

1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY of  
ADVENT

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THE KINGDOM  
OF HEAVEN HAS  
COME NEAR



Trinity  
Church

A Parish in the  
City of New York

# 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

### Advent

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

# Preparation

## Prelude

Benedictus (*Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord*)

François Couperin (1668–1733)

## Opening Acclamation

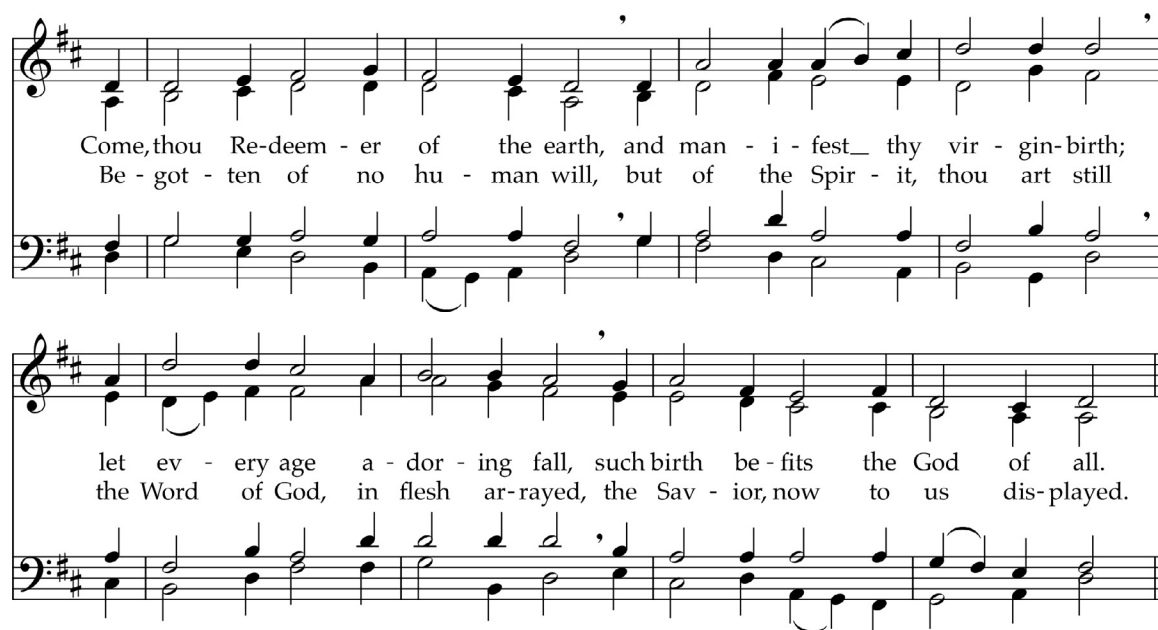
Psalm 130:5\*

*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



Come, thou Re-deem - er of the earth, and man - i - fest thy vir - gin-birth;  
Be - got - ten of no hu - man will, but of the Spir - it, thou art still

let ev - ery age a - dor - ing fall, such birth be - fits the God of all.  
the Word of God, in flesh ar-rayed, the Sav - ior, now to us dis-played.

## Station at the Advent Wreath

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*Celebrant* Bless, O Christ our Savior, this wreath and these candles which we light in preparation of your coming, and so kindle our hearts with the fire of your love that we may receive you with joy, and manifest you to all the world. We ask this in your name and for the sake of your love.

*All* **Amen.**

*A member of the parish lights the first 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)

From God the Fath - er he pro-ceeds, to God the Fath - er back he speeds,  
O e - qual to thy Fath - er, thou! Gird on thy flesh - ly man - tle now,  
runs out his course to death and hell, re - turns on God's high throne to dwell.  
the weak - ness of our mor - tal state with death - less might in - vig - or - ate.

## 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

S 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. 211

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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## The Word of God

### The First Reading

Isaiah 2:1–5

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

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

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

## The Psalm

Psalm 122

BCP p. 779

*Leader* I was glad when they said to me, \*  
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

*People* **Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

*Leader* Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;

*People* **To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD, \*  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the LORD.**

*Leader* For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.

