

4th SUNDAY of ADVENT

December 21, 2025 \ 11:15am

THE KINGDOM
OF HEAVEN HAS
COME NEAR



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

Christ's Ministry of Healing

Healing people's sickness, wounds, hurts, and brokenness was a principal feature of Jesus' ministry, and Christians have always sought the ministry of the living Christ for our healing, including relying on those to whom God has given gifts in the medical professions. But prayer is a part of the healing process too, and offering your prayers to God in your search for healing is certainly appropriate.

We believe that Jesus' offering of himself for the salvation of the world was and is his great act of healing, and the power of that act is extended to us every time we celebrate the Holy Eucharist and receive Communion. Herein is Christ's primary ministry of healing to us: given day in and day out to his people.

After receiving Communion, those who wish may come to the Chapel of All Saints for laying on of hands and anointing with holy oil (unction) by the clergy.

Preparation

Prelude

Ave Maria à 8

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Regina caeli,
dulcis et pia, O Mater Dei:
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
ut cum electis te videamus.

—Marian antiphon; Luke 1:28, 42

Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548–1611)

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Queen of heaven,
gentle and loving, O Mother of God:
pray for us sinners,
that with the chosen we may look upon thee.*

Opening Acclamation

Psalm 130:5*

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

Celebrant My soul is waiting for the Lord.
People **In God's word is my hope.**

Opening Hymn

H 67, vv. 1-2

1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
tell let her the that val - her leys sins rise I to cov meet - er, him
and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.

Station at the Advent Wreath

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

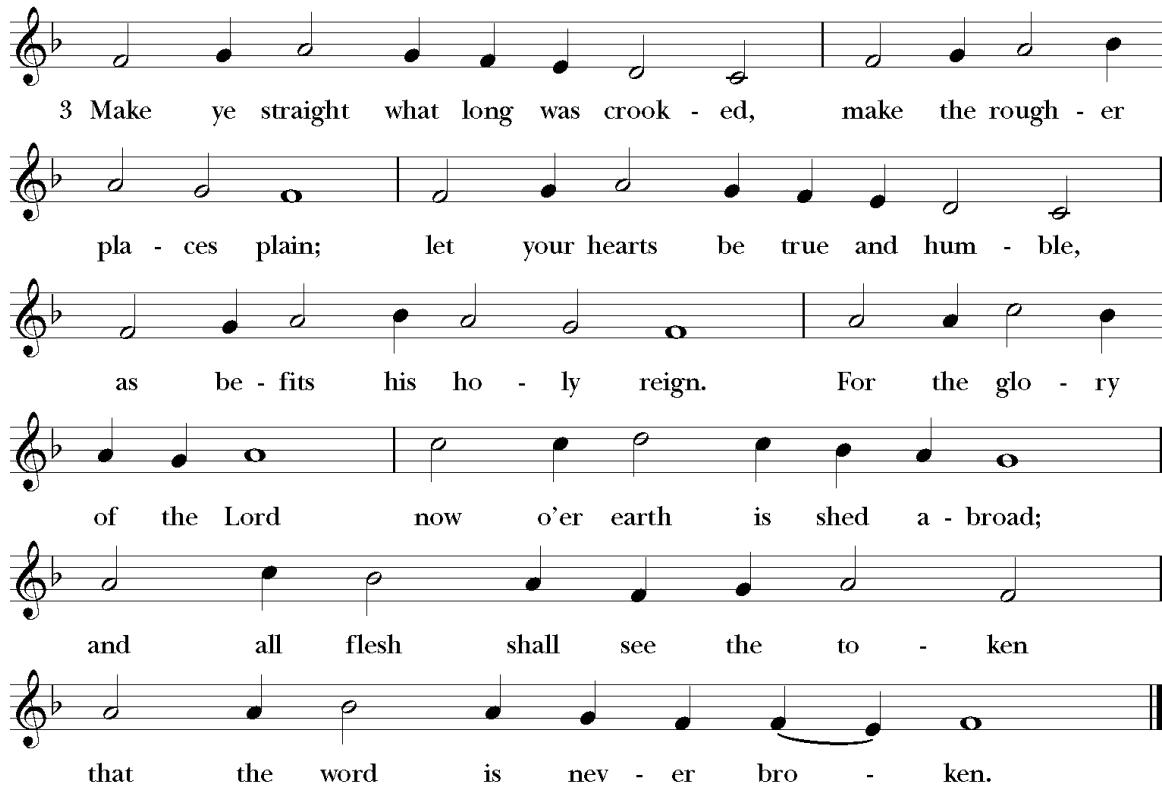
Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

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 67, v. 3



3 Make ye straight what long was crook-ed, make the rough-er places plain; let your hearts be true and hum-ble, as be-bfits his ho-ly reign. For the glo-ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a-broad; and all flesh shall see the to-ken that the word is nev-er bro-ken.

