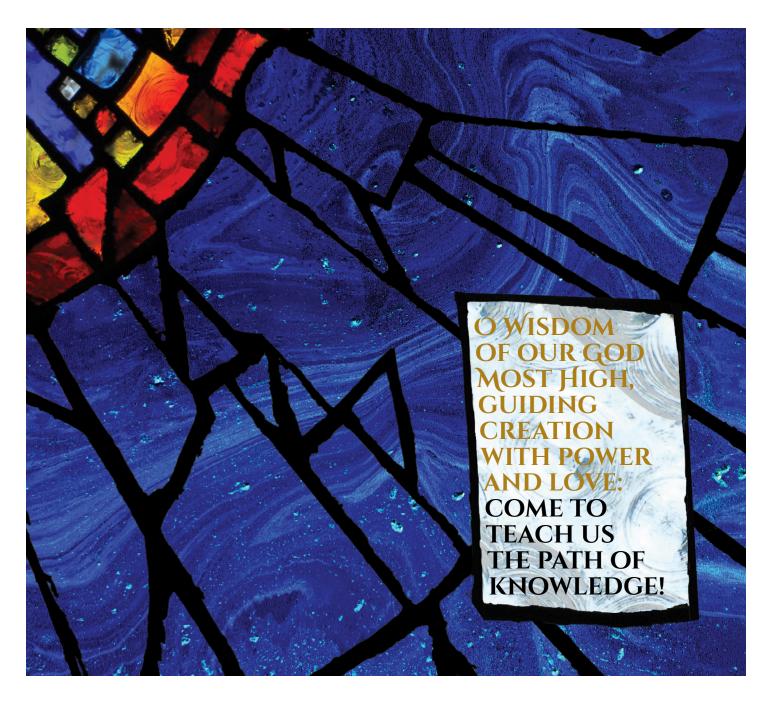
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 2023, 11:15am





Welcome to Trinity Church

Welcome to Trinity Church Wall Street, a vibrant and growing Episcopal parish of more than 1,500 members. Over the past 325 years, the fabric of Trinity has been woven by the Spirit from the lives and gifts of diverse people; their desire to live their faith through worship, service, study, and stewardship; and the ever-evolving life of New York City itself.

Our parish is guided by its mission to share God's love for all people. Together, we seek to build relationships with one another and with our neighbors, to cultivate compassion, to deepen our knowledge and spiritual practices, to work for justice rooted in essential human dignity, and to live as conscientious contributors to the life of our city and the Anglican Communion worldwide. As we grow together in service and love, we know ourselves, first and foremost, as followers of Jesus.

We are delighted to welcome you today; thank you for the gift of your participation and prayers. If you are new to Trinity, please introduce yourself to a member of the clergy. All are warmly invited to join us for Coffee Hour at Parish Hall—behind the church and over the bridge.



About this Service

Advent

In the Episcopal Church, the season of Advent marks the beginning of the new liturgical year. The name of the four-Sunday season originates from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "to approach." During Advent, Christians joyfully await the coming of Jesus, a celebration commemorated on the feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, also known as Christmas Day. The season is full of expectation and preparation, not only for Christ's incarnation, but also for his promised "second coming" in majesty.

Sources: The Book of Common Prayer, An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, TCWS liturgical staff

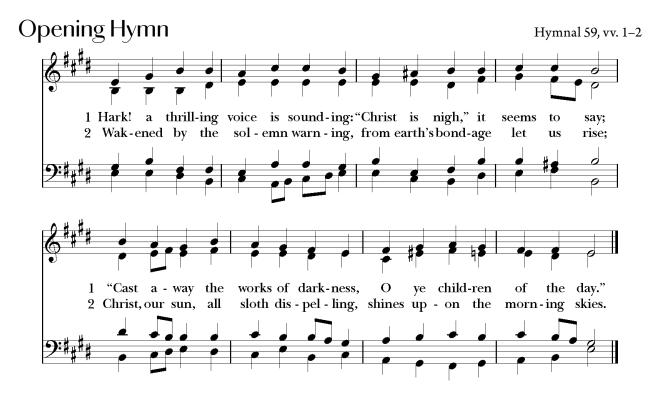
Preparation

Prelude

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 140 (Sleepers, Wake, a Voice is Calling)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750), arr. Fred Mills (1935–2009)

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



Station at the Advent Wreath

TCWS

Celebrant

Bless, O Christ our Savior, this wreath and these candles which we light in preparation of your coming, and so kindle our hearts with the fire of your love that we may receive you with joy, and manifest you to all the world. We ask this in your name and for the sake of your love.