*People* **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
“May they prosper who love you.**

*Leader* Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.

*People* **For my brethren and companions’ sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.**

*Leader* Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good.”

## The Second Reading

Romans 13:11–14

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

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

## Gradual

H 56, v. 1\*

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

O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36–44

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

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

*Deacon* Jesus said to his disciples, “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

*At the invitation of the Preacher, please be seated.*



# The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

*Please stand.*

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

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

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

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

# The Prayers of the People

ICP p. 3\*/BCP p. 395

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

## *Silence*

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

Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

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

Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

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

Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We pray for all who are in need, that they may know the healing power of Christ's love.

Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

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

Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We pray for all those who have been commended to our prayers, and especially those we now name before you.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

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

Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

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

## The Peace

BCP p. 360

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

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

## Welcome

*Please be seated.*

# The Holy Communion

## The Offertory

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

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

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

## Offertory Anthem

Never Weather-Beaten Sail

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848–1918)

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore,  
Never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber more,  
Than my wearied sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast:  
O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest!

Ever blooming are the joys of Heaven's high Paradise,  
Cold age deafs not there our ears, nor vapour dims our eyes:  
Glory there the sun outshines, whose beams the blessed only see:  
O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to thee!

—Thomas Campion (1567–1620)

## Censing of the Gifts

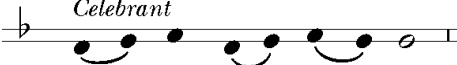

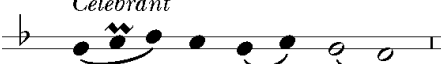

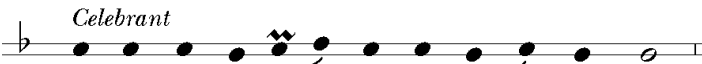

*Please stand.*

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

—Psalm 141:2

# The Great Thanksgiving

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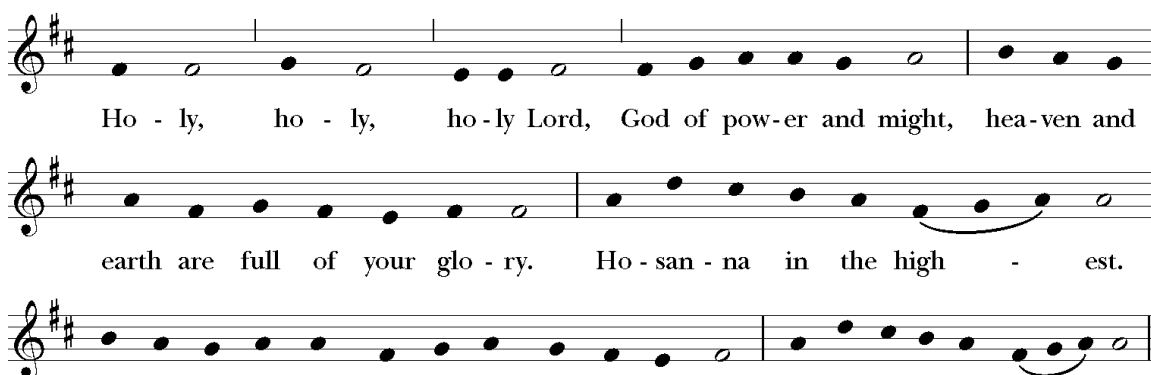
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>The Lord be with you.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>And al - so with you.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Lift up your hearts.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p>	
<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>It is right to give God thanks and praise.</p>	

*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

S 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."

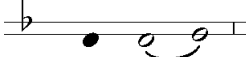
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*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.*

### Receiving Communion

*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

O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.  
They shall prosper that love thee.  
Peace be within thy walls  
and plenteousness within thy palaces.

