

Holy Eucharist / 11:15am

December 25, 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.

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## ABOUT THIS SERVICE

### The Nativity of our Lord: Christmas Day

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

Christmas Cradle Song

Alfred Hollins (1865–1942)

## 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, 6

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

come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;  
Je - sus, to thee — be — glo - ry giv'n;

come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
glo - ry to God, — glo - ry in the high - est;  
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. 213

*Celebrant* God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## The Word of God

### The First Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."  
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,  
together they sing for joy;  
for in plain sight they see  
the return of the LORD to Zion.  
Break forth together into singing,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the LORD has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
The LORD has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations;  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

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

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

## The Psalm

Psalm 98

BCP p. 727

*Choir*

Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.

The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

## The Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4

*Reader*

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

# Sequence Hymn

H96, 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

John 1:1–14

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

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

*Deacon* In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

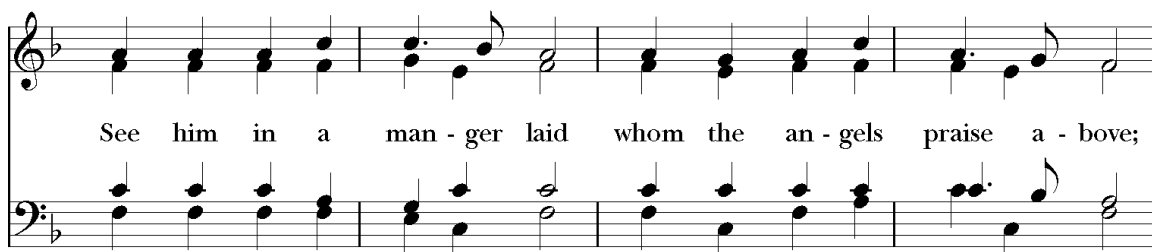
The Gospel of the Lord.

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

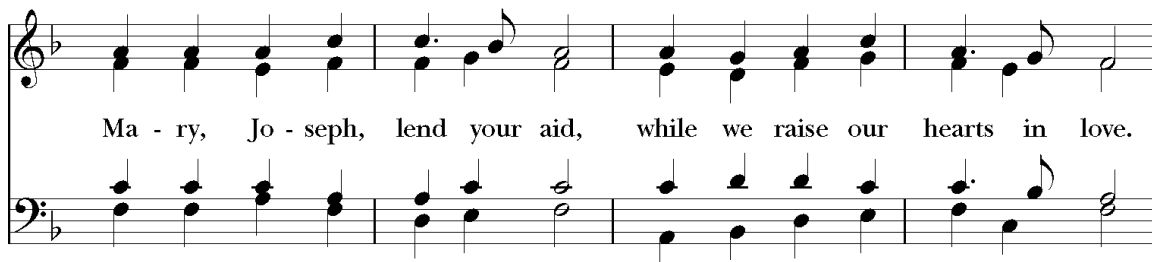


# Sequence Hymn (continued)

H 96, 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.

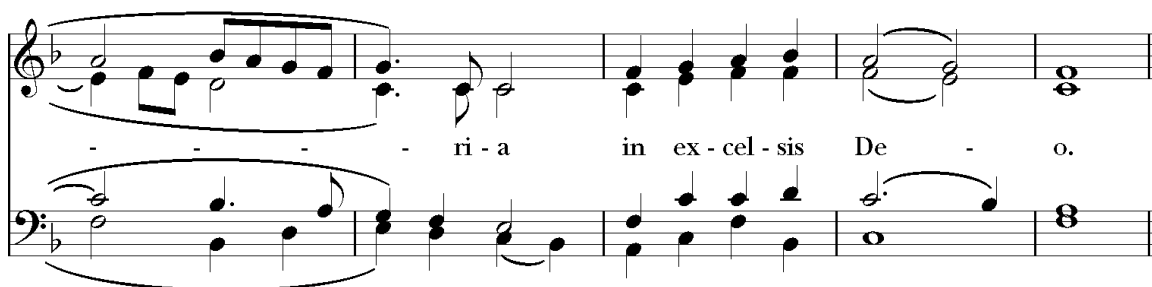
*Refrain*



Glo - - - - - ri - a



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



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## 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, on this holy day 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* On this holy day 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* On this holy day 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* On this holy day 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* On this holy day 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* On this holy day 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

The Savior's Birth

Spiritual, arr. Marques L. A. Garrett (b. 1984)

Christus natus est: hodie Salvator apparuit.  
*Christ is born; today the Savior has appeared.*

There's a star in the East on Christmas morn,  
Rise up, shepherd, and follow,  
It will lead to the place where the Savior's born,  
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

REFRAIN:

Follow, follow, oh, rise up, shepherd, and follow.  
Follow the star of Bethlehem, oh, rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Venite in Bethlehem: natum videte Regem Angelorum.  
*Come to Bethlehem: see the newborn King of Angels.*

Mary had a baby, Yes, Lord!  
What did she name him? Yes, Lord!  
She named him King Jesus, Yes, Lord!

If you take good heed to the Angel's word,  
You'll forget your flock, you'll forget your herd.  
Leave your flocks and leave your lambs,  
Leave your sheep and leave your rams.