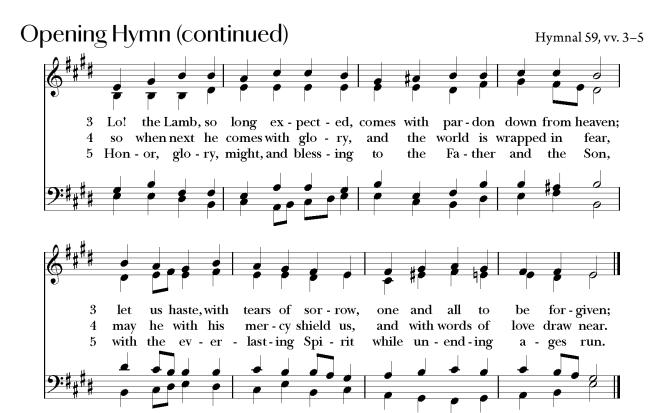
All Amen.

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

Celebrant Give light to our eyes, and peace to our hearts.

People May Christ find us watching and waiting in joy.

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.



Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt. Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

Acclamation BCP p. 351

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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,

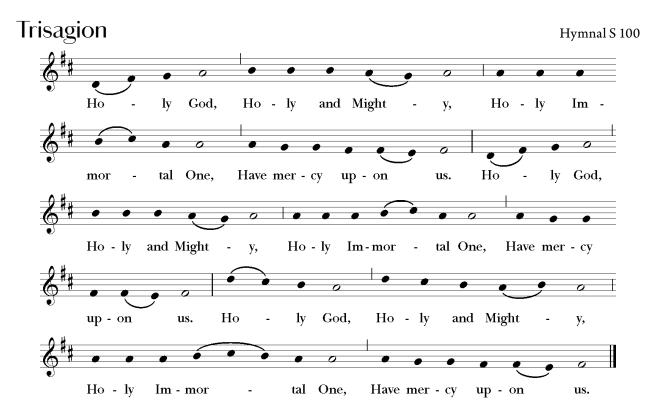
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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.



Music: from New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 211

Celebrant God be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Please be seated.

The Word of God

The First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

Reader A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

People Thanks be to God.

The Psal	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

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Reader

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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

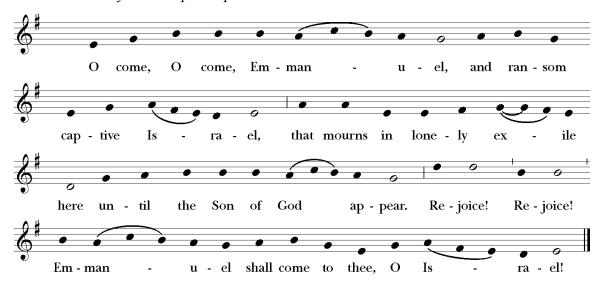
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Gradual Hymnal 56, v. 1*

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



Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940, alt.

Music: Veni, veni, Emmanuel, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

The Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Michael A. Bird

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 As the Church universal celebrates the beginning of its New Year, let us lift up our

prayers to God for the needs of all people everywhere.

Silence

We pray for the peace of the world, that our instruments of war may be transformed into instruments of peace, and that nations shall cease to learn war anymore.

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for the Church, that we may become more and more a means of grace and

peace in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for the strength to cast off the works of darkness, that we may be enlightened

through our service of others.

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for all who are in need, that they may know the healing power of Christ's love.

We pray for all those who have been commended to our prayers, and especially those

we now name before you.

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for this congregation, that we may put on the armor of light and share Christ's

love in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for the souls of all the departed, that they may rest in God's eternal peace.

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave

with you": Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and

reign, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Peace BCP p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome

Please be seated.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

"For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you." —1 Chronicles 29:14

Offerings at Trinity are applied to the care of our neighbors; particularly to our food assistance ministries Compassion Meals and Compassion Market, and in support of other food banks across lower Manhattan. Last year we were able to provide over one million meals for our food insecure neighbors. (trinitywallstreet.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 trinitywallstreet.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

Keep Your Lamps!

Spiritual, arr. André Thomas (b. 1952)

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done.

Christian, journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

—Traditional

Censing of the Gifts

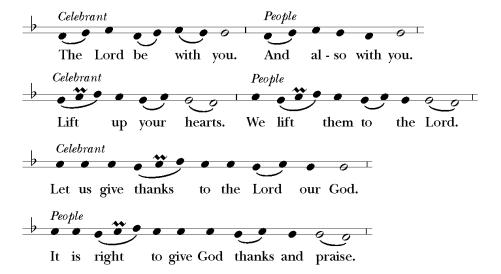
Please stand.

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

-Psalm 141:2

The Great Thanksgiving

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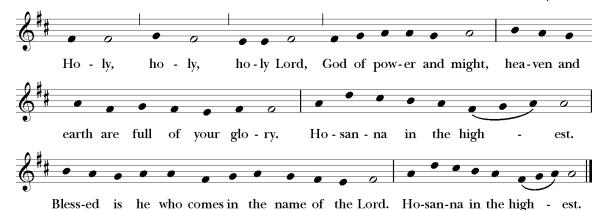
Celebrant

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:



Hymnal S 124



Music: from New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950)

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.





The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

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)

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Behold what you are.

People May we become what we receive.

Please be seated.

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

Christ Hath a Garden

Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

Christ hath a garden walled around, A Paradise of fruitful ground, Chosen by love and fenced by grace From out the world's wide wilderness.