—Psalm 122:6–7



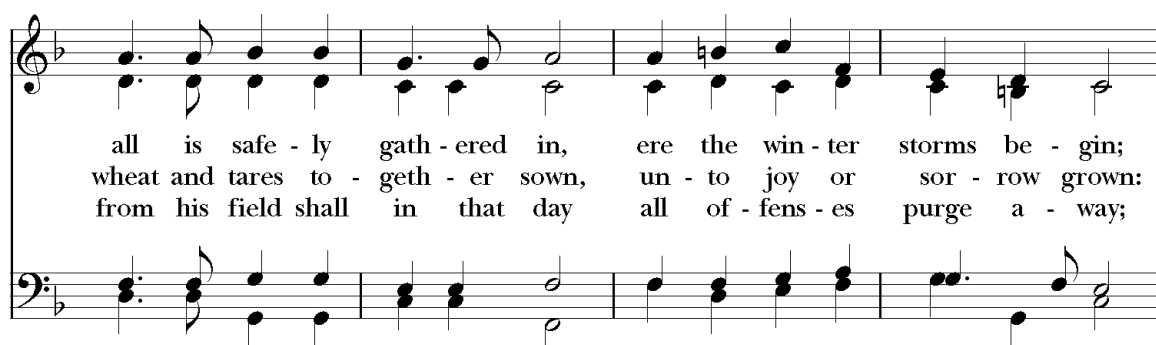
# Communion Hymn

H 290, vv. 1-3

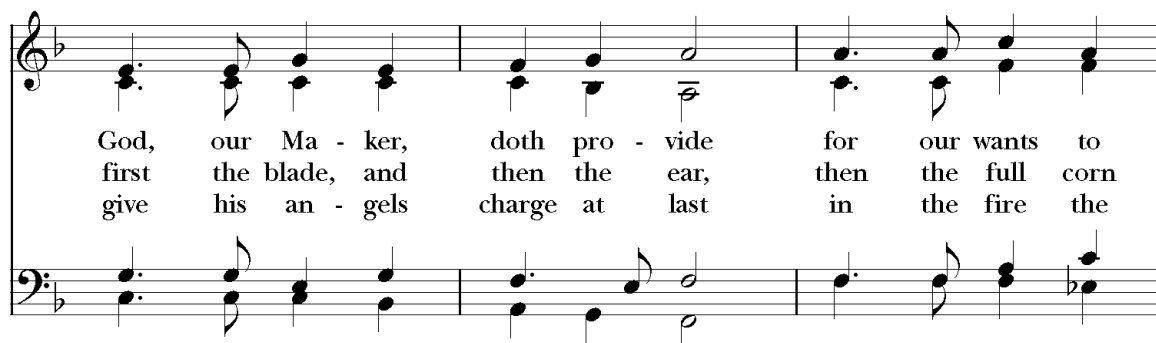
*Sung by all. Please stand at the last verse.*



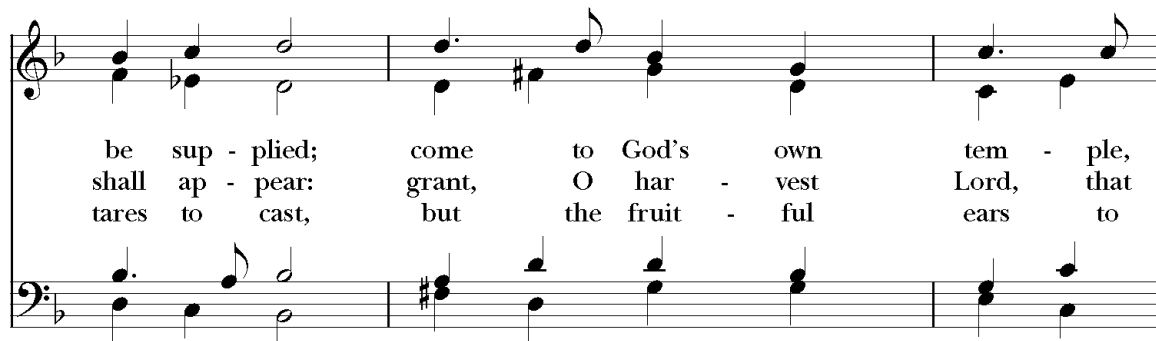
1 Come, ye thank - ful    peo - ple, come,    raise the song of    har - vest-home:  
 2 All the world is    God's own field,    fruit un - to his    praise to yield;  
 3 For the Lord our    God shall come,    and shall take his    har - vest home;



