

# 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY of ADVENT

December 14, 2025 \ 8am

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 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 “arrival.” 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

## Opening Acclamation

Psalm 130:5\*

*At the sound of the bell, please stand.*

*Celebrant* My soul is waiting for the Lord.

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

## 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

BCP p. 356

*Said three times.*

*Celebrant* Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
*All* **Have mercy upon us.**

## The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 212

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

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

*All* **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# The Word of God

## The First Reading

Isaiah 35:1–10

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God’s people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

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

## Canticle

The Song of Mary

BCP p. 91

*Leader* My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

*People* **From this day all generations will call me blessed: \***  
**the Almighty has done great things for me,**  
**and holy is his Name.**

*Leader* He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.

*People* **He has shown the strength of his arm, \***  
**he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

*Leader* He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.

*People* **He has filled the hungry with good things, \***  
**and the rich he has sent away empty.**

*Leader* He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

*People* **The promise he made to our fathers, \***  
**to Abraham and his children for ever.**

## The Second Reading

James 5:7–10

*Reader* A Reading from the Letter of James.

Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

# The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2–11

*Please stand.*

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

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

*Celebrant* When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

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.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

BCP p. 367/p. 378

*Please stand.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

# Sanctus and Benedictus

BCP p. 367

*All*        **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*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*        **AMEN.**

## 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.*

## Post-Communion Prayer

BCP p. 366

*Please stand.*

*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.

## Dismissal

BCP p. 366

*Celebrant*    Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

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WORSHIP,  
AND GATHER  
WITH US

JOIN THE  
FESTIVITIES



[TrinityChurchNYC.org/Festivities](https://TrinityChurchNYC.org/Festivities)

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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**  
*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 Parish Hall and online*

In a world afraid of endings, author Barbara 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.

#### **Incarnation Sleepaway Camp Presentation**

*10am, Trinity Commons Parish Hall*

Learn about summer programs for children ages 7 to 14 and discounts for Trinity families.

#### **ParentSpace**

*10am, Trinity Commons 2nd floor*

Find encouragement in kinship. Join fellow parents in a supportive conversation about raising children.

#### **Breaking Bread**

*1pm, Trinity Commons 5th floor*

Gather around the table for a shared meal and reflective conversations.

#### **LGBTQ+ Ministry Christmas Gathering**

*1pm, Trinity Commons 3rd floor*

Connect, celebrate, and care for one another in a supportive and affirming faith space.

#### **'Twas the Night Before Christmas: A Reading**

*3pm, Church of the Intercession and Trinity Cemetery and Mausoleum*

Join us uptown for a beloved reading of "'Twas the Night Before Christmas."

For information, visit [intercessionnyc.org](http://intercessionnyc.org).

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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!***

# Every Week

## WEDNESDAYS

- 1pm **Catch Your Breath**  
*Trinity Church*
- 6pm **Trinity Youth Group**  
*Returns January 14*  
*Trinity Commons*
- 6:30pm **Contemplative Practice with Poetry**  
*Online*

## THURSDAYS

- 9:30am– **New Beginnings**  
3pm *Trinity Commons*
- 3:30pm **Knit Together**  
*Returns January 15*  
*Trinity Commons*

## FRIDAYS

- 6pm **Book Club**  
*Returns January 9*  
*Online*

# This Week

## 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.

## Poets' Corner

*Tuesday, December 16, 7pm,*  
*Trinity Commons*

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

## Trinity Men Christmas Dinner

*Thursday, December 18, 6:30pm,*  
*offsite location*

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

## Rite of Burial for the Rev. John Moody

*Saturday, December 20, 9am,*  
*St. Paul's Chapel*

Honor the life of former Trinity staff member the Rev. John "Jack" Moody — beloved priest, artist, and spiritual friend to many.

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

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# Upcoming

## DISCOVERY

### A Theology of Giving: Justice, Prosperity, and Philanthropy

*Sundays, January 11–25, 10am,  
Trinity Commons and online*

Generosity is central to Christian practice. We give our time, talent, and financial resources because we know our lives are interconnected — one person cannot flourish until everyone has all that they need. In conversations with leaders from the church, faith-based nonprofits, and the fundraising sector, come build a theological framework for giving, on both individual and institutional levels, to work toward our common good. Learn more and register at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/discovery](https://TrinityChurchNYC.org/discovery).

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

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

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

All services will be streamed live

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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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## 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 Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

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## Congregational *Voice*

*"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:18 NIV). Human eyes can only see so much. Human minds can only grasp so much. But we can trust God with all that we cannot see or comprehend.*

— NEILIA TRIMMINGHAM

*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*

### TRINITY CHURCH VESTRY

Dr. Sharon J. Hardy, *Church Warden*; John G. Talty, *Church Warden*; Hilary Pennington; Gayle Robinson; Patricia Graue; David Humphreville; Dr. Susan Ward; William H. Wright II; Susan Hinkson-Carling; Joel Motley; Susan K. Jansen; Nathaniel F. Rogers; Wendy Boyce; Ellen Jewett; Sara Queen; Mary Kate Wold; Esther Benjamin; Christian Hylton; John Jacobsson; Leah Johnson; Eric Love; Andrew Phillips

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Contact the council at [CongregationalCouncil@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:CongregationalCouncil@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

### FLOWERS

To donate flowers, please email [Flowers@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:Flowers@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

## Source Citations

### LITURGICAL SOURCES

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

### ABOUT THIS SERVICE

BCP, EDC, TC

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

### CONSENT FOR PUBLICITY

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

## Today's Worship *Leader*

### CLERGY

The Rev. Sr. Promise Atelon  
*Celebrant and Preacher*



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## SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY STAFF



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*Parish Life*



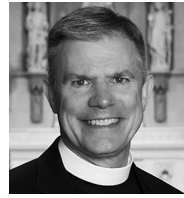
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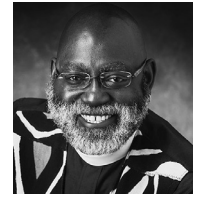
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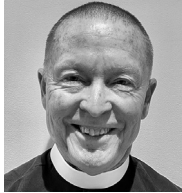
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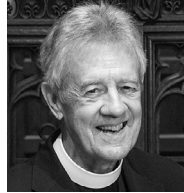
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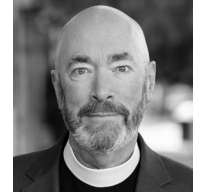
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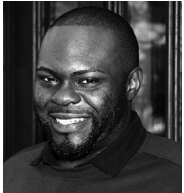
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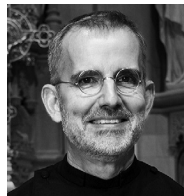
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# Join our Community

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.