Like trees of spice his servants stand, There planted by his mighty hand; By Eden's gracious streams, that flow To feed their beauty where they grow.

Awake, O wind of heav'n, and bear Their sweetest perfume through the air: Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom, Till the beloved Master come:

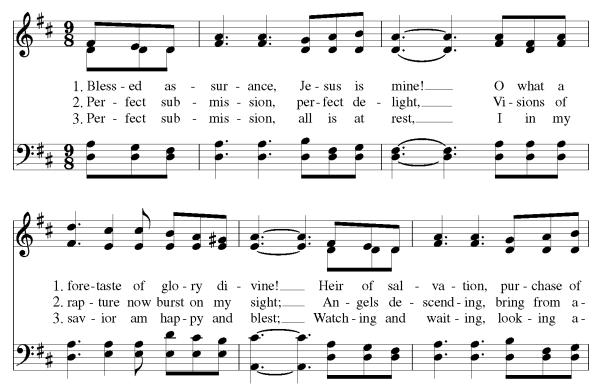
That he may come, and linger yet Among the trees that he hath set; That he may evermore be seen To walk among the springing green.

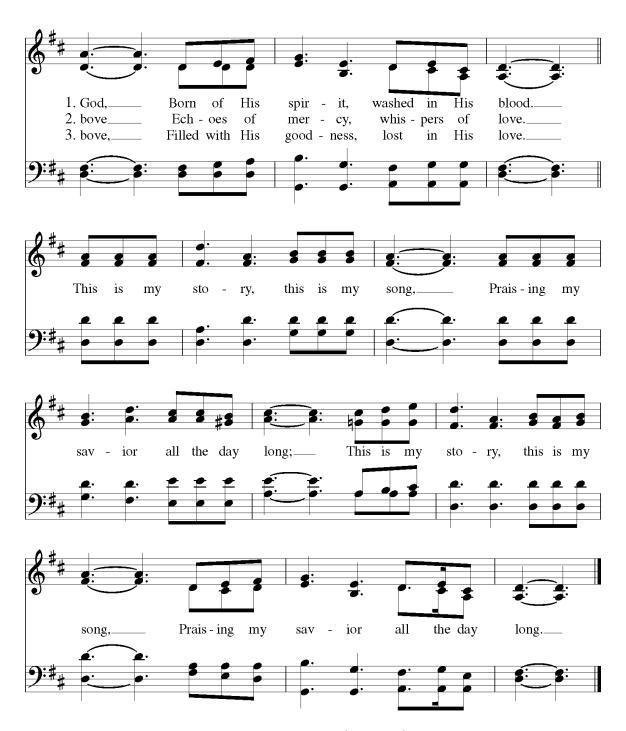
-Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

Communion Hymn

LEVAS 184

Please join in singing and stand at the last verse.





Words: Fanny J. Crosby (1820–1915) Music: Phoebe P. Knapp (1839–1908)

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

All Eternal God, heavenly Father,

you have graciously accepted us as living members

of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage

to love and serve you

with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. 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.



Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788) Music: *Helmsley*, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710–1778) Dismissal BCP p. 366

After the Dismissal, you are welcome to leave quietly.

Please join Coffee Hour (exit through the nave and over the pedestrian bridge to the Parish Hall), or exit to your left or right at the back of the church.

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

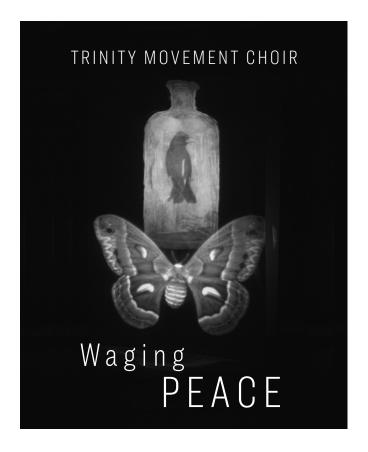
Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (Savior of the Nations, Come)

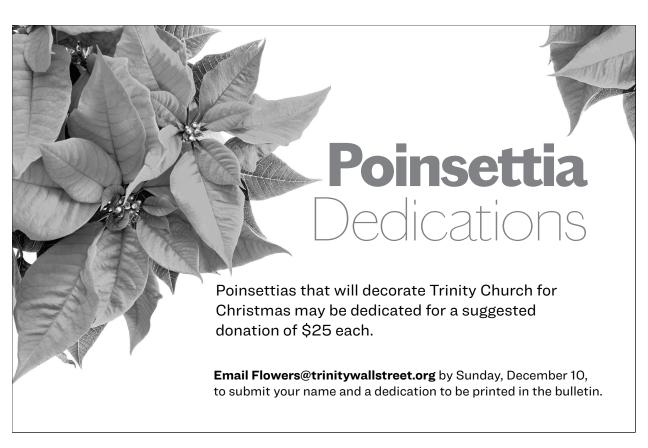
Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
4-7pm, St. Paul's Chapel

Experience a new multimedia performance by the Trinity Movement Choir, inspired by the installation artwork *Conversations with Angels* by Ann McCoy and set to music from Canadian composer Debbie Danbrook.

trinitywallstreet.org/wagingpeace





ComfortatChristmas **Eucharist**

A service for those in grief or loss. Not everyone experiences the holidays as a time of joy and cheer. Join us for meditative music, prayer, and a quiet space for comfort and support.