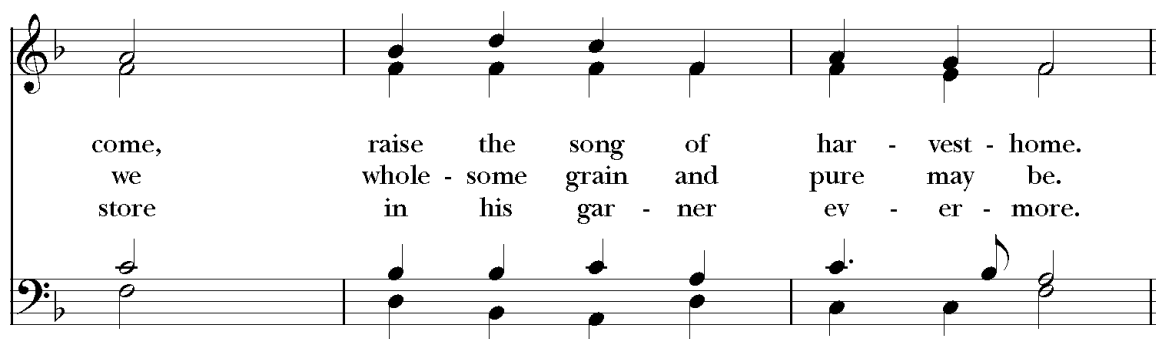
all is safe - ly    gath - ered in,    ere the win - ter    storms be - gin;  
 wheat and tares to -    geth - er sown,    un - to joy or    sor - row grown:  
 from his field shall    in that day    all of - fens - es    purge a - way;



God,    our Ma - ker,    doth pro - vide    for our wants to  
 first    the blade, and    then the ear,    then the full corn  
 give    his an - gels    charge at last    in the fire the



be sup - plied;    come    to God's    own    tem - ple,  
 shall ap - pear:    grant,    O har - vest    Lord, that  
 tares to cast,    but    the fruit - ful    ears to



come,    raise the song of    har - vest - home.  
 we    whole - some grain and    pure may be.  
 store    in his gar - ner    ev - er - more.

## Post-Communion Prayer

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*All*        Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Blessing

BOS p. 11

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

*All*        Amen.

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

## Closing Hymn

H 57



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

## 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

Prelude in G Major

Nicolaus Bruhns (1665–1697)

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## Service Music

### Opening Hymn

Words: *Veni, Redemptor gentium*, Ambrose of Milan (340–397); tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866)

Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from Trier MS, 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571–1621)

### Trisagion (S 100)

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

### Gradual (H 56)

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

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

### Sanctus and Benedictus (S 124)

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

### Communion Hymn (H 290)

Words: Henry Alford (1810–1871), alt.

Music: *St. George's, Windsor*, George Job Elvey (1816–1893)

### Closing Hymn (H 57)

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Music: *Helmsley*, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710–1778)

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#### ABOUT THE MUSIC

Some of Herbert Howells' best known music, the popular "Like as the hart" and today's "O pray for the peace of Jerusalem" come from the middle of the Second World War. In reflection of this set of choral pieces, Howells remarked, "The set at first bore the title 'In time of war,' because the words—taken from the Psalms of David—were so apposite to a wartime frame of mind: but then, I reflected, the Psalms are relevant at all times and in all situations: and the anthems (one hoped) useful at any season. So the group dropped the general title. And anyhow, they'd have been composed, war or no war." Having narrowly escaped the destruction of his house during the Blitz, the petition of the text for this anthem took on a deeply personal meaning.

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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 for those attending the 9am and 11:15am services, as well as the 10am programs. Ask an usher to show you the way.

10am **Sunday School**  
*Returns December 7*  
*Meet in Parish Hall*  
Two-year-olds through fifth graders are invited to learn and play together in peer-grouped classes.

10am **Bible and Bagels**  
*Returns December 7*  
*Meet in Parish Hall*  
Middle and high schoolers can ask questions and talk about the Bible, Christianity, and The Episcopal Church.

10am **Discovery**  
*Returns December 7*  
*Parish Hall*  
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.