Summary of the Law

Matthew 22:37-40

BCP p. 319*

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 352

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

All

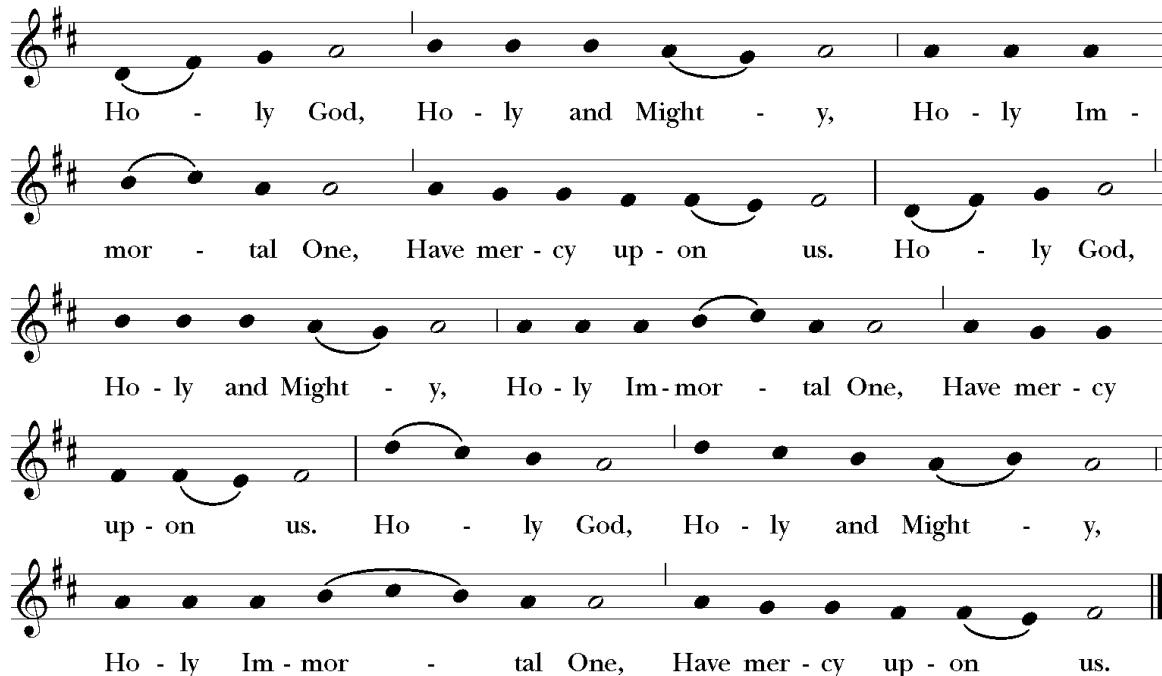
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All Amen.

Trisagion

S 100



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im-mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
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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.

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.