A light meal will be served.

trinitywallstreet.org/comfortchristmas

For more information, contact: PastoralCare@trinitywallstreet.org.

Virtual Coat Drive

November 6-December 15 Online

The Compassion Market is providing warm coats to asylum seekers, the unhoused, and other members of our Lower Manhattan community this winter season. Help our Outreach staff meet the needs of our neighbors, especially children and families! Currently, we are not accepting physical donations.

For questions, contact Megan Payton, Program Assistant for Outreach, at MPayton@trinitywallstreet.org

Scan to donate via Amazon Wishlist!





Announcements

TRINITY CHURCH | BROADWAY AT WALL STREET ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL | BROADWAY AND FULTON STREET

FOR VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS



Welcome! We're glad you've joined us today. To learn more about membership, baptism, or confirmation, or to receive emails about upcoming Trinity events and programs, visit trinitywallstreet.org/connect.

Nursery Care | Infants and Toddlers | Available during the 9am and 11:15am services, the nursery is located across the bridge in Trinity Commons. Feel free to ask an usher to show you the way. Register at trinitywallstreet.org/children.

Coffee Hour | Join us in Trinity Commons following the 9am and 11:15am worship services.

TODAY

Discovery: New Perspectives on Women in the Bible

Sundays, December 3–17, 10am Trinity Commons and Online

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The Rev. Dr. Julie Faith Parker leads us in an exploration of her new book, Eve Isn't Evil: Feminist Readings of the Bible to Upend Our Assumptions. Intertwining academic analysis and theological insight with personal stories drawn from her own life, Dr. Parker's work helps us consider the stories of women in the Bible in a new way. Register at trinitywallstreet.org/discovery.



The Sound of a New World 4pm, Trinity Church

Trinity's new-music orchestra, NOVUS NY, and GRAMMY-nominated ensemble Sandbox Percussion present eco-minded works by Viet Cuong, Jessica Meyer, and others. Please join us for a special post-concert reception. This performance is presented as part of Trinity's Renewal concert series, which considers the issues of prison reform, the climate crisis, and immigration through music. Free registration is required. Seating will be first come, first served. Doors open at 3:30pm. Register at trinitywallstreet.org/music.

EVERY SUNDAY

Children's Time | 9:45am, Trinity Commons Children are invited to learn and play together Sunday mornings. Peer-grouped classes are available for two-year-olds through fifth graders. To register, visit trinitywallstreet.org/children.

Bible & Bagels | 10am, Trinity Commons
Trinity Youth are invited to ask questions and join discussion exploring the Bible, Christianity, and
The Episcopal Church. For more information,
email Fr. Matt at MWelsch@trinitywallstreet.org.
NOTE: No gathering on December 10.

The Gospel, Times, Journal, and You

10am, Online | A weekly discussion group that reads the editorial pages of *The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal*, and the appointed Gospel for the day. To join, email GospelTimesJournalAndYou@gmail.com.

Sunday Open Gym | 11am-2pm, Trinity Commons | Join the Trinity community for pickup games of basketball, volleyball, pickleball, cornhole, and more. **NOTE:** No open gym on December 10.

Compassion Meals | 12:45pm, Trinity Church
The Compassion Meals program is now offering
lunch on Sundays, and volunteers are needed
to support meal packing and distribution.
To learn more, email Rase De Los Santos at
RDeLosSantos@trinitywallstreet.org.

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Dig Deeper

The Broad Way Bible Study | Mondays, 1pm, Online | Grab your lunch and join Bob Scott online for lively discussion and fellowship. To join, please email TheBroadWay@trinitywallstreet.org.

Trinity Book Club | Fridays, 6:30pm, Online Through December 15, we're reading Eve Isn't Evil: Feminist Readings of the Bible to Upend Our Assumptions by the Rev. Dr. Julie Faith Parker. RSVP at trinitywallstreet.org/bookclub.

Expand Your Spirituality

Catch Your Breath | Wednesdays, 1pm, Trinity Church | A midweek community meditation practice in the Chapel of All Saints. Stop by for a time of stillness and centering. Learn more at trinitywallstreet.org/catchyourbreath.

Contemplative Eucharist | Wednesdays, 5:30pm, Trinity Church | Come rest in the presence of God. This 30-minute service is followed by a light supper.

Contemplative Practice with Poetry

Wednesdays, 6:30pm, Online | Join a weekly practice of guided meditation and contemplative reflection on poetry, for mutual spiritual growth and support. Led by spiritual directors John Deuel

and Dr. Kathy Bozzuti-Jones. To join, email ChristianFormation@trinitywallstreet.org.

