

CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY CHURCH

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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.

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The Twelve Days of Christmas

Christmastide—the 12 days between the Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas Day) and the Epiphany on January 6—is comprised of a string of ancient commemorations for saints and martyrs known traditionally as the *Comites Christi*, or “Companions of Christ.” Christmastide festivals include those in honor of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr; St. John the Evangelist, credited with authoring the fourth Gospel; St. Thomas à Becket, the martyred Archbishop of Canterbury; St. Sylvester, and the Holy Innocents. The Holy Name of Our Lord, a major feast, is also observed annually on January 1.

For Christian monastics in antiquity and the Middle Ages, this unbroken string of saints' days meant an extended reprieve from fasting; for Christians in all times, Christmastide is a period of joy, thanksgiving, and wonder at the transcendent love and faithfulness of Emmanuel, God With Us.

Preparation

Prelude

Quatre motets pour le temps de Noël: III. Videntes stellam
Four Motets for the Christmas Season

Francis Poulenc (1899–1963)

Videntes stellam Magi gavisí sunt gaudio magno:
et intrantes domum obtulerunt Domino aurum, thus et myrrham.

*When they saw the star, the Magi rejoiced with great gladness:
and they entered the house and offered the Lord gold, incense, and myrrh.*

—Matthew 2:10–11

Opening Acclamation

CW p. 302*

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

Celebrant The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

People And we beheld his glory.

Opening Hymn

H107

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 213

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 61:10—62:3

Reader A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 147:13–21

BCP p. 805

Leader Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
 praise your God, O Zion;

People **For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; ***
 he has blessed your children within you.

Leader He has established peace on your borders; *
 he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

People **He sends out his command to the earth, ***
 and his word runs very swiftly.

Leader He gives snow like wool; *
 he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

People **He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; ***
 who can stand against his cold?

Leader He sends forth his word and melts them; *
 he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

People **He declares his word to Jacob, ***
 his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

Leader He has not done so to any other nation; *
 to them he has not revealed his judgments.
 Hallelujah!

The Second Reading

Galatians 3:23–25, 4:4–7

Reader A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

H109, v. 1

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

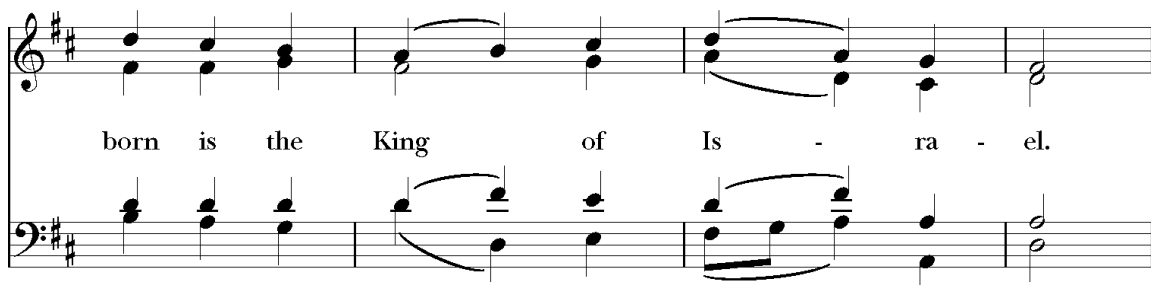
The first No - well the an - gel did say

was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;

in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,

on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,



The Holy Gospel

John 1:1–18

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

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

Deacon In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

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Leader Let us pray to our incarnate Lord, who in coming to dwell among us has revealed the radiance of God's glory and brought us into marvelous light.

Christ born for us, Son of God given for us: help us to know you, to worship you, and to serve you.

Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Wonderful counselor, you order all things with your wisdom: help the Church to reveal the mystery of your love, and fill it with the Spirit of truth. Guide and inspire your faithful people throughout the world.

Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Mighty God, the government is on your shoulders: guide the leaders of the nations and bring in your kingdom of justice and righteousness.

Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Everlasting father, eternal mother, you call us to live together in unity: protect by your mercy all your children, bless our families, and renew our communities. Be the strength among the people of this parish as we seek to love and serve you.

Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Prince of peace, you bring reconciliation through the cross: forgive us our sins, known and unknown, and by your healing power grant to all those who suffer the gift of wholeness and peace.

Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Lord Jesus Christ, Word made flesh, life of the world, you promise us eternal life: we pray for those who have died.

Silence

All **Son of God, Child of Mary,
born in the stable at Bethlehem,
be born again in us this day
that through us the world may know
the wonder of your love. 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

I Saw Three Ships

English carol, arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas Day in the morning.

Pray, whither sailed those ships all three
On Christmas Day in the morning?

O, they sailed in to Bethlehem
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And who should be in those three ships
But Joseph and his Lady?

And he did whistle and she did sing
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the bells on earth shall ring
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the angels in heaven shall sing
On Christmas Day in the morning.

Then let us all rejoice amain
On Christmas Day in the morning.

—Traditional

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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

S 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are

full, full of your glo-ry. Ho-

san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na

in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na

in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Please continue standing or kneel.

