

# 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of ADVENT

December 21, 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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# The Word of God

## The First Reading

Isaiah 7:10–16

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

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

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

# The Psalm

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

BCP p. 702

- Leader* Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- People* **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \***  
**stir up your strength and come to help us.**
- Leader* Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- People* **O LORD God of hosts, \***  
**how long will you be angered**  
**despite the prayers of your people?**
- Leader* You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- People* **You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \***  
**and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
- Leader* Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- People* **Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \***  
**the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**
- Leader* And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- People* **Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \***  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

## The Second Reading

Romans 1:1–7

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

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

# The Holy Gospel

Matthew 1:18–25

*Please stand.*

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

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

*Celebrant* Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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.

VOLUNTEER,  
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**  
*Returns January 11 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*

**Trinity Knitters**  
*12:30pm, Trinity Commons 2nd floor*

Knit and crochet with a welcoming community, whether you've been crafting for years or are ready to start a new hobby.

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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**  
*Returns January 7*  
*Trinity Church*
- 6pm **Trinity Youth Group**  
*Returns January 14*  
*Trinity Commons*
- 6:30pm **Contemplative Practice with Poetry**  
*Returns January 7*  
*Online*

### THURSDAYS

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

### FRIDAYS

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

## This Week

### Trinity Office Closure

*Tuesday, December 23, 1pm–Friday, December 26*

Trinity offices will be closed in observance of Christmas.

### Family Eucharist and Christmas Pageant

*Wednesday, December 24, 3pm, Trinity Church and online*

Children's Christmas pageant and first Eucharist of Christmas with favorite hymns sung by the Trinity Youth Chorus and members of Trinity Choir, with NOVUS Brass.

### Eucaristía de Navidad en familia (en español)

*Wednesday, December 24, 5pm, Trinity Church and online*

Children's Christmas pageant and Festival Eucharist with favorite hymns and anthems offered by Trinity Choir and NOVUS Brass.

### Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist

*Wednesday, December 24, 7pm, Trinity Church and online*

Festival Eucharist with favorite hymns and anthems offered by Trinity Choir with St. Paul's Chapel Choir, the Trinity Youth Chorus, and NOVUS Brass and Strings. Prelude begins at 6:45pm.

### Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist

*Wednesday, December 24, 9pm, Trinity Church and online*

Festival Eucharist with favorite hymns and anthems offered by Trinity Choir and NOVUS Strings. Prelude begins at 8:45pm.

### Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist

*Wednesday, December 24, 11pm, Trinity Church and online*

Solemn Midnight Eucharist with favorite hymns and anthems offered by Trinity Choir and NOVUS Strings. Prelude begins at 10:45pm.

### Christmas Day Holy Eucharist: The Nativity of Our Lord

*Thursday, December 25, 11:15am, Trinity Church and online*

Festival Eucharist with favorite hymns and anthems offered by Trinity Choir.

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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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# 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 The Anglican Church of Burundi.

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## Congregational *Voice*

*"Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be moved" (Psalm 55:22 NIV). I am still thinking of and lifting up the people in Jamaica and all who were impacted by Hurricane Melissa. Even when life feels heavy, God is your strength. He will carry you when you cannot walk and lead you to a place of peace. Have a blessed day.*

— Mary Simpson Mason

*To submit a brief reflection to be featured in Congregational Voice, please email  
Beverly Ffolkes-Bryant at [esmiechild@aol.com](mailto:esmiechild@aol.com).*

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## Food Assistance

*Breakfast, every weekday*

*Lunch, every day*

*Dinner, 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).

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EDC	<i>An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church</i>
EOW	<i>Enriching Our Worship</i>
ICP	<i>Intercessions for the Christian People</i>
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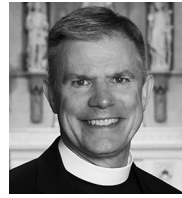
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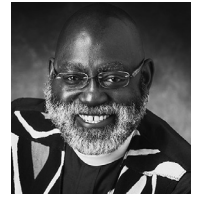
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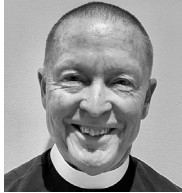
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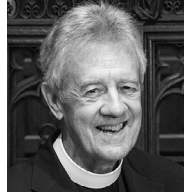
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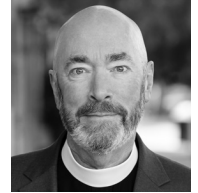
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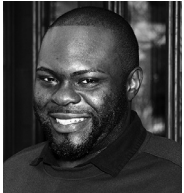
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## WORSHIP

### 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*

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*Ask an usher to show you  
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