Enjoy the Company of Others

New Beginnings | Thursdays, 9:45am–3pm, Trinity Commons | Trinity's ministry of seniors meets weekly for chair yoga, Bible study, 12:05pm Holy Eucharist, lunch, and tai chi (through December 21). To join, in person or online, email PastoralCare@trinitywallstreet.org.

Trinity Youth Afterschool | Weekdays, 2:30–6pm, Trinity Commons | From basketball and mindfulness to test prep and advocacy, Trinity Youth Afterschool offers weekday sports, arts, academics, and other activities for youth. All activities are free and open to grades 6–12. See the schedule and sign up at trinitywallstreet.org/youth. Questions? Contact SK Doyle at SDoyle@trinitywallstreet.org.

Trinity Youth Group | Wednesdays, 6–8pm, Trinity Commons | Trinity Youth Group meets each Wednesday to take time to eat dinner, play games, and talk about what's on our minds supported by our beliefs and by one another. Learn more at trinitywallstreet.org/youth.

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Thursday, December 7

Prison Ministry Group

6pm, Online

Trinity's parishioner-led Prison Ministry advocates for social justice reform of prisons and incarceration and supports fair reentry processes and opportunities for those returning home. We engage in direct communication to uplift the spirits of those incarcerated, letting them know they have a loving community in our ministry and are not forgotten. All are welcome to join our monthly meetings, hear from speakers on social justice and criminal justice reform topics,

and learn about opportunities to get involved with our work. Register at trinitywallstreet.org/prisonministry.

Unconventional Wisdom

7pm, St. Paul's Chapel

Trinity and TENET Vocal Artists present a concert celebrating music produced by 17th-century Italian nuns and featuring women from Downtown Voices with Elena Williamson, conductor, and Jolle Greenleaf, artistic director. Purchase your tickets at tenet.nyc.

Friday, December 8

Trinity Movement Choir: Waging Peace

4-7pm, St. Paul's Chapel

Experience a new multimedia performance by Trinity Movement Choir, inspired by the installation artwork Conversations with Angels by Ann McCoy. McCoy's original work featured radiant projections on the site of a former Nazi concentration camp in Poland. In this presentation, 12 of McCoy's images inspire meditative dance pieces set to music from Canadian composer Debbie Danbrook. The prerecorded 35-minute dance performance will run on a continuous loop. Visitors are invited to enter St. Paul's Chapel any time during the open hours, watch the piece, and reflect on the potential we all hold to make movements toward a more peaceful world. Learn more at trinitywallstreet.org/wagingpeace.

Family Movie Night: *Encanto* 6:30–8:30pm, Trinity Commons

Enjoy Disney's *Encanto* (in English with Spanish subtitles) at a fun and family-friendly screening in Trinity Commons. Doors open at 6:15pm; enter through Trinity Church. Refreshments will be served. Questions? Contact Lissette Garcia at LGarcia@trinitywallstreet.org.

Congregational Council Nominations

To be eligible for Election: All persons who on the date of an annual election shall have attained the age of 18 years and who, for the period of one year preceding such annual election, shall have been duly enrolled on the Corporation's records as members of the Congregation and shall have partaken of the Holy Communion within said year in the Parish and who shall have contributed to the support of the Parish by a recorded gift of any amount in the preceding year.

When considering a person for nomination please speak with the person to let them know you wish to submit their name for consideration.

All nominations should be in writing and directed to the Vicar's Office for the attention of the Congregational Council Nominating & Leadership Development Committee.

Nominations must be received by 12pm on Sunday, December 10, 2023. Please send submissions to Keisha Joseph, Administrative Manager for the Vicar's Office, at KJoseph@trinitywallstreet.org.

Congregational Council Nominating and Development Committee: The Rev. Michael A. Bird, Mr. Scott Evenbeck, Dr. Joyce Coppin Mondesire, Ms. Felicia Stenhouse Eve, Ms. Catharina Oerlemans, and Ms. Pearl Chin.



Saturday, December 9

Trinity Movement Choir: Waging Peace

4-7pm, St. Paul's Chapel

Experience a new multimedia performance by Trinity Movement Choir, inspired by the installation artwork *Conversations with Angels* by Ann McCoy. See the full listing under Friday, December 8, for more information.

NEXT SUNDAY

Volunteers Needed: Holiday Warm-Up Dinner

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Sunday, December 10, 12:15-7pm

Next week, Trinity will host a Cena Familiar/ Holiday Warm-Up Christmas Dinner for guests in our neighborhood, especially asylum seeker families with children. Volunteers are needed to serve food and welcome guests. Sign up for three-hour shifts starting at 12:15pm, 2:15pm, or 4:15pm. Volunteers must also attend a walk-through rehearsal; more details will be provided upon registration. To sign up, email Maggy Laraque at MLaraque@trinitywallstreet.org with your preferred volunteer shift and role by December 3.

Trinity Young Adults Sunday Brunch Sunday, December 10, 12:30pm, Off-site

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join the Trinity Young Adults group for a festive brunch. We will meet in the back of the church following the 11:15am service, and we'll walk to the venue together. To secure your spot, please email TrinityChurchYoungAdults@gmail.com. Space is limited.

