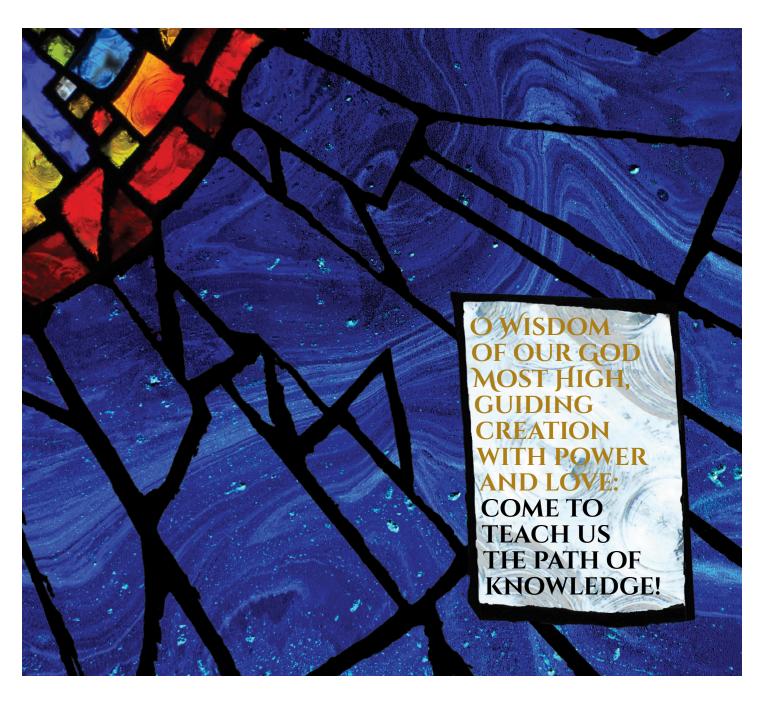
THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

December 4-8, 2023, 12:05pm





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.



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

Observances

Monday in the First Week of Advent

BCP p. 211

Weekday

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. **Amen.**

Readings: *Isaiah* 2:1–5; *Matthew* 8:5–13

Tuesday in the First Week of Advent

Weekday

See Monday, above, for the Collect of the Day.

Readings: *Isaiah* 11:1–10; *Luke* 10:21–24

Nicholas of Myra

LFF 2022 p. 551

Bishop, c. 342

Grant, Almighty God, that your church may be so inspired by the example of your servant Nicholas of Myra, that it may never cease to work for the welfare of children, the safety of sailors, the relief of the poor, and the help of those tossed by tempests of doubt or grief; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings: 1 John 4:7–14; Mark 10:13–16

Ambrose of Milan

LFF 2022 p. 553

Bishop and Theologian, 397

O God, who gave your servant Ambrose grace eloquently to proclaim your righteousness in the great congregation and fearlessly to bear reproach for the honor of your Name: Mercifully grant to all bishops and pastors such excellence in preaching and faithfulness in ministering your Word, that your people may be partakers with them of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings: 1 Kings 21:17-29; Luke 12:35-46

Friday in the First Week of Advent

Weekday

See Monday, above, for the Collect of the Day.

Readings: *Isaiah* 29:17–24; *Matthew* 9:27–31

Preparation

Prelude

Acclamation BCP p. 351

At the sound of the bell, please stand.

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.

Trisagion BCP p. 356

Said three times.

Celebrant Holy God,

Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

All Have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect, a prayer appointed for the day. See p. 3 for Collect texts.

All Amen.

Please be seated.

The Word of God

The First Reading

The Reader reads the lesson appointed for the day. See p. 3 for scripture citations.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence

Please stand.

A musician offers a brief improvisation.

The Holy Gospel

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Celebrant reads the Gospel appointed for the day. See p. 3 for scripture citations.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Prayers of the People

ICP p. 3/BCP p. 395

Please stand.

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP p. 367

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.

The Celebrant prays the Proper Preface for the day.

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

EOW p. 60

All

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one 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. 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.

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

Please stand.

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.

Dismissal BCP p. 366

After the Dismissal, you are welcome to leave quietly. Please exit to your left at the back of the church.

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

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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.

FVFRY SUNDAY

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.

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.

EVERY WEEK

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.

THIS WFFK

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.

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

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Discovery: New Perspectives on Women in the Bible

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

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.

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.



Volunteers Needed: Holiday Warm-Up Dinner

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 walkthrough 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

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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).

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.

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

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

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All are welcome to attend these meetings.

To submit an item for publication, please email LGoswick @trinity wall street. or gat least 10 days before you would like the announcement to appear.

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Avi Stein Associate Organist and Chorusmaster



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

MUSICIANS

Avi Stein, Associate Organist and Chorusmaster Dr. Alcee Chriss III, Assistant Organist George Davey, Organist

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) or Lesser Feasts and Fasts (LFF 2022 or LFF 2006), 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. Cover image: TCWS Creative Services staff.

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