

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2023, 9am



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

Acclamation

BCP p. 355

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

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

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

Gathering Prayer

TCWS

All Dear God,
Thank you so much
for bringing us to this time and place.
Please be with us
as we listen, pray, sing, and learn.
And help us remember that
you will always love us.
Amen.

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 66, vv. 1, 4

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715;
adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870), alt.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

TCWS

Celebrant Advent is a season of expectation: a time when we prepare our hearts and spirits for the birth of Jesus. Each week in Advent, we light another candle in our wreath. As it becomes brighter and brighter, it helps us remember that Jesus brings the light and love of God into the world. We have already lit the candle for hope.

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

Jesus is coming! We light the second candle, which represents faith.

People **God, give us faith! Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 211

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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 40:1, 3–5, 8–11

Reader A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

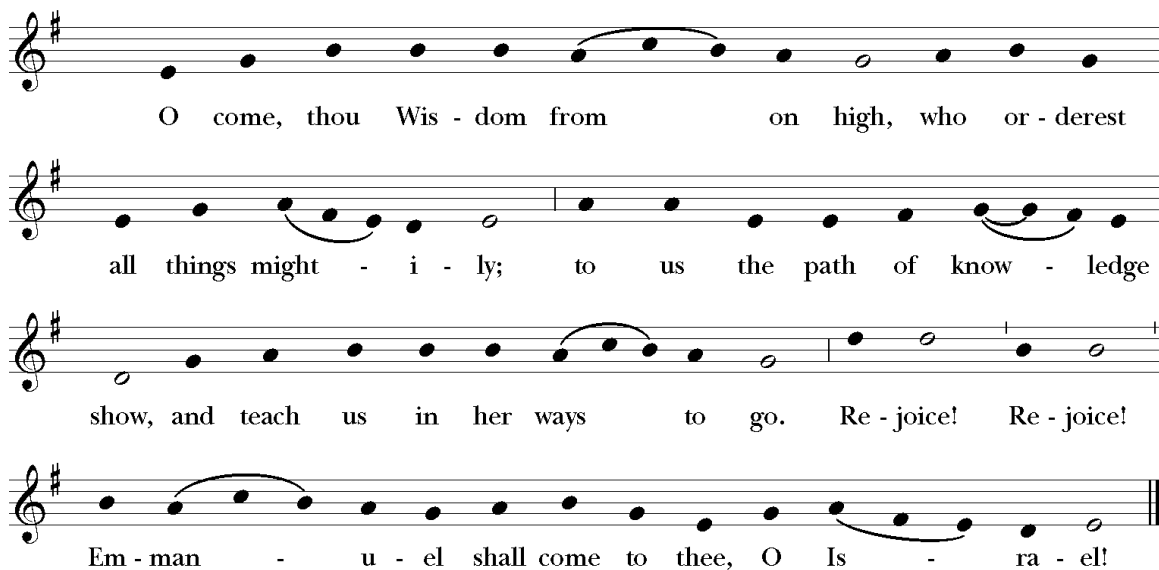
BCP p. 708

- Leader* You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- People* **You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.**
- Leader* I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- People* **Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.**
- Leader* Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- People* **Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- Leader* The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- People* **Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

Gradual

Hymnal 56, v. 2*

Please stand.



O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
show, and teach us in her ways to go. Re - jice! Re - jice!
Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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 1:1-8

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

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

Preacher The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Rev. Kristin Kaulbach Miles
Priest and Director for Pastoral Care and Community

The Nicene Creed

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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.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

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.**

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

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People Claude Goudimel (1514–1572), arr. Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.

Speak ye to Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them;
tell her that her sins I cover,
and her warfare now is over.

Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near,
calling us to new repentance since the kingdom now is here.

Oh, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
let the valleys rise to meet Him
and the hills bow down to greet Him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;
let your hearts be true and humble, as befits His holy reign.

For the glory of the Lord
now o'er earth is shed abroad;
and all flesh shall see the token
that the word is never broken.

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

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP p. 367/p. 378

Please stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

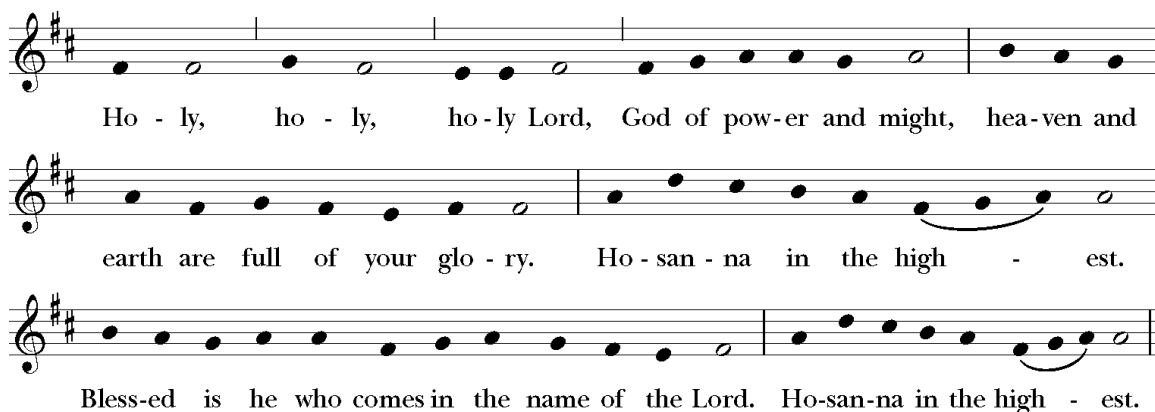
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S 124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