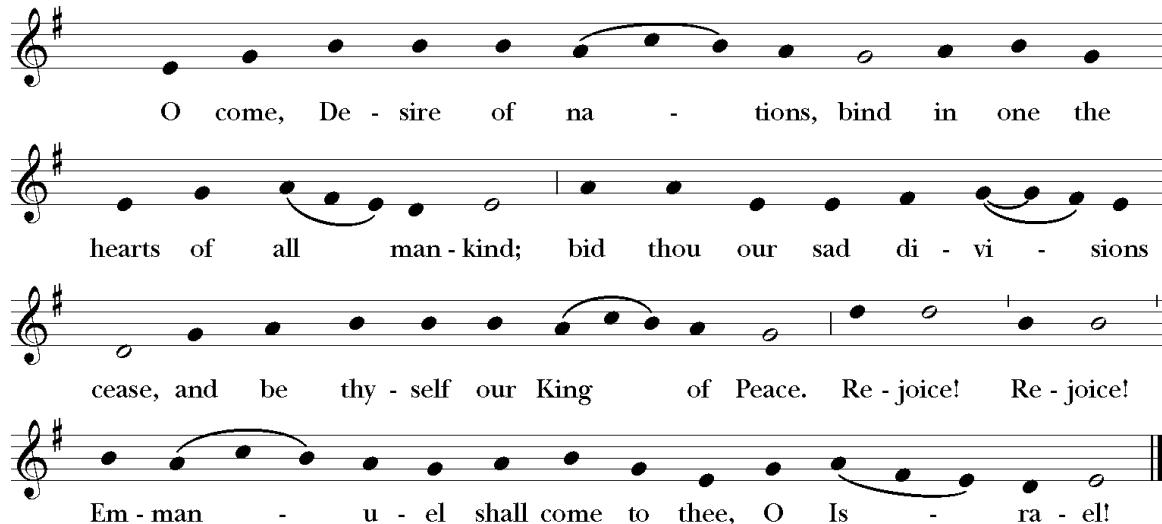
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

H 56, v. 7*

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



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in common time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each line of text corresponding to a staff. The lyrics are:

O come, De - sire of na - - tions, bind in one the
hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - - sions
cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace. Re - joice! Re - joice!
Em - man - - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - - ra - el!

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 1:18–25

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

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

Deacon 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.

Litany of Healing

BOS p. 219*

Leader Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

The People name those for whom they are interceding, either silently or aloud.

Leader God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;
People **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Leader God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;
People **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Leader God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;
People **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Leader Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;
People **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Leader Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or infirm, that they may be made whole;
People **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Leader Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;
People **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Leader Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;
People **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Leader Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;
People **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Leader Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;
People **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Leader Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;
People **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Leader You are the Lord who does wonders:
People **You have declared your power among the peoples.**

Leader With you, O Lord, is the well of life:
People **And in your light we see light.**

Leader Hear us, O Lord of life:
People **Heal us, and make us whole.**

Leader Let us pray.

A period of silence follows.

Celebrant Almighty God, giver of life and health: Send your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns for ever and 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

The Rose

Joel Thompson (b. 1988)

A Rose unfolds on tender vine,
as seers foretold, from Jesse's line:
its petals radiant in the light
of stars aglow this holy night.

Isaiah divined the Flower would bloom
a spotless Rose from Mary's womb,
as angels praise the glorious sight:
the blessed Babe on this holy night.

E'en though we now our anthem raise
in gratitude and joyous praise,
I wonder why, for me, God chose
to show such love with a spotless Rose.

—16th-c. German, tr. Joel Thompson (vv. 1–2); Joel Thompson (v. 3)

Censing of the Gifts

Please stand.

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

—Psalm 141:2

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP p. 367/p. 378

The musical notation consists of four staves of music. The first two staves are for the *Celebrant* and *People* respectively, with the text "The Lord be with you. And also with you." The third and fourth staves are for the *Celebrant* and *People* respectively, with the text "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The fifth and sixth staves are for the *Celebrant* and *People* respectively, with the text "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The seventh and eighth staves are for the *People* with the text "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

S 124

The musical notation consists of three staves of music. The first staff is for the Sanctus, with the text "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." The second staff is for the Benedictus, with the text "Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est."

Please continue standing or kneel.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All
**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All

A-men.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 363

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction and Invitation

BCP p. 364/St. Augustine (1 Corinthians)

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Behold what you are.
People **May we become what we receive.**

Please be seated.

Receiving Communion

*Clergy will distribute communion from stations in front of the altar.
If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher or sacristan know.*

*It is our custom to receive the bread in the upturned palms of our hands, and eat it immediately.
Gluten-free wafers are available; please let the minister know that you need one.*

*Those who wish to receive wine should partake by sipping directly from the chalice
(intincting, or dipping one's wafer into the wine, is no longer permitted).
Please use your hands to gently assist the server in guiding the chalice to your lips.*

*If you do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to come forward to receive a blessing,
indicating your desire by crossing your arms over your chest.*

Healing Prayers

*After receiving communion or a blessing, you may go to the Chapel of All Saints for anointing and healing prayers with
members of the clergy.*

Communion Anthem

Ave Maria

Margaret Rizza (b. 1929)

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.

Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

—Marian antiphon; Luke 1:28, 42

Communion Hymn

H 190

Sung by all. Please stand at the last verse.



1 Lift your voice re - joic - ing, Ma - ry, Christ has
2 Raise your wea - ry eye - lids, Ma - ry, see him
3 Life is yours for ev - er, Ma - ry, for your

ris - en from the tomb; on the cross a suf - fering
liv - ing ev - er - more; see his coun - te - nance, how
light is come once more and the strength of death is

vic - - tim, now as vic - tor he is come. Whom your
gra - - cious, see the wounds for you he bore. All the
bro - - ken; now your songs of joy out - pour. End - ed

tears in death were mourn - ing, wel - come with your smiles re -
glo - ry of the morn - ing pales be - fore those wounds re -
now the night of sor - row, love has brought the bless - ed

turn - ing. Let your al - le - lu - ias rise!
deem - ing. Let your al - le - lu - ias rise!
mor - row. Let your al - le - lu - ias rise!

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP p. 366

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

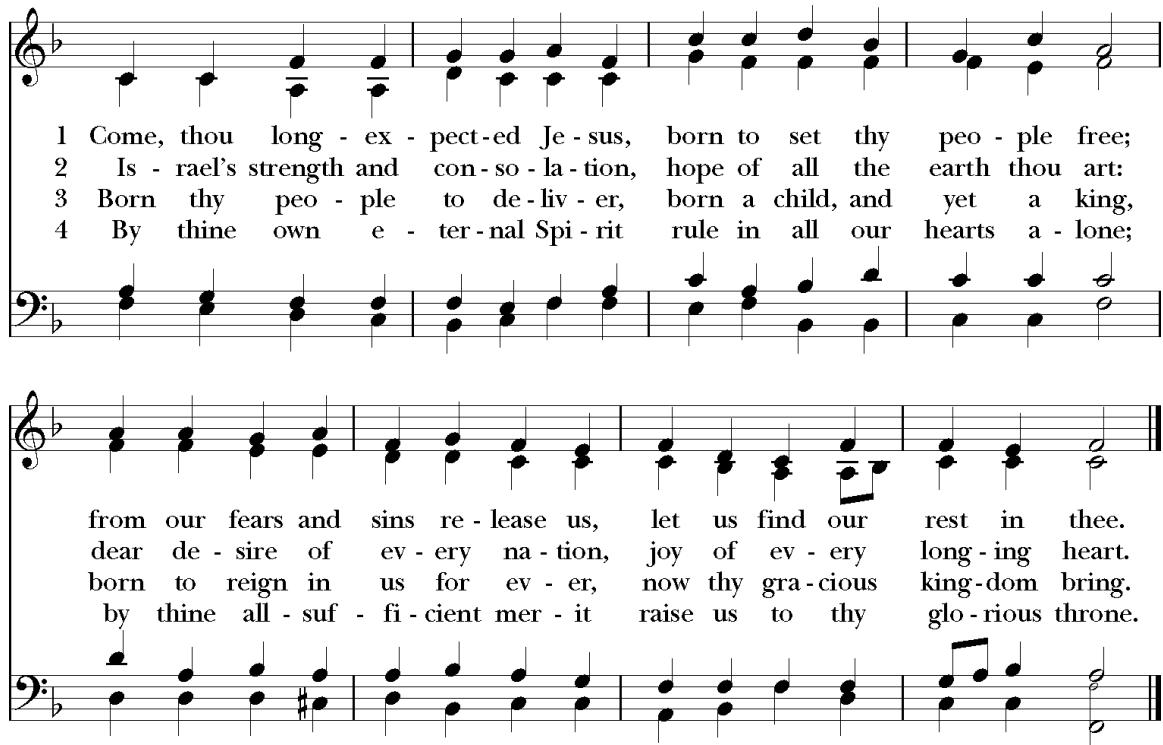
Celebrant May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and
remain with you always.

All Amen.

Please turn to face the procession as it passes.

Closing Hymn

H 66



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Dismissal

BCP p. 366

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

If you would like to remain in your seat to listen to the Postlude, please do.

