

2nd SUNDAY of ADVENT

December 7, 2025 \ 11:15am

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.

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

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz (1919–2009)

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

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

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

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

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

Opening Acclamation

Psalms 130:5*

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

Celebrant My soul is waiting for the Lord.

People **In God's word is my hope.**

Opening Hymn

H 76, vv. 1-3

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our

noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.

Station at the Advent Wreath

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

Celebrant Prepare the way of the Lord.

People All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

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

Opening Hymn (continued)

H 76, vv. 4–5

4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Summary of the Law

Matthew 22:37–40

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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

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Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Word of God

The First Reading

Isaiah 11:1–10

Reader A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19

BCP p. 685

- Leader* Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- People* **That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;**
- Leader* That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- People* **He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
- Leader* He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- People* **He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.**
- Leader* In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- People* **Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!**
- Leader* And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

The Second Reading

Romans 15:4–13

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

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;

and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

H 56, v. 5*

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

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

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1–12

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

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

Deacon In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’ ”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

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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

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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

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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

Let the People Sing Praise Unto the Lord

Lena J. McLin (1928–2023)

Let the people sing praise unto the Lord. Alleluia.

Praise God with the psalter and the harp.

Praise God with the sound of the trumpet!

Praise the Lord.

Let all the people sing praise to the Lord.

—Psalm 150

Censing of the Gifts

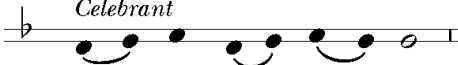





Please stand.

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

—Psalm 141:2

The Great Thanksgiving

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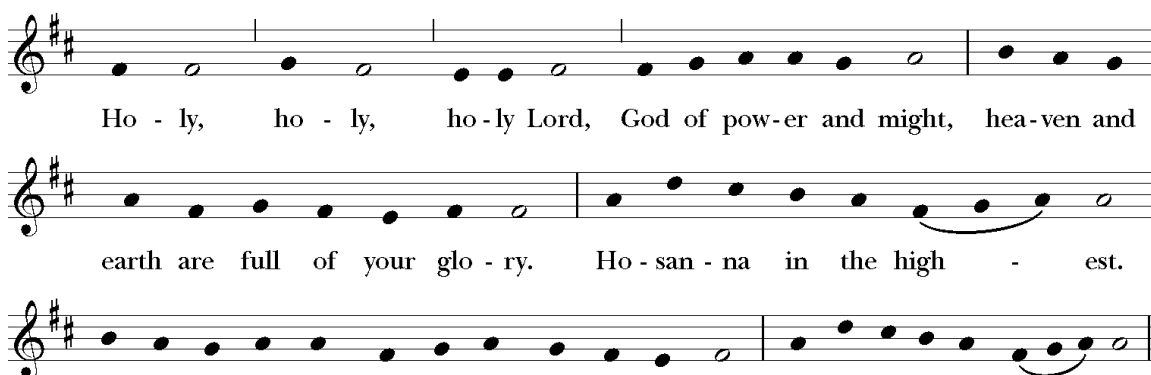
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>The Lord be with you.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>And al - so with you.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Lift up your hearts.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p>	
<p><i>People</i>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

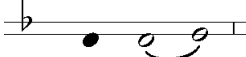
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

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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 Anthems

Virga Jesse, WAB 52

Anton Bruckner (1824–1896)

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

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

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

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.

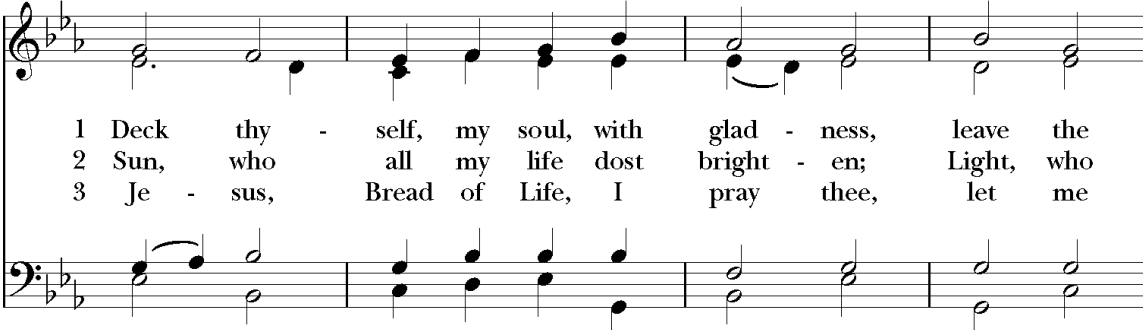
This shoot Isaiah taught us
From Jesse's root should spring;
The Virgin Mary brought us
The branch of which we sing;
Our God of endless might
Gave her this child to save us,
Thus turning darkness into light.

