **Open Gym**

1pm *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.

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.



This Week

Trinity Offices Closed

Tuesday, December 24, at 1pm–Wednesday, January 1

Trinity offices will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's Day as we celebrate the holidays and spend time with our loved ones.

Celebrate *Christmas* with Trinity Church

We warmly invite you to join us this holiday season in worship, community, and song.

Christmas Eve

3pm Family Eucharist

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

9pm Festival Eucharist

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

5pm Solemne Eucaristía de Navidad en español

family-friendly service with
Trinity Choir and NOVUS Brass

11pm Candlelight Eucharist

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

7pm Festival Eucharist

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

Christmas Day

11:15am Festival Eucharist

with Trinity Choir

Learn more at TrinityChurchNYC.org/Christmas.

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.

Upcoming

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.

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 at TrinityChurchNYC.org/bookclub.

Ophelia's Ocean

January 17, 18, and 19, 2pm
St. Paul's Chapel

The year is 2080. Human society is loveless and emotionless, and Samantha, a poet intrigued by the mystery of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, excavates the past to seek the truth about her father's death. Save your seat for *Ophelia's Ocean*, a play written by Maya M. Workman with music by Reggie Workman. Learn more at TrinityChurchNYC.org/music.

FAITH EDUCATION

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.

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.

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.

In Our *Prayers*

We Pray for

Cynthia Cartwright; Evadné 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).

Departed

Nils Blatz (brother of Liz Holland); Jim Craiglow (father of Alison Craiglow).

In the Military

Oliver Barnyak (friend of Alex Burns); Randall Middleton, Christine and Sean Reardon (friends of Evadné 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 Church of the Province of Uganda.

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*

“Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His Glory with exceeding Joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be Glory and Majesty, Dominion and Power, both now and ever. Amen” (Jude 1:24–25 KJV). Although there are many scriptures in the Bible that personally have carried me as I journey throughout this life, this is one in particular God has blessed me with. I am sharing as the current leadership in our country prepares to part ways for the new administration in 2025.

— MARY SIMPSON-MASON

To submit a brief reflection to be featured in Congregational Voice, please email Beverly Ffolkes-Bryant at 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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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*
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*
LEVAS *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*
MHSSO *My Heart Sings Out*
S *The Hymnal 1982 Service Music*
WLP *Wonder, Love, and Praise*

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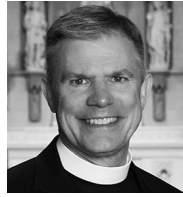
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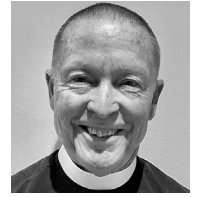
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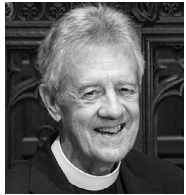
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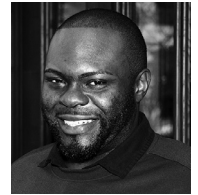
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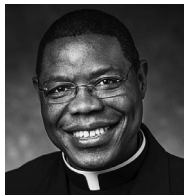
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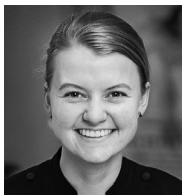
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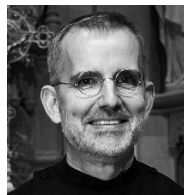
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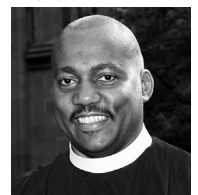
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WORSHIP

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
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