11am–1pm **Family Open Gym**  
*Returns December 7*  
*Trinity Commons 4th floor*  
Join the Trinity community for basketball, volleyball, pickleball, badminton, and more.

## Happening *Today*

**Advent Fair**  
*9:45am and 12:30pm, Trinity Commons*

Families are welcome to join us in Parish Hall after the 9am and 11:15am services for a festive start to the season. Make your own Advent wreath or ornament and pick up a devotional booklet filled with simple spiritual practices to help your family observe Advent at home.

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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

### WEDNESDAYS

- 1pm **Catch Your Breath**  
*Trinity Church*
- 6pm **Trinity Youth Group**  
*Trinity Commons*
- 6:30pm **Contemplative Practice with Poetry**  
*Online*

### THURSDAYS

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

### FRIDAYS

- 6pm **Book Club**  
*Online*

## This Week

### Downtown Voices Celebrates 10 Years: Britten *Saint Nicolas*

*Wednesday, December 3, 7pm, Trinity Church*

Expect a night of celebration, reflection, and joyful music-making when

Downtown Voices brings back its alumni to mark this important anniversary.

Joining forces with Trinity Youth Chorus and contemporary music ensemble

NOVUS, past and present members

will perform the first work the chorus

sang at its inaugural concert: Benjamin Britten's *Saint Nicolas*, a musical look at

the legend of Santa Claus. Learn more at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/music](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/music).

### Prison Ministry

*Thursday, December 4, 6pm, online*

Support and care for people who have been incarcerated and their families. Sign up at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups).

### Trinity Arts Committee Listening Session

*Friday, December 5, 6pm, Trinity Commons*

Join a community conversation where we'll explore the role of arts programming at Trinity, including visual arts workshops, exhibitions, museum visits, and more. An additional session will be held on Sunday, February 1, at 1pm. Please attend only one; RSVP to [CEngagement@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:CEngagement@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

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## Congregational Council Nominations

**To be eligible for Election:** All persons who on the date of an annual election shall have attained the age of 18 years and who, for the period of one year preceding such annual election, shall have been duly enrolled on the Corporation's records as members of the Congregation and shall have partaken of the Holy Communion within said year in the Parish and who shall have contributed to the support of the Parish by a recorded gift of any amount in the preceding year.

When considering a person for nomination, please speak with the person to let them know you wish to submit their name for consideration.

All nominations should be in writing and directed to the Vicar's Office for the attention of the Congregational Council Nominating & Leadership Development Committee. Nominations must be received by 12pm on Sunday, December 7, 2025. Please send submissions to Keisha Joseph, Administrative Manager for the Vicar's Office, at [KJoseph@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:KJoseph@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

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### CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL NOMINATING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Rev. Michael A. Bird, Ms. Felicia Stenhouse Eve, Mr. Dave Humphreville, Ms. Catharina Oerlemans, Mr. Donato Mallano, Ms. Pearl Chin, and Mr. Alan Yu.

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# Upcoming

## DISCOVERY

### **The Art of Living with the End in Mind**

*Sundays, December 7–14, 10am, Trinity Commons and online*

Can we live our lives more fully by embracing the inevitable: that one day we will die? Author Barbara Becker suggests death can be a source of strength; it's by turning toward loss, rather than away from it, that we become truly alive. In a world afraid of endings, Becker offers practical insight and instruction for grieving in a way that brings us together to make the most of the time we've got. Learn more and register at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/discovery](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/discovery).

### **Christmas Pageant**

*Register by Sunday, December 7*

Calling all aspiring shepherds, angels, and barnyard animals — it's time to get ready for Trinity's Christmas Pageant! Children and youth ages 5 to 18 are invited to participate in our beloved annual nativity play during the Christmas Eve Family Eucharist, on Wednesday, December 24, at 3pm. Whether you're enrolled in Trinity's Sunday School or Youth programming, there's room at the inn for you! Costumes are provided. Visit [TrinityChurchNYC.org/pageant](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/pageant) to register. Questions? Contact SK Doyle at [SDoyle@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:SDoyle@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

### **My Soul in Silence Waits: An Advent Retreat Day**

*Saturday, December 13, 10am–3pm, St. Paul's Chapel*

It's easy to miss the deeper meaning of Advent in the busyness of our modern holiday season. Step into the quiet peace of St. Paul's Chapel for a day of contemplation. Together we'll prepare for the miracle of Christmas by reflecting on what the birth of Jesus — the coming of God to be with us — means in these times. Sign up at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/adventretreat](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/adventretreat).