Jazz Icons: Ron Carter Trio

Sunday, December 10, 3pm, Online

Watch a livestreamed performance by the Ron Carter Trio, featuring Russell Malone and Donald Vega. Ron Carter is one of the most prolific and influential bassists in jazz, with more than 2,500 albums to his name. Presented in collaboration with JAZZ HOUSE KiDS. Watch live at trinitywallstreet.org.

COMING SOON

Environmental Justice Ministry

Monday, December 11, 6–7:30pm, Online

The Environmental Justice Ministry group is a faith-based group that examines, increases awareness, and acts around the most pressing problems of climate change and environmental justice. At this month's meeting, U.S. Geological Survey hydrologist Christopher Schubert will present new guidance developed to help federal agencies include Indigenous knowledge in policy, research, and decision-making, bringing tribal nations to the table as co-equal with federal planners.

Young Adults Bible Study Monday, December 11, 6–8pm

Trinity Commons

Adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join a Bible study on the parables of Jesus led by Summerlee Staten, Executive Director, Faith Formation and Education. We'll meet for dinner and explore the spiritual truths the Gospel parables offer us. A \$10 contribution for dinner is suggested, but all you need to bring is your questions! RSVP to TrinityChurchYoungAdults@gmail.com. FINAL SESSION: December 18.

Trinity Afterschool Holiday Open House

Wednesday, December 13, 4–6 pm Trinity Commons

Members of Trinity Youth and their families are invited to celebrate the winter holidays at Trinity Afterschool! We'll watch a feel-good movie, enjoy musical performances by JAZZ HOUSE KiDS and the Trinity Youth Choristers, decorate cookies with the Sylvia Center, and more! RSVP at trinitywallstreet.org/HolidayOpenHouse. Questions? Email Jayla Allen, Program Associate for Trinity Youth, at JAllen@trinitywallstreet.org.

Youth Group Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 13, 6–8 pm, Off-site It's that time of year again—time to celebrate the season with Trinity Youth before winter break. Come for the Afterschool Open House from 4–6pm and stay for the ever-popular ice skating with youth group members and staff. Questions? Email SK Doyle at SDoyle@trinitywallstreet.org.

Handel's Messiah

December 13-15, 7pm, Online

Please join us for *Messiah* streamed live from Trinity Church, a cherished holiday tradition that has captivated New York audiences since it was first presented by the church in 1770. Deemed by *The New York Times* as "transcendent and aweinspiring," Trinity's unique *Messiah* is performed in a sacred space, on period instruments, with soloists from The Choir of Trinity Wall Street. Dr. Ryan James Brandau, conductor. Learn more at trinitywallstreet.org/messiah.

Giving Tree Gift-Wrapping Party Friday, December 15, 11am-7pm Trinity Commons

Volunteers needed! Help gift-wrap Christmas presents for children whose families are guests at our Compassion Market, including many asylum seekers. RSVP to Dan Frank at DFrank@trinitywallstreet.org by Monday, December 11.

Sing, Choirs of Angels: Holiday Concert and Sing-Along

Sunday, December 17, 3–4:15pm, Trinity Church Trinity Church Wall Street presents its annual holiday concert, "Sing, Choirs of Angels." The program will include sing-along Christmas carols and other festive works featuring the combined vocal power of all of Trinity's vocal ensembles: The Choir of Trinity Church Wall Street, the Trinity Youth Chorus, St. Paul's Chapel Choir, and Downtown Voices, joined by NOVUS NY Brass, The Choirs from the Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC), and, of course, Trinity's congregation. This performance will be available via livestream. Learn more and save your spot at trinitywallstreet.org/music.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas Sunday, December 17, 3pm, Church of the Intercession, Reception at Trinity Church Cemetery and Mausoleum

For more than 100 years, the Church of the Intercession, formerly a Trinity chapel, has hosted a reading of *A Visit from St. Nicholas*, better known as *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*. This year represents a milestone for that Christmas classic: it's been 200 years since the poem was first published, anonymously, in an upstate New York newspaper. The reading this year, by Dr. Vincent Boudreau, president of City University of New York, will be followed by a procession to the Trinity Cemetery for a brief memorial at the grave of Clement Clarke Moore, author of the poem.

Special Compline

Sunday, December 17, 8pm, St. Paul's Chapel Join The Choir of Trinity Wall Street for a special Compline by Candlelight, an ancient rite of prayers to end the day. This service features works by contemporary composers Piers Connor Kennedy, Judith Weir, Jonathan Woody, Herbert Howells, Jan Sandström, and Hannah Kendall, curated and led by Timothy Parsons. There's nothing to do but listen.

Comfort at Christmas Eucharist Monday, December 18, 6pm, Trinity Church

A service for those in grief or loss. Not everyone experiences the holidays as a time of joy and cheer. Join us in Trinity Church for meditative

music, prayer, and a quiet space for comfort and support. A light meal will be served. Learn more at trinitywallstreet.org/comfortchristmas.

