

3rd SUNDAY of ADVENT

December 14, 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. And everyone is warmly invited to coffee hour following the service — an usher will show you the way.

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

Prelude

Passion Symphony: I. The World Awaiting the Savior

Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

Opening Acclamation

Psalms 130:5*

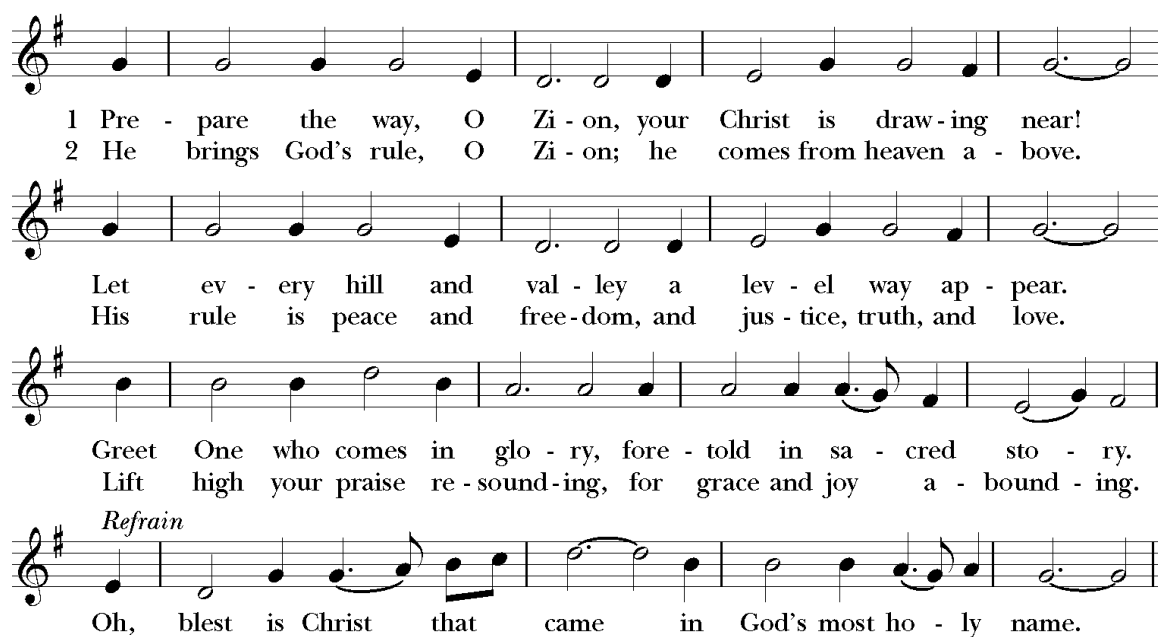
At the sound of the bell, please stand and turn to face the procession.

Celebrant My soul is waiting for the Lord.

People In God's word is my hope.

Opening Hymn

H 65, vv. 1–2



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.

Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.

Refrain
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

Station at the Advent Wreath

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

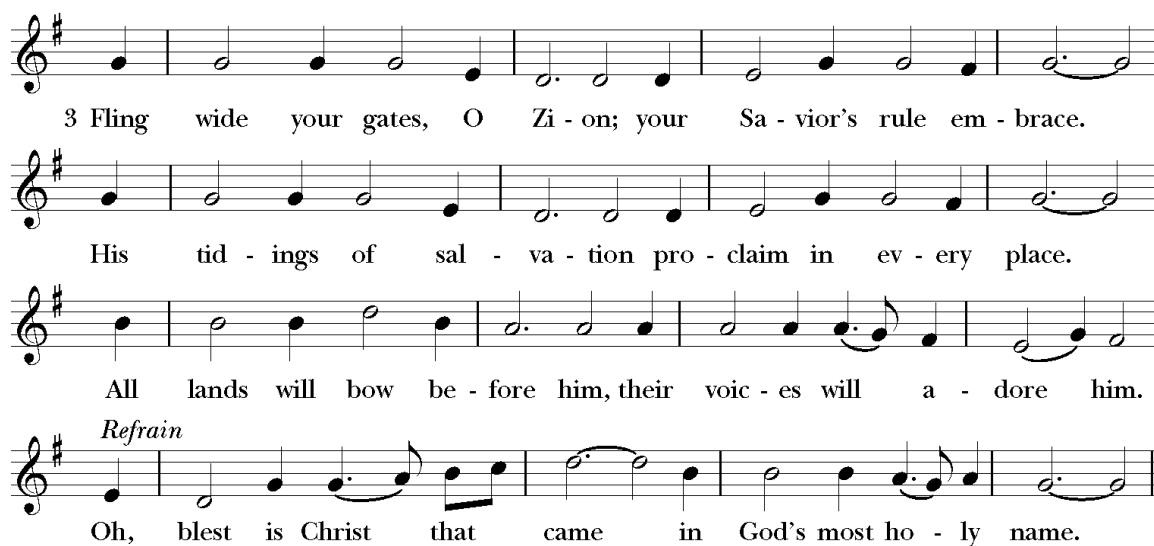
Celebrant My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

People The Almighty has done great things for me.