### **Comfort at Christmas**

*Monday, December 15, 6pm, Trinity Church*

When we're walking through a season of sadness or grief, the holidays don't feel like a time of festive joy and cheer. Come find support in a service of meditative music and prayer in Trinity Church.

### **Christmas Grocery Pack and Distribution**

*Monday, December 22, 9am–1pm, and Tuesday, December 23, 8:30–11:30am, St. Paul's Chapel*

Help pack and distribute Christmas groceries to help neighbors celebrate with a festive meal. Learn more and sign up at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/volunteer](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/volunteer).

### **Being With**

*New groups begin in January*

Explore life and faith together. Being With is a 10-week online small group for New Yorkers searching for something deeper. Whether you feel uncertain or curious, disconnected from or hurt by the church, or open to exploring Christianity for the first time, there's space for you, and your experience, here. The only thing you are asked to do is listen to others' stories — and maybe share your own. Learn more and submit an interest form at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/beingwith](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/beingwith).

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# Giving Tree

*Through December 15*

Be part of our annual gift drive for kids in our community — and make a child's Christmas wish come true. Visit the Trinity Commons lobby or Trinity Church to choose a gift tag by December 14 and drop off unwrapped gift(s) by December 15. Then join us for a wrapping party on December 18 at 5pm! For questions, contact [GivingTree@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:GivingTree@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

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# Join the Festivities

*Now through December*

This season, Trinity comes to life with music, worship, volunteer opportunities, and moments of joy. Come to one event — or many! — and add a little light, warmth, and good company to your days. Learn more at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/festivities](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/festivities).

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# Engage in a Group

Study Scripture, craft and create, work for justice, and meet new people in groups at Trinity Church.

## Women in Community

Come together for fellowship and Scripture study, paying particular attention to stories of women in the Bible. To join, email [WomenInCommunity@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:WomenInCommunity@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

*First Sundays, 1pm*

## Trinity Men

Explore what it means to live a life of faith and service in New York City through social gathering and volunteer opportunities. To join, email [MensGroup@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:MensGroup@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

*Fourth Thursdays, 6:30pm*

## Trinity Young Adults

Join a monthly Sunday brunch and Thursday night dinner for adults in their 20s and 30s. To join, email [YoungAdults@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:YoungAdults@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

*Second Sundays following  
11:15am service*

*Third Thursdays, 6:30pm*

## Trinity Youth Group

Meet weekly for dinner and talk about what's on your heart and mind. Sign up at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/youthgroup](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/youthgroup).

*Wednesdays, 6pm*

## New Beginnings

Trinity's seniors meet weekly for chair yoga and tai chi, Bible study, and lunch. At 12:05pm, we attend the Holy Eucharist service in Trinity Church. To join, email [NewBeginnings@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:NewBeginnings@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

*Thursdays, 9:30am-3pm*

## ParentSpace

Find encouragement in kinship. Join fellow parents in a supportive conversation about raising children. To join, email [ParentSpace@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:ParentSpace@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

*Second Sundays, 10am*

## LGBTQ+ Ministry

Connect, celebrate, and care for one another in a supportive and affirming faith space. Sign up at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups).

*Last Sundays, 1pm*

## Creation Care

Address environmental concerns through the lens of faith, in connection with efforts of The Episcopal Church and other communities. Sign up at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups).

## Prison Ministry

Support and care for people who have been incarcerated and their families. Sign up at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups).

*First Thursdays, 6pm*

## Trinity Knitters

Knit and crochet with a welcoming community, whether you've been crafting for years or are ready to start a new hobby. To join, email [TrinityKnitters@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:TrinityKnitters@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

*Third Sundays, 12:30pm*

*Third Mondays, 6:30pm*

## Knit Together

Craft cold-weather essentials for unhoused LGBTQ+ youth in weekly community knitting sessions hosted by Trinity Youth. All are welcome. Sign up at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups).