Volunteer: Christmas Pack

Packing: Wednesday, Dec. 20, 10am–12:30pm Distribution: Thursday, Dec. 21, 11am–1:30pm Trinity Commons

Join us in packing and distributing groceries and information about local resources for our Lower Manhattan neighbors in need. This is a great volunteer opportunity for parishioners ages 18 and older! To volunteer, email Rase De Los Santos at RDeLosSantos@trinitywallstreet.org.

Christmas Retreat

December 22-26, Trinity Retreat Center

Celebrate the birth of our savior in community! Unplug from this busy season and enjoy a festive, meaningful Christmas as Advent alights into Christmas. Participate in prayer, reflection, and community Christmastime activities. Register at trinityretreatcenter.org.

Into the Word

Thursdays, January 4–March 21, 6–8pm Trinity Commons

11-Week Course on Bible History and Interpretation Who wrote the Bible? Why do we argue over its meaning? Is the Bible true? If you have questions about the Bible, where it comes from, or its role in today's world, you're invited to join an in-person Thursday evening discussion series that goes beyond an ordinary Bible study. Hear from leading teachers, scholars, and clergy from diverse faith backgrounds and perspectives about the history and interpretation of the Bible, and think together about how scripture can inform and enrich our everyday lives. We'll practice bringing our whole selves to the Bible and learn to read it skillfully, inclusively, and with joy. Hosted by Trinity's Faith Formation and Education team. Register at trinitywallstreet.org/word.

Next Session: Trinity Book Club Fridays, January 5–February 2

6:30-7:30pm, Online

Trinity Book Club meets weekly to explore the mysteries of the Christian faith through the medium of literature. Next session, we'll read Queer Virtue: What LGBTQ People Know About Life and Love and How It Can Revitalize Christianity by Liz Edman. For information about the next session and a copy of the book, visit trinitywallstreet.org/bookclub.

Being With

Mondays, 6–7:30pm, or Thursdays, 11am–12:30pm, beginning January 8, Online Join an online course that explores the Christian faith through stories shared in community. This 10-week small group makes space for you to uncover truths you already know by being attentive to God's active presence in your life and in the lives around you. Show up as your truest self and experience healing through relationship. Register now for a spring cohort at trinitywallstreet.org/beingwith.

BULLETIN BOARD

Poinsettia Dedications

Due Sunday, December 10

Poinsettias that will decorate Trinity Church for Christmas may be dedicated for a suggested donation of \$25 each. Email Flowers@ trinitywallstreet.org by Sunday, December 10, to submit your name and a dedication to be printed in the bulletin.

The Giving Tree

Through December 15, Trinity Church

Make a child's wish come true this Christmas. Trinity is collecting gifts to support children and families served by our Compassion Market, especially asylum seekers. Choose a gift tag by the Giving Tree in Trinity Church starting Sunday, November 26, and return your gift(s) to Trinity Commons by Thursday, December 15. All gifts should be unwrapped. For questions, contact Dan Frank at DFrank@trinitywallstreet.org.

Virtual Coat Drive

Through December 15, Online

Help the Compassion Market provide warm coats to asylum seekers, the unhoused, and other members of our Lower Manhattan community this winter season. Donate via Amazon Wishlist to help our Outreach staff meet the needs of our neighbors, especially children and families! Currently, we are not accepting physical donations. Contact Megan Payton, Program Assistant for Outreach, at MPayton@trinitywallstreet.org with questions. Learn more at trinitywallstreet.org/coatdrive.

Need Help? Call the 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 trinitywallstreet.org/resourceline.

Be a Trinity Ambassador!

Share your gift of hospitality and love for Trinity with all who cross our threshold. Ambassadors are needed to welcome guests to Trinity Church, St. Paul's Chapel, and Trinity Commons in two-hour shifts from 10am–4pm on weekdays. Only two shifts every three months are required, and training is provided. Learn more by contacting Maggy Laraque at TrinityAmbassadors@trinitywallstreet.org.

Join Trinity's Worship Leader Team

New volunteers are always welcome to support our worship during Sunday services. Roles include crucifers, greeters, lectors, subdeacons, thurifers, torch bearers, and ushers. We are currently recruiting volunteers ages 12 and up for the 8am and 11:15am services and all ages for the 9am service. Adult volunteers are required to complete a background screening and Ministry Safe training. For more information, contact Dane Miller at Sacristans@trinitywallstreet.org.

IN OUR PRAYERS

To add names to the list, email WorshipBulletin@ trinitywallstreet.org or call 212.602.0800.

Names are kept on the list for a month and can be added again upon request.