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 65, v. 3



3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi-on; your Sa-vior's rule em-brace.

His tid-ings of sal-va-tion pro-claim in ev-ery place.

All lands will bow be-fore him, their voic-es will a-dore him.

Refrain

Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho-ly name.

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

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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
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 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on 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.

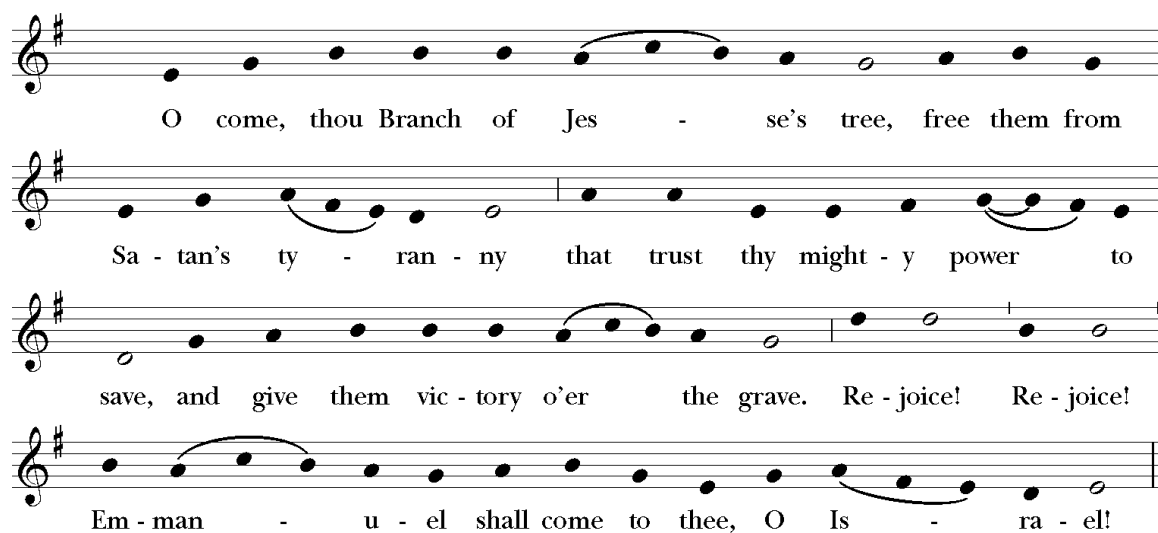
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

H 56, v. 4*

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



O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2–11

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

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

Deacon 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

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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

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

People, Look East

Besançon, arr. Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

People, look East! The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth, and set the table.

People, look East, and sing today:
Love the Guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there:
give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish.

People, look East, and sing today:
Love the Rose is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.

People, look East, and sing today:
Love the Star is on the way.

Angels, announce to man and beast
Him who cometh from the East.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.

People, look East, and sing today:
Love the Lord is on the way.

—Eleanor Farjeon (1881–1965)

Censing of the Gifts

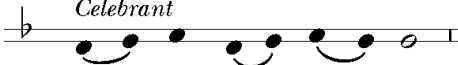





Please stand.

