

# CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY CHURCH

December 24, 2025 \ 3pm

THEY SHALL NAME  
HIM EMMANUEL,

WHICH MEANS  
*GOD IS WITH US*



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.

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## ABOUT THIS SERVICE

### The Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Eve

The celebration of Christ's coming among us at Christmas—the Incarnation—is one of the two highest holy days of the Christian year, along with the celebration of his resurrection on Easter. In the Book of Common Prayer, Christmas Day is one of the seven principal feasts. The Christmas season lasts twelve days: from Christmas Day until January 5, the day before the Epiphany.

Christmas is much more than simply the celebration of Jesus' birth: it reminds us of the central truth that "the Word became flesh and lived among us" (John 1:14), fulfilling the prophecy that "the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel—God is with us" (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23).

# Preparation

## Prelude

## Opening Acclamation

CW p. 302\*

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

*Celebrant*    The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

*People*        And we beheld his glory.

# Opening Hymn

H 83, vv. 1, 3

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, —

come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;

come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
glo - ry to God, — glo - ry in the high - est;

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

## Blessing of the Crèche

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*Celebrant* God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you made manifest your love within our world: when our need for a savior was great, and the fullness of time had come, you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary, bringing to our lives joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love; bless now this crib, we pray you, by which we recall this most wondrous mystery, and grant that our thoughts may be raised to him who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

# Opening Hymn (continued)

H 83, v. 6

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn-ing;\_\_\_

Je - sus, to thee\_\_\_ be\_\_\_ glo - ry giv'n;

Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

## The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 212

*Celebrant* God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Welcome

# Christmas Pageant

*The Scripture is presented in the form of a pageant.*

*Please sing as directed throughout the story.*

## The Annunciation

The Angel Gabriel

*Gabriel's Message*, Basque carol

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
“All hail,” said he, “thou lowly maiden Mary,  
most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

—Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834–1924)

## The Journey

H 79, v. 1

O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a half note, the second with a half note, the third with a half note, and the fourth with a full note and a double bar line.



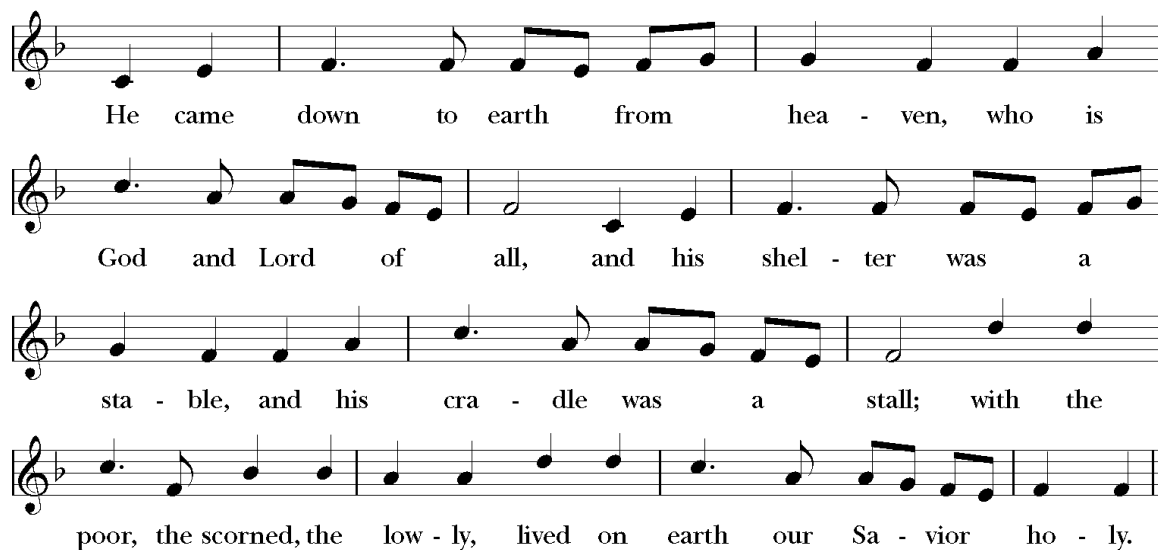
## The Arrival in Bethlehem

H 102, vv. 1-2

*The first verse is sung by a soloist.*

Once in royal David's city  
stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.