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


Communion Hymn

H 339

Sung by all. Please stand at the last verse.



1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's
dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -



splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:
vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;



un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me
from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won-drous ban-quet found-ed— high o'er all the heavens he
 be a fit par-ta-ker of this bless-ed food from
 vast and deep its trea-sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign-eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign-eth.
 hea-ven, for our good, thy glo-ry, giv-en.
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re-ceive me.

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

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

All Amen.

Please turn to face the procession as it passes.

Closing Hymn

H 59

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

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

Dismissal

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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

Tiento por Alamire

Juan Bautista Cabanilles (1644–1712)

Service Music

Opening Hymn (H 76)

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

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

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 339)

Words: Johann Franck (1618–1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878), alt.

Music: *Schmücke dich*, melody Johann Crüger (1598–1662); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Closing Hymn (H 59)

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

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

ABOUT THE MUSIC

Paul Manz’s “E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come” has been performed at both the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at King’s College, Cambridge, and the Advent Carol Service by the Choir of St John’s College, Cambridge. Mr. Manz was an organist who led hymn festivals, with each hymn being sung by a congregation interspersed by organ improvisation.

African-American composer Lena McLin, who passed away in 2023 at the age of 95, had a long career as a teacher in Chicago. While at the Kenwood Academy she taught many future music stars, including Mandy Patinkin, Chaka Khan and Jennifer Hudson. “Let the People Sing Praise Unto the Lord” is a piece which features the trumpet to accentuate its fanfare-like quality.

“Virga Jesse” is one of many beloved motets by Austrian composer Anton Bruckner. In addition to a series of contrasts between fortissimo and pianissimo textures, the words *in se, reconcilians ima sumis* (reconciling in Himself the lowest to the highest) use text painting with large high-to-low leaps in the soprano juxtaposed by the alto/tenor/bass responding in their lower registers.

Sunday at *Trinity*

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

Every *Sunday*

9am–1pm **Childcare**
Trinity Commons mezzanine
Childcare for infants and toddlers is offered 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**
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**
Meet in Parish Hall
Middle and high schoolers can ask questions and talk about the Bible, Christianity, and The Episcopal Church.

10am **Discovery**
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**
Trinity Commons 4th floor
Join the Trinity community for basketball, volleyball, pickleball, badminton, and more.

Happening *Today*

DISCOVERY

The Art of Living with the End in Mind

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.

No 11:15am Service Coffee Hour

There will be no coffee hour following today's 11:15am service.

Christmas Flower Dedications

Due today

Flowers that will decorate Trinity Church for Christmas may be dedicated for a suggested contribution of \$25. Visit TrinityChurchNYC.org/donate and click on "Flower Offering" to give online, and email Flowers@TrinityChurchNYC.org with your dedication text.

Stay and Chat

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



Grab a Coffee

Following the 9am and 11:15am Sunday services, take a stroll across the bridge just behind the church and join us for a cup of coffee at Trinity Commons.

We'd love to meet you!

Every Week

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**
3pm *Returns December 18*
Trinity Commons

3:30pm **Knit Together**
Trinity Commons

FRIDAYS

6pm **Book Club**
Online

This Week

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](https://TrinityChurchNYC.org/adventretreat).

Join the Festivities

Volunteer, worship, and gather with us

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.

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 7 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.

Upcoming

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 to register. Questions? Contact SK Doyle at SDoyle@TrinityChurchNYC.org.

Incarnation Sleepaway Camp Presentation

Sunday, December 14, 10am, Trinity Commons

Families are invited to meet representatives from Incarnation Camp in Deep River, Connecticut, and learn about summer programs for children ages 7 to 14 — plus discounts for Trinity families.

Trinity Young Adults Sunday Brunch

Sunday, December 14, 1pm, offsite location

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

Breaking Bread

Sunday, December 14, 1pm, Trinity Commons

Gather around the table for a shared meal and reflective conversations that nurture our growth in God. To join, email BreakingBread@TrinityChurchNYC.org.