WE PRAY FOR

Cynthia Cartwright; Norma Rogers; Drew Pardus; Evadné Hodge; Erin Kerr; Goldbourne Browne; Susie Edwards; Ivy Gheler; Eileen Hope; Jack Moody; Roland Stewart; Elizabeth Melillo; Roslyn Williams; Patti Bovers; Irene Horvath; Diana Foote; Kris Seeram (father of Mintrani Seeram); Virginia "Ginny" Frey (mother of Ruth Frey); Roz Hall; Myoung Lee (mother of Joanne Lee); Barbara (niece of Westina Matthews); Alexis Uriel Eldridge (sister of Robyn Eldridge); Eduardo Christie; Norma Vessell (stepmother of Sharon Vessell); Mark Josephson; Janine; Algernon John Baptiste (father of Indie John Baptiste); Winter; Kim Jackson; Scott Barna; Christopher Allen Brown; Tiani Jones; Hany Ghaly; Maria Smith; Ida Peterson Hardon; Tom Longmire; Alfues and Beverly Barnett; Tom Thomas; Ernesto Richards (brother of Carla Richards); Silvester Brathwaite (cousin of Carla Richards); Julia Gittens (friend of Carla Richards); Stacy Herbert (friend of Carla Richards); The Rev. Eva Reque Steege; Frank Alvino; Marta Rodriguez; Barbara Davison; Karla Hanley; Rizal Kamli.

DEPARTED

Suzanne Ffolkes-Goldson (cousin of Beverly Ffolkes-Bryant); **Bartley Oswald Fox Holder**

(father of Shegun Holder and grandfather of Imani Holder).

IN THE MILITARY

Oliver Barnyak (Alex Burns's friend); Randall Middleton, Christine and Sean Reardon (Evadné Hodge's friends); Paul Watson; Peter Martinez (Beverly Ffolkes-Bryant's friend); Michael Dunn; Zane Kupper; Margo Protain (Anesia Protain's sister); Col. Stephen Ryan (friend of Bob Zito); Rob Jones (Megan Jones's brother); Graham Scarbro, USN (nephew of Amy Roy); Helen Guittard (Stephen Guittard's wife); Perry Brock.

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for the Church of North India (United).

Join Us for Worship

SUNDAYS

8am, 9am[†], 11:15am[†] Holy Eucharist | *Trinity Church*

8pm | Compline by Candlelight *St. Paul's Chapel*

WEEKDAYS

9am | Morning Prayer 12:05pm[†] | Holy Eucharist *Trinity Church*

WEDNESDAYS

5:30pm | Contemplative Eucharist *Trinity Church*

WEEKDAYS ONLINE

8:15am | Morning Prayer 5:15pm | Evening Prayer

[†]Live streamed and available on demand trinitywallstreet.org/worship

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.

Congregational Voice

"He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds" (*Psalm 147:3* NCV). I like to share verses that inspire me and make my walk with the Lord stronger. —Neilia Trimmingham

To submit a brief reflection to be featured in Congregational Voice, please email Beverly Ffolkes-Bryant at esmiechild@aol.com.

Congregational Council Committee Meetings

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

CongregationalCouncil@trinitywallstreet.org. The next meeting is **Tuesday**, **December 19**, **6–8pm**. RSVP to Keisha Joseph at KJoseph@trinitywallstreet.org.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Arts | Karla Chee-a-tow
Community & Hospitality | Regina Jacobs
Faith Formation | Raynelle Mensah
Witness & Outreach | Cindy Jay
Youth & Young Adults | Alan Yu
Congregational Neighborhood
Partnership Program | Keith Klein

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Sunday Staff

Listed by last name



Ellen Andrews Associate Director for Pastoral Care and Community



The Rev. Sr. Promise Atelon, SSM Priest Associate



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The Rev. Michael A. Bird Vicar



The Rev. Elizabeth E. Blunt Priest and Director for Congregational Life and Liturgy



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The Rev. Dr. Mark Bozzuti-Jones Priest and Director of Spiritual Formation, Trinity Retreat Center



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The Rev. Matthew A. Welsch Priest and Director, Youth and Community Care

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

CELEBRANT: The Rev. Phillip A. Jackson PREACHER: The Rev. Michael A. Bird

DEACON: The Rev. Jorge Ortiz

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The Choir of Trinity Wall Street
St. Paul's Chapel Choir
Avi Stein, Associate Organist and Chorusmaster
Thomas McCargar, Director, St. Paul's Chapel Choir
Dr. Alcee Chriss III, Assistant Organist

ChangHyun Cha and Melissa Muñoz, trumpets Liana Hoffman, horn Julie Dombroski, trombone Jahi Alexander, bass trombone

FLOWERS

Greenery will decorate the church during Advent.

To donate Christmas poinsettias, email Flowers@trinitywallstreet.org by Sunday, December 10.

This service conforms to A Penitential Order: Rite Two with Holy Eucharist, which begins on page 351 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Scripture readings are appointed by the Revised Common Lectionary, Episcopal (RCL) and are excerpted from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Other liturgical elements may include materials compiled by Trinity Church staff (TCWS) from publications including Enriching Our Worship (EOW), Intercessions for the Christian People, edited by Gail Ramshaw (ICP), The Book of Occasional Services 2022 (BOS), and contemporary liturgical resources. An asterisk (*) denotes that the text is adapted from the original source material. Hymns come from The Hymnal 1982 and Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS). Cover image: TCWS Creative Services staff.

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