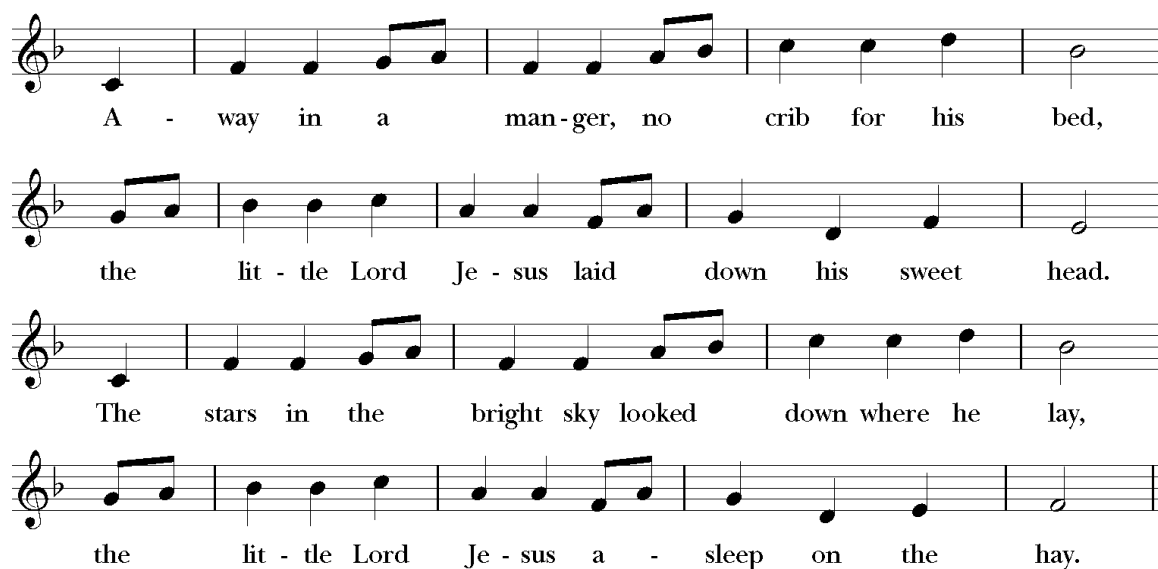
*The congregation joins in singing the second verse.*



He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is  
God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a  
sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the  
poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.

## The Manger

H 101, v. 1



A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,  
the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.

## Shepherds and Angels

H 96, v. 1

An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
Glo - - - - - ri - a  
in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -  
- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

## The Good News

H 100, v. 1\*

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.

## The Homily

## Announcements

# 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 Shepherd's Spiritual

Spiritual, arr. Donald Moore

There's a star in the East on Christmas morn,  
Rise up, shepherd, and follow;  
It will lead to the place where the baby was born,  
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

REFRAIN:

Follow, follow,  
Rise up, shepherd, and follow;  
It is the Star of Bethlehem,  
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

If you take good heed to the angel's words,  
Rise up, shepherd, and follow;  
You'll forget your flocks, you'll forget your herds,  
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

—Traditional

## 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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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.*

# Communion Anthem

How Far Is It to Bethlehem?

Traditional English carol, arr. Molly Ijames (b. 1978)

How far is it to Bethlehem? Not very far?  
Shall we find the stable room lit by a star?  
Can we see the little child, is he within?  
If we lift the wooden latch, may we go in?

May we pet the creatures there, oxen or sheep?  
May we peek like them and see Jesus asleep?  
If we touch his tiny hand, will he awake?  
Will he know we've come so far just for his sake?

Great kings bring him precious gifts but we do not,  
Sweet smiles on our little lips are all we've brought.  
For God, in his mother's arms, slumbers so deep,  
On this humble bed of straw, sleep, Jesus, sleep.  
How far is it to Bethlehem? Not very far.

—Frances Alice Chesterton (1869–1938) and Chris Anderson

# Hymn

H 111, v. 1

*Sung by all.*

*Please kneel for Silent Night through the Post-Communion Prayer and Blessing.*

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.