Puer natus est nobis, puer natus est in Bethlehem, hic jacet in praeseptio;  
*A boy is born to us, a boy is born in Bethlehem; here he lies in a manger,*

Oh, Mary, what you gonna call yo' pretty little baby?

Et vocabitur nomen ejus magni consilii Angelus.  
*And his name shall be called: the Angel of Great Counsel.*

—Traditional American spirituals; antiphon to the Magnificat at Vespers on Christmas Day;  
13th-cent. Latin introit for Christmas Day

## 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

S 130

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."

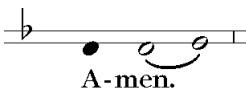
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*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*          
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.*

## Communion Anthem

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

# Communion Hymn

H 81, vv. 1-2

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

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!  
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.  
with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the  
To show God's love a - right, she bore to

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.

## 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 turn to face the procession as it passes.*

# Closing Hymn

H100, vv. 1-2, 4\*

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 3 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
 peat the sound - ing joy,  
 won - ders of his love,

## Dismissal

BCP p. 366\*

*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

Improvisation on "Joy to the World"

Alcee Chriss (b. 1992)

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## 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)

### Communion Hymn (H 81)

Words: German, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker (1851–1934)

Music: *Es ist ein Ros*, melody from *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius (1571–1621)

### Closing Hymn (H 100)

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.

Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685–1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792–1872)

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## Christmas Flowers

**The Christmas flowers are given by the following donors:**

Fons Amaye-Obu

Dr. Beverly Ffolkes-Bryant

*In loving memory of Cyril and Esmie Ffolkes, Miriam Boreland, Josephine Ffolkes, and members of the Ffolkes-McDonald families.*

*In loving memory of family members who passed away this year, especially Beverly Barnett, Pearl Abrahams, and Adina Bent.*

Oliva George

*In memory of my beloved father and mother, Jacinto Ismael George and Maria Elisa George, eternally in my heart.*

Paulette Glenn

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

Deborah E. Hope

*In memory of George S. Hope.*

Kenton Kilmer

*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.*

Carla Richards

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

Jacqueline Streets

*Love and prayers to all from the Fletcher and Streets families.*

Corine Thompson

Linda Unger

*In memory of my parents, Elsie and Frank Unger, and my niece, Christina Unger.*

Penny Zahurones

*In memory of Donna McKern, Arlene McKern, and June Hall.*



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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.

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## 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.

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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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## **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.

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## **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

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#### **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](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/Christmas).**

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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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# 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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://TrinityChurchNYC.org/DiscoverySpring25).

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## 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](https://TrinityChurchNYC.org/word2025).

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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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# 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](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*

“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](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).

## Our Leadership

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## Source Citations

### LITURGICAL SOURCES

BCP *The Book of Common Prayer*  
BOS *The Book of Occasional Services 2022*  
CW *Common Worship*  
CW:DP *Common Worship: Daily Prayer*  
CW:TS *Common Worship: Times and Seasons*  
EDC *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church*  
EOW *Enriching Our Worship*  
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*  
MHOS *My Heart Sings Out*  
S *The Hymnal 1982 Service Music*  
WLP *Wonder, Love, and Praise*

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

### ABOUT THIS SERVICE

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### CONSENT FOR PUBLICITY

To reach a broad audience, Trinity Church livestreams its services and events and records them for broadcast via the internet. Your attendance at a service or event constitutes your consent to be included in any filming, photographing, audio recording, or broadcast and for any other use in whole or in part, including publicity and promotion. If you wish to attend but prefer to avoid being filmed, please sit in the back pews on the side aisles.

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*Celebrant*

The Rev. Phillip A. Jackson  
*Preacher*

The Rev. C. Alfred Loua  
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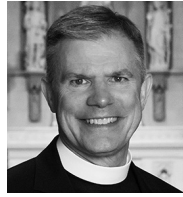
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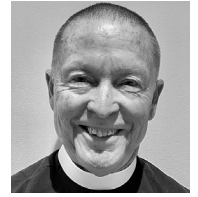
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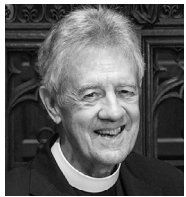
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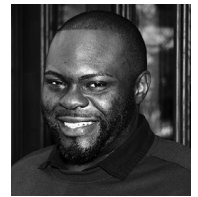
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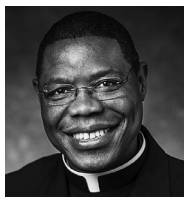
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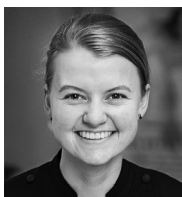
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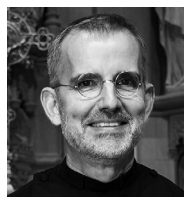
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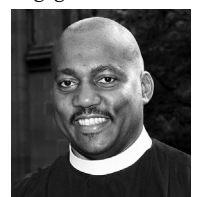
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# Join our Community

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

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[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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- **Parking validation** for LAZ Parking (70 Greenwich Street) is available for parishioners attending Sunday service. Please see security staff to receive a validation stamp.