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

—Psalm 141:2

The Great Thanksgiving

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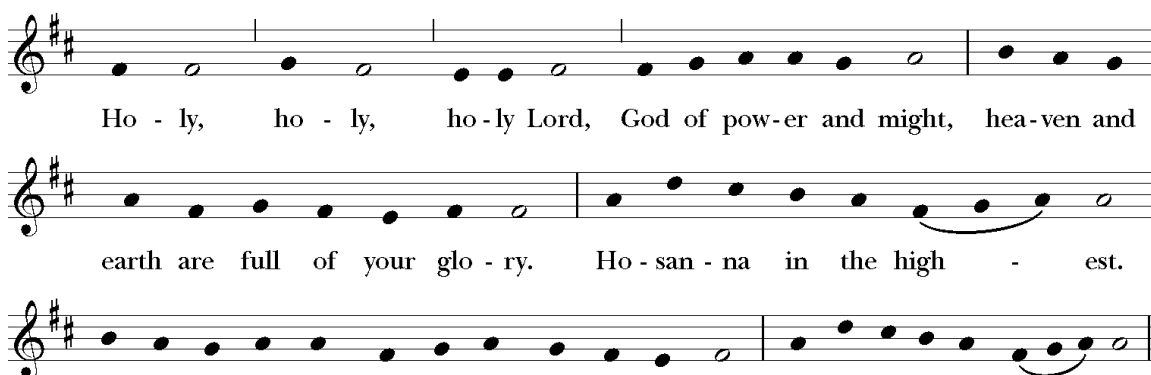
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>The Lord be with you.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>And al - so with you.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Lift up your hearts.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p>	
<p><i>People</i>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

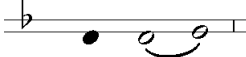
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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 Anthem

There Shall a Star from Jacob

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

There shall a star from Jacob come forth,
And a sceptre from Israel rise up,
And dash in pieces princes and nations.

As bright the star of morning gleams,
So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams
Of light and consolation!

Thy Word, O Lord, radiance darting,
Truth imparting, gives salvation;
Thine be praise and adoration!

—Numbers 24:17, Psalm 2:9

Communion Hymn

H75

Sung by all. Please stand at the last verse.



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a____
 2 O____ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
 3 but the word of our God____ en - du - reth, the____



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst____ of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The____
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 flowers of the field they____ per - ish, like
 feed his____ flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our____ God____ may go!
 na - tions shall____ pass like a dream____ a - way;
 lead them, and____ bring them____ safe to his fold.

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 73

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

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

Fugue in G Major, BWV 541b

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Service Music

Opening Hymn (H 65)

Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772–1847); tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (1920–1999)

Music: *Bereden väg för Herran*, melody from *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697

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 75)

Words: James Lewis Milligan (1876–1961), alt.

Music: *Ascension*, Henry Hugh Bancroft (1904–1988)

Closing Hymn (H 73)

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859–1925), alt.

Music: *St. Stephen*, William Jones (1726–1800), alt.

ABOUT THE MUSIC

Marcel Dupré's *Symphonie-Passion* is set in four movements and begins with a dark, agitated theme, set in restless five- and seven-beat meters, depicting the world in turmoil as it awaits the Messiah. In "The World Awaiting the Savior," the plainsong melody *Jesu, redemptor omnium* ("Jesus, redeemer of the world"), appears as a quiet second subject, and ultimately triumphs over the returning, unsettling opening theme.

Felix Mendelssohn's "There Shall a Star from Jacob" comes from his uncompleted oratorio *Christus*. In true fashion, the composer writes contagious melodies, and complex harmonic changes that add to the depth of the text. Originally conceived for orchestra and choir, this rendition will show off the warm orchestral colors of the Trinity Glatter-Götz/Rosales organ.

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WORSHIP,
AND GATHER
WITH US

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TrinityChurchNYC.org/Festivities

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 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.

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**
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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

All services will be 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.

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 Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

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.*

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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To donate flowers, please email Flowers@TrinityChurchNYC.org.

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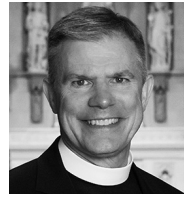
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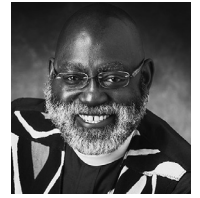
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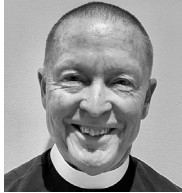
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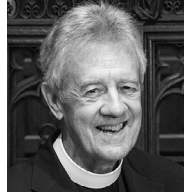
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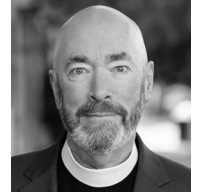
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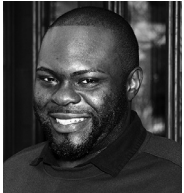
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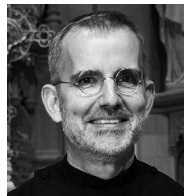
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Find your people in a parish group, expand your mind in a faith education class, or roll up your sleeves and work with us to create a more just world. We do things together at Trinity Church.



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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*



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.