## Post-Communion Prayer

CW p. 380\*

*Celebrant* Almighty and eternal God, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Blessing

BOS p. 11\*

*Celebrant* May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace; 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 stand.*


*Please turn to face the procession as it passes.*

# Closing Hymn

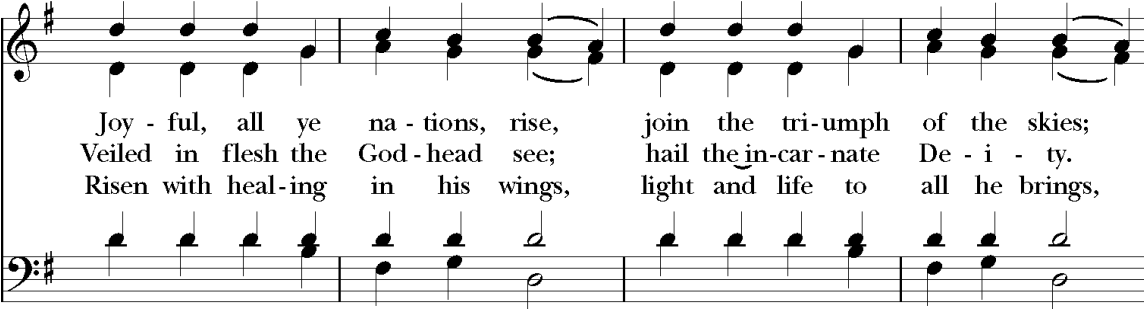
H 87\*



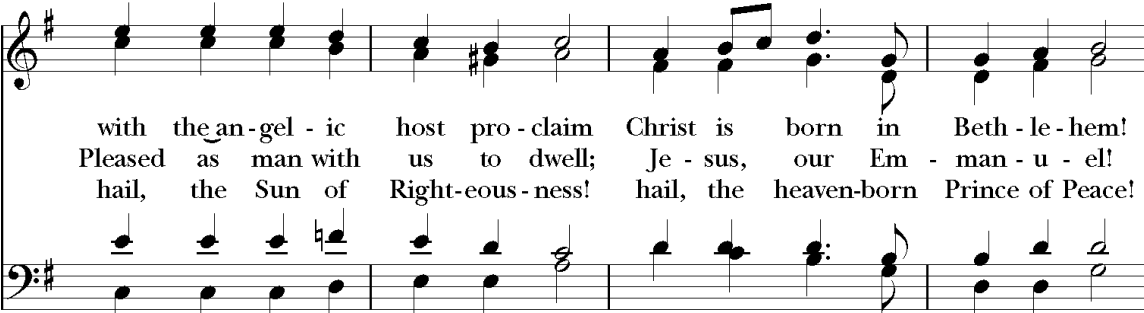
1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!  
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate De - i - ty.  
 Risen with heal-ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,



with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

## Refrain



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!

## Dismissal

BCP p. 366\*

*Deacon*      Inspired by the Word made flesh, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

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

## Postlude

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## Service Music

### Opening Hymn (H 83)

Words: John Francis Wade (1711–1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802–1880) and others

Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906;  
arr. David Willcocks (1919–2015)

### Hymn (H 79)

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835–1893)

Music: *St. Louis*, Lewis H. Redner (1831–1908)

### Hymn (H 102)

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895), alt.

Music: *Irby*, melody Henry John Gauntlett (1805–1876)

### Hymn (H 101)

Words: Traditional carol

Music: *Cradle Song*, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838–1921)

### Hymn (H 96)

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813–1882), alt.

Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887–1958)

### Hymn (H 100)

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.

Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685–1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792–1872)

### Hymn (H 111)

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792–1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820–1885)

Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787–1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824–1910)

### Closing Hymn (H 87)

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788), alt.

Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831–1915);  
arr. David Willcocks (1919–2015)



## Christmas Flowers

*The Christmas flowers are given by the following donors:*

**Ann Ajana**

*In memory of Margaret O'Connor.*

**Heather Daly**

*In memory of Robert Daly, Michael Daly, and Maisy Curry.*

*In honor of my Godmother Stacie Daly.*

**Dr. Beverly Ffolkes-Bryant**

*In memory of Cyril Everard and Esmie May Ffolkes  
and all departed members of the Ffolkes/McDonald families.*

*In memory of family and friends departed this year, especially  
Alfues Fernando Barnett, Vicki Hoffman, and Lonny Shockley.*

*In thanksgiving for all God's blessings given this year.*

**Oliva George**

*In memory of my beloved mother, father, and aunts: Maria Elisa George, Jacinto Ismael George,  
Vivian George, and Margarita George-Nuñez, whose cherished memories live on forever in my heart.*

**Lily Hunter**

*Thank you, God, for another day of life for me, my family, my friends and enemies too.  
For getting us all to our destinations safely. For always being there when we are all alone and scared,  
and don't know what to do. For morning prayer and the 12:05 and church bells too. For protecting us  
during the day and during the night. Thank you for that. I love you, God: much, much, much.*

**Kenton Kilmer**

*In thanksgiving, and with wishes for joy and peace on Earth.*

**Gwendolyn Pointer**

*In memory of my father, Lark E. Pointer—Dad, I will love you forever!*

**Corine Thompson**

**Xiangning Tian**

**Yue Yu**



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# Happening at *Trinity*

Worship, community, connection. That's what's on here at Trinity Church. Attend an evening concert, sign up for a class at Trinity Commons, or come back for Sunday worship and learning. We hope to see you.

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## 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**  
*Returns January 15*  
*Trinity Commons*

3:30pm **Knit Together**  
*Returns January 15*  
*Trinity Commons*

### FRIDAYS

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

## Every *Sunday*

9am– **Childcare Returns January 11**  
*Trinity Commons mezzanine*

Childcare for infants and toddlers is offered during the 9am and 11:15am services, as well as the 10am programs. Ask an usher to show you the way. We ask that parents not leave the premises while their child is in our care.

10am **Sunday School Returns January 18**  
*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 Returns January 18**  
*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– **Family Open Gym Returns January 11**  
*Trinity Commons 4th floor*

Join the Trinity community for basketball, volleyball, pickleball, badminton, and more.

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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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# This Week

## Trinity Office Closure

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

Trinity offices will be closed in observance of Christmas.

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

### FLOWERS

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

## Source Citations

### LITURGICAL SOURCES

BCP *The Book of Common Prayer*  
BOS *The Book of Occasional Services 2022*  
CW *Common Worship*  
CW:TS *Common Worship: Times and Seasons*  
EDC *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church*  
EOW *Enriching Our Worship*  
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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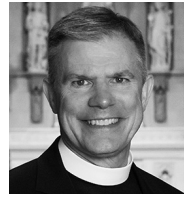
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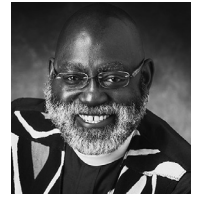
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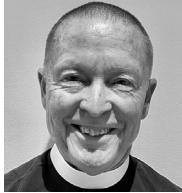
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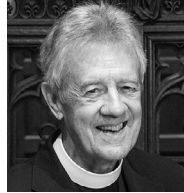
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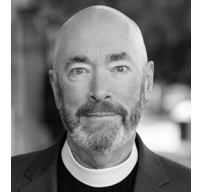
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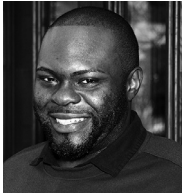
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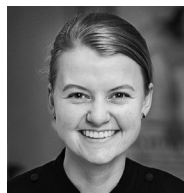
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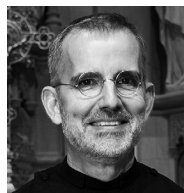
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## **Holiday Schedule**

### **Christmas Eve**

**3pm**

Family Eucharist and  
Christmas Pageant

**5pm**

Eucaristía de Navidad en familia  
(en español)

**7pm and 9pm**

Holy Eucharist

**11pm**

Candlelight Eucharist

### **Christmas Day**

**11:15am**

Holy Eucharist

### **Sunday, December 28**

**11:15am**

Holy Eucharist

### **Sunday, January 4**

**8am, 9am, and 11:15am**

Holy Eucharist

Offices closed

December 26–January 3

Regular services resume

Sunday, January 4

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