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

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

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

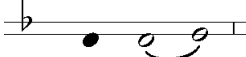
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

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

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

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

All 
A-men.

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Fraction and Invitation

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

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

Please be seated.

Receiving Communion

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

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

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

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

Communion Anthem

In the Bleak Midwinter

Gustav Holst (1874–1934), arr. Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.

—Christina Rossetti (1830–1894)

Communion Hymn

H 82, vv. 1-3

Sung by all. Please stand at the last verse.



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -
 2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,
 3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that
 bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on



are, that have been, and that fu - ture
 world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his
 earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in



years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

Post-Communion Prayer

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All Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

BOS p. 11*

Celebrant May 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 turn to face the procession as it passes.

Closing Hymn

H 99*

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;—

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born. **Fine**

1. While shep-herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
 2. The shep-herds feared and trem - bled, when lo! a - bove the earth,
 3. Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

Be - hold, through-out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light._____
 Rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed the Sav - ior's birth._____
 And God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn._____ **D.C.**

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

Fugue in D Major, BWV 532

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Service Music

Opening Hymn (H 107)

Words: John Mason Neale (1818–1866), alt.

Music: *In dulci jubilo*, German carol, 14th c.; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867–1944)

Sequence Hymn (H 109)

Words: English carol, 18th c.

Music: *The First Nowell*, English carol, 17th c.; harm. John Stainer (1841–1901)

Sanctus and Benedictus (S 130)

Music: from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797–1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

Communion Hymn (H 82)

Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348–c. 410); tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866) and Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877), alt.

Music: *Divinum mysterium*, Sanctus trope, 11th c.; adapt. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582

Closing Hymn (H 99)

Words: Spiritual, 19th c.; adapt. John W. Work (1901–1967)

Music: *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, spiritual, 19th c.; arr. Janet Yieh (b. 1992)

ABOUT THE MUSIC

A member of “Les Six,” the influential group of early 20th-century French composers, Francis Poulenc forged a musical language that is instantly recognizable for its elegance and surprising chromaticism. Following the death of a close friend, Poulenc experienced a profound religious awakening—a transformation which influenced his later compositions with a sense of devotion and sincerity, creating some of the most beloved sacred works of the modern era.

The English Christmas carol “I Saw Three Ships” receives a lively adaptation in John Rutter’s arrangement. Known for his gift in crafting music that uplifts and inspires, Rutter captures the carol’s joyful spirit with familiar melodies and colorful harmonies.

Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo brings a contemporary voice to Gustav Holst’s familiar hymn “In the Bleak Midwinter,” weaving in unexpected harmonic turns that lend the music a sense of mystery and suspense.



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



Sunday at *Trinity*

Worship, community, connection. That's what's on here at Trinity Church, Sundays and every day. Stick around for an afternoon concert, head to Trinity Commons for a class, or stop by coffee hour after the service. We hope to see you.

Every *Sunday*

- 9am–1pm **Childcare**
Returns January 11
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**
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–1pm **Family Open Gym**
Returns January 11
Trinity Commons 4th floor
Join the Trinity community for basketball, volleyball, pickleball, badminton, and more.

Happening *Today*

There will be no coffee hours or programs this Sunday.
Have a happy New Year!

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

No Weekday Services

Monday, December 29–Friday, January 2

There will be no Morning Prayer or 12:05pm services this week. The regular weekday service schedule resumes Monday, January 5.

Trinity Office Closure

Monday, December 29–Friday, January 2

Trinity offices will be closed in observance of the New Year.

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.

Prison Ministry

Thursday, January 15, 6pm, online

Support and care for people who have been incarcerated and their families. Sign up at TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups.

Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop

*Saturday, January 24, 10am–3pm,
St. Paul's Chapel*

Ground yourself in a silent meditation practice, rooted in the Christian contemplative tradition, that deepens your relationship with God and provides peace in challenging times. This daylong course, led by Brother Bernard Delcourt of Holy Cross Monastery, will introduce the fundamentals of centering prayer and inaugurate a weekly community prayer gathering that will meet on Monday evenings throughout the spring. Learn more and register at TrinityChurchNYC.org/centeringprayer.

Centering Prayer Weekly Practice

*Mondays, January 26–March 23,
5:30pm, St. Paul's Chapel*

Join the Trinity community for a weekly one-hour centering prayer gathering. We'll gather for silent meditation, rooted in the Christian contemplative tradition. Together we'll deepen our spiritual practice and find peace in challenging times. All are welcome — attendance at the inaugural workshop is recommended but not required. Learn more and register at TrinityChurchNYC.org/centeringprayer.

Care for Caregivers

Saturday, January 31, 10:30am–4pm, Trinity Commons

Anyone who is responsible for the care of others, personally or professionally, is welcome to join a special time of renewal facilitated by a licensed therapist. Come find rest in community — caregivers need care too. Learn more and register at TrinityChurchNYC.org/caregivers.

Engage in a Group

Study Scripture, craft and create, work for justice, and meet new people in groups at Trinity Church.