Postlude

La Nativité du Seigneur: IX. Dieu parmi nous
(*The Nativity of the Lord: IX. God Among Us*)

Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992)

Paroles du communiant, de la Vierge, de l'Eglise tout entière:
Celui qui m'a créée a reposé dans ma tente, le Verbe s'est fait chair et il a habité en moi.
Mon âme glorifie le Seigneur, mon esprit a tressailli d'allégresse en Dieu mon Sauveur.

*Words of the communicant, of the Virgin, of the whole Church:
He that created me has rested in my tabernacle; the Word was made flesh and dwelt in me.
My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.*

—Ecclesiasticus 24:8, John 1:14, Luke 1:46–47

Service Music

Opening Hymn (H 67)

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611–1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878), alt.

Music: *Psalm 42*, melody Claude Goudimel (1514–1572)

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 190)

Words: Latin; tr. Elizabeth Rundle Charles (1828–1896), alt.

Music: *Fisk of Gloucester*, Thomas Foster (1938–2024)

Closing Hymn (H 66)

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesange*, 1715;

adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870), alt.

ABOUT THE MUSIC

Margaret Rizza first had a career as a professional singer in England before turning to teaching and composition. She has written extensively for The Sixteen and has earned acclaim in the choral world for her original arrangements of several Taizé chants. Her “Ave Maria” is composed for choir *a capella*, and the text will be reflected in much of today’s music as we celebrate the mother of Jesus.

Tomás Luis de Victoria was a master composer of the Spanish Renaissance, known for his settings of “O vos omnes,” “O magnum mysterium,” and “Jesu dulcis memoria.” His four-voice setting of the “Ave Maria” is widely performed, but today the congregation will hear his more complex “Ave Maria” for double choir in the choral prelude.

Joel Thompson is a composer, conductor, pianist, educator, and Composer in Residence for the Houston Grand Opera. He is well known for his choral work *Seven Last Words of the Unarmed* (2015) and has since gone on to receive several notable awards and commissions across the country. His carol “The Rose” is a setting for choir and piano to the 16th-century German text “Es ist ein Ros entsprungen.”

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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 <i>Trinity Commons mezzanine</i> 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 <i>Meet in Parish Hall</i> Two-year-olds through fifth graders are invited to learn and play together in peer-grouped classes.
10am	Bible and Bagels <i>Meet in Parish Hall</i> Middle and high schoolers can ask questions and talk about the Bible, Christianity, and The Episcopal Church.
10am	Discovery <i>Returns January 11 Parish Hall</i> 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 <i>Trinity Commons 4th floor</i> 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.

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**
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.

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.

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](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.

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 The Anglican Church of Burundi.

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.

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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Contact the council at CongregationalCouncil@TrinityChurchNYC.org.

FLOWERS

The flowers are given by Frances Pardus-abbadessa in loving memory of Drew Pardus-abbadessa. A loving father and husband. You are always in our hearts. We miss you.

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

Today's Worship Leaders

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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

MUSICAL SOURCES

H	<i>The Hymnal 1982</i>
LEVAS	<i>Lift Every Voice and Sing II</i>
S	<i>The Hymnal 1982 Service Music</i>
WLP	<i>Wonder, Love, and Praise</i>

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

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

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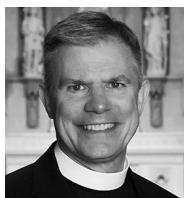
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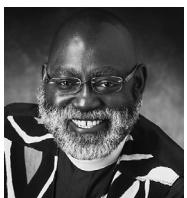
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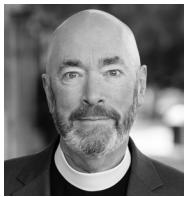
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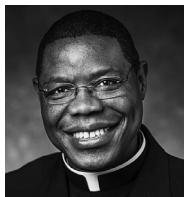
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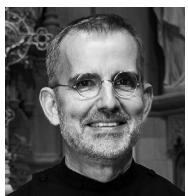
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Find your people in a parish group, expand your mind in a faith education class, or roll up your sleeves and work with us to create a more just world. We do things together at Trinity Church.



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WORSHIP

Sundays

8am, 9am, 11:15am[†]

Holy Eucharist

Trinity Church

7pm

Compline by Candlelight

St. Paul's Chapel

Weekdays

9am

Morning Prayer

Trinity Church

12:05pm[†]

Holy Eucharist

Trinity Church

[†] Livestreamed and available on demand



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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.