LGBTQ+ Ministry Christmas Gathering

Sunday, December 14, 1pm, Trinity Commons

Connect, celebrate, and care for one another in a supportive and affirming faith space. Sign up at TrinityChurchNYC.org/ groups.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas: A Reading

Sunday, December 14, 3pm, Church of the Intercession and Trinity Cemetery and Mausoleum

Join us uptown at the Church of the Intercession, a former Trinity chapel, for an annual reading of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*. This year, the beloved poem will be read by Errol Louis, political anchor of NY1 News and host of *Inside City Hall*. After the reading there will be a brief memorial at the gravesite of Clement Clarke Moore — author of the poem and son of Trinity's sixth rector — and a reception at Trinity Cemetery and Mausoleum. Free. For information, visit intercessionnyc.org or call 212-283-6200.

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.

Giving Tree Wrap Party

Thursday, December 18, 5pm, Trinity Commons

Calling all expert gift wrappers — come package presents and tie ribbons to help make children's holiday wishes come true. Additional gift-prep volunteer opportunities are available on Friday, December 19, and Saturday, December 20. Learn more and sign up at TrinityChurchNYC.org/volunteer.

Sing, Choirs of Angels: Holiday Sing-Along

Saturday, December 20, 2pm and 3:30pm, Trinity Church

The spirit of Christmas comes at you in exuberant waves during Trinity's holiday extravaganza. You'll experience the uplifting power of St. Paul's Chapel Choir and Trinity Scholar Choir, in addition to NOVUS brass and percussion, the Choirs of the Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC), and, of course, Trinity's own resounding congregation. Learn more at TrinityChurchNYC.org/music.

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.

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.

Celebrate Christmas at Trinity Church

We warmly invite you to worship with us this holiday season.



Christmas Eve

Family Eucharist and Christmas Pageant

3pm *

Eucaristía de Navidad en familia (en español)

5pm *

Holy Eucharist

7pm, 9pm *, and *11pm*

Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist

11:15am *

Learn more at

TrinityChurchNYC.org/christmas

*Streamed live

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.

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.

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.

*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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Prison Ministry

Support and care for people who have been incarcerated and their families. Sign up at 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.

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.

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.

Third Tuesdays, 7pm

Contemplative Practice with Poetry

Practice guided meditation centered on poetry in weekly online practice. To join, email 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.

Fridays, 6pm

Become a Member

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

Announcements

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, KJoseph@TrinityChurchNYC.org.

Congregational Council Nominating and 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.

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. 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 Church of Bangladesh.

Congregational *Voice*

"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear" (1 John 4:18 NIV). As we enter the season celebrating the birth of Christ, let us focus on faith and hope in Elohim, the Strong One, who reigns and adores us. God's perfect love casts out fear.

— DR. SHEILA R. COLE

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, 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.

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.

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.

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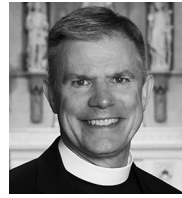
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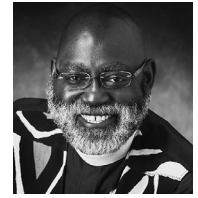
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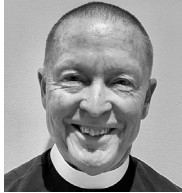
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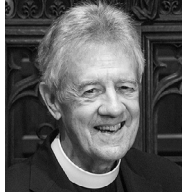
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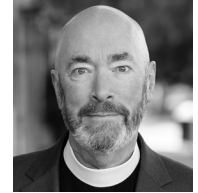
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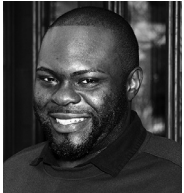
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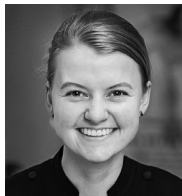
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Find your people in a parish group, expand your mind in a faith education class, or roll up your sleeves and work with us to create a more just world. We do things together at Trinity Church.



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WORSHIP

Sundays

8am, 9am, 11:15am[†]

Holy Eucharist

Trinity Church

7pm

Compline by Candlelight

St. Paul's Chapel

Weekdays

9am

Morning Prayer

Trinity Church

12:05pm[†]

Holy Eucharist

Trinity Church

[†] *Livestreamed and available on demand*



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