*Thursdays, 3:30pm*

## Poets' Corner

Join a forum for poets and writers to share their works with an encouraging community of fellow artists. To join, email [PoetsCorner@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:PoetsCorner@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

*Third Tuesdays, 7pm*

## Contemplative Practice with Poetry

Practice guided meditation centered on poetry in weekly online practice. To join, email [ChristianFormation@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:ChristianFormation@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

*Wednesdays, 6:30pm*

## Trinity Book Club

Explore the mysteries of the Christian faith through the medium of literature in an online discussion group. Sign up at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups).

*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

## Christmas Flower Dedications

*Due Sunday, December 7*

Flowers that will decorate Trinity Church for Christmas may be dedicated for a suggested contribution of \$25. Visit [TrinityChurchNYC.org/donate](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/donate) and click on “Flower Offering” to give online, and email [Flowers@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:Flowers@TrinityChurchNYC.org) with your dedication text.

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## Request *Prayer*

We are a community of prayer. Our clergy and Daily Intercessory Prayer Ministry set aside time to pray for members of our parish. To submit a specific request, please email [Prayers@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:Prayers@TrinityChurchNYC.org). All submissions are confidential.

Please pray with us:

*God of mercy and compassion,  
you sent your Son that we might know your power to heal,  
to comfort, strengthen, and restore.*

*We thank you for this community of faith and the joy of our life together,  
and we pray your presence with those dear to us.*

*We remember those who are vulnerable.*

*We lift up those who are sick.*

*We commend to your protection those who serve in harm’s way.*

*Hold them in your loving embrace, fill them with your grace, and bring them peace.*

*All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.*

*Amen.*

### *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*

Pray for The Anglican Church of Australia.

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## Congregational *Voice*

*“And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him” (Luke 2:40 NKJV). Good morning, family! Let the grace of God be upon you today and always.*

— CHRISTINE DENNIS

*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, Monday–Wednesday, 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 [Volunteer@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:Volunteer@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 [Volunteer@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:Volunteer@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

*Monday–Friday, 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*

The Rev. Phillip A. Jackson, *Rector* | The Rev. Michael A. Bird, *Vicar*

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## Source Citations

### LITURGICAL SOURCES

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

### MUSICAL SOURCES

H *The Hymnal 1982*  
LEVAS *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*  
S *The Hymnal 1982 Service Music*  
WLP *Wonder, Love, and Praise*  
  
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### ABOUT THIS SERVICE

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### CONSENT FOR PUBLICITY

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## Today's Worship *Leaders*

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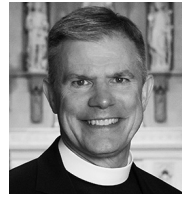
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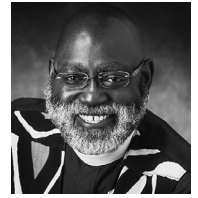
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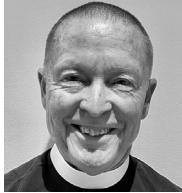
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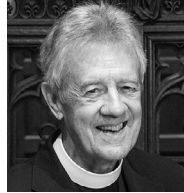
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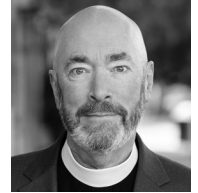
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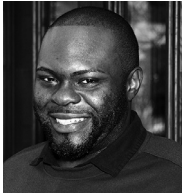
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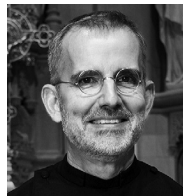
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# Join our Community

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

*Trinity Church*

12:05pm<sup>†</sup>

Holy Eucharist

*Trinity Church*

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



**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.*

- **Assistive listening devices** are available at the welcome table for the 9am and 11:15am services.
- **Parking validation** for LAZ Parking (70 Greenwich Street) is available for parishioners attending Sunday service. Please see security staff to receive a validation stamp.