Women in Community

Come together for fellowship and Scripture study, paying particular attention to stories of women in the Bible. To join, email WomenInCommunity@TrinityChurchNYC.org.

First Sundays, 1pm

Trinity Men

Explore what it means to live a life of faith and service in New York City through social gathering and volunteer opportunities. To join, email MensGroup@TrinityChurchNYC.org.

Fourth Thursdays, 6:30pm

Trinity Young Adults

Join a monthly Sunday brunch and Thursday night dinner for adults in their 20s and 30s. To join, email YoungAdults@TrinityChurchNYC.org.

*Second Sundays following
11:15am service*

Third Thursdays, 6:30pm

Trinity Youth Group

Meet weekly for dinner and talk about what's on your heart and mind. Sign up at TrinityChurchNYC.org/youthgroup.

Wednesdays, 6pm

New Beginnings

Trinity's seniors meet weekly for chair yoga and tai chi, Bible study, and lunch. At 12:05pm, we attend the Holy Eucharist service in Trinity Church. To join, email NewBeginnings@TrinityChurchNYC.org.

Thursdays, 9:30am-3pm

ParentSpace

Find encouragement in kinship. Join fellow parents in a supportive conversation about raising children. To join, email ParentSpace@TrinityChurchNYC.org.

Second Sundays, 10am

LGBTQ+ Ministry

Connect, celebrate, and care for one another in a supportive and affirming faith space. Sign up at TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups.

Last Sundays, 1pm

Creation Care

Address environmental concerns through the lens of faith, in connection with efforts of The Episcopal Church and other communities. Sign up at TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups.

Prison Ministry

Support and care for people who have been incarcerated and their families. Sign up at TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups.

First Thursdays, 6pm

Trinity Knitters

Knit and crochet with a welcoming community, whether you've been crafting for years or are ready to start a new hobby. To join, email TrinityKnitters@TrinityChurchNYC.org.

Third Sundays, 12:30pm

Third Mondays, 6:30pm

Knit Together

Craft cold-weather essentials for unhoused LGBTQ+ youth in weekly community knitting sessions hosted by Trinity Youth. All are welcome. Sign up at TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups.

Thursdays, 3:30pm

Poets' Corner

Join a forum for poets and writers to share their works with an encouraging community of fellow artists. To join, email PoetsCorner@TrinityChurchNYC.org.

Third Tuesdays, 7pm

Contemplative Practice with Poetry

Practice guided meditation centered on poetry in weekly online practice. To join, email ChristianFormation@TrinityChurchNYC.org.

Wednesdays, 6:30pm

Trinity Book Club

Explore the mysteries of the Christian faith through the medium of literature in an online discussion group. Sign up at TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups.

Fridays, 6pm

Become a Member

We welcome your participation in Trinity Church's active and vibrant community of faith. If you have questions about membership or want to learn more about Trinity, email Membership@TrinityChurchNYC.org or call 646-216-6484.

Request *Prayer*

We are a community of prayer. Our clergy and Daily Intercessory Prayer Ministry set aside time to pray for members of our parish. To submit a specific request, please email Prayers@TrinityChurchNYC.org. All submissions are confidential.

Please pray with us:

*God of mercy and compassion,
you sent your Son that we might know your power to heal,
to comfort, strengthen, and restore.*

*We thank you for this community of faith and the joy of our life together,
and we pray your presence with those dear to us.*

*We remember those who are vulnerable.
We lift up those who are sick.*

We commend to your protection those who serve in harm's way.

Hold them in your loving embrace, fill them with your grace, and bring them peace.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Pray for The Anglican Church of Canada.

Congregational *Voice*

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28 NIV). With a new year approaching, it is natural to wonder what events will transpire. The Bible says we have an insurance policy of sorts with God: Regardless of what happens, it will result in a good outcome in our life. That is the message of Romans 8:28. No insurance company offers a policy with that kind of blanket coverage! If you belong to God through faith in Christ, you are "insured." Regardless of what the new year brings, it will be for your good.

— CHARMINE POTTINGER

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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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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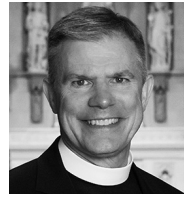
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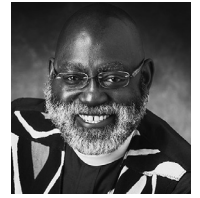
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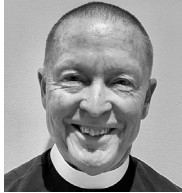
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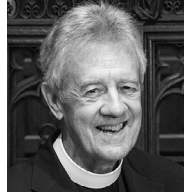
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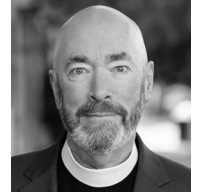
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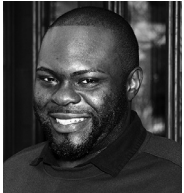
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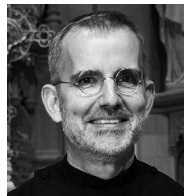
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Holiday Schedule

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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