All

AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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Celebrant And now, we pray using the prayer that Jesus taught us, saying:

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

In the Stillness

Sally Beamish (b. 1956)

In the stillness of a church
Where candles glow,
In the softness of a fall
Of fresh white snow,
In the brightness of the stars
That shine this night,
In the calmness of a pool
Of healing light,
In the clearness of a choir
That softly sings,
In the oneness of a hush
Of angels' wings,
In the mildness of a night
By stable bare,
In the quietness of a lull
Near cradle fair,
There's a patience as we wait
For a new morn,
And the presence of a child,
Soon to be born.

—Katrina Shepherd, 2007

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

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

All **Amen.**

Please turn to face the procession as it passes.

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 65, vv. 1, 3



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772–1847); tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (1920–1999)
Music: *Bereden väg för Herran*, melody from *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697

Closing Prayer and Dismissal

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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 at the back of the church.

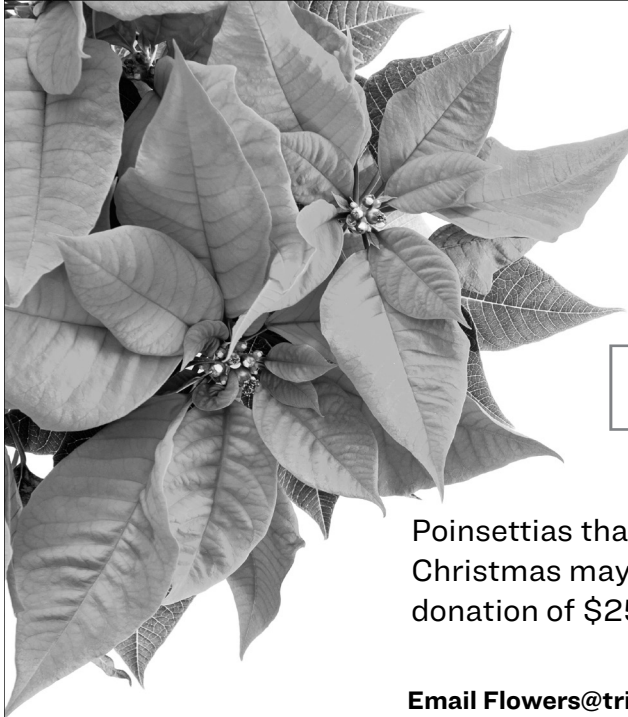
All **God be in my head,
God be in my heart.
God be in my left hand,
God be in my right hand,
God be in my whole life.**

Preacher Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Postlude



Poinsettia Dedications

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.

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!





'Twas The Night Before Christmas

Sunday, December 17, 3pm



Church of the Intercession
550 West 155th Street

Reception at Trinity Church Cemetery
and Mausoleum

For more than 100 years, the Church of the Intercession, a former Trinity chapel, has hosted a reading of "A Visit from St. Nicholas," better known as *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* this year read by Dr. Vincent Boudreau, president of The City College of New York.

This year's reading comes on the 200th anniversary of the first publication of the poem in an upstate New York newspaper and will be followed by a procession to the Trinity Cemetery for a short service in memory of Clement Clarke Moore, author of the poem and son of the sixth Trinity Rector Benjamin Moore.

intercessionnyc.org 212.283.6200



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 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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

10am, Trinity Commons and Online

The Rev. Dr. Julie Faith Parker leads 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.



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

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 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, having appeared on more than 2,500 albums. Presented in collaboration with JAZZ HOUSE KiDS. Watch live at trinitywallstreet.org.

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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.

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 WEEK

Monday, December 11

Environmental Justice Ministry
6–7:30pm, Online

The Environmental Justice Ministry is a faith-based group that examines, increases awareness of, 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 coequal with federal planners.

Young Adults Bible Study

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.

Wednesday, December 13

Trinity Afterschool Holiday Open House

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.

Racial Justice & Education

Affinity Group

5:30–6:30pm, Online

An initiative of Trinity Cares Reflection and Action, the Racial Justice & Education Affinity Group meets monthly via Zoom to reflect and plan educational programs that center racial justice. All are welcome to join and

contribute to our work. RSVP to Liz DiLauro at TrinityCaresTCWS@gmail.com.

Youth Group Holiday Party

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.

Thursday, December 14

Handel's *Messiah* Livestream Event

7pm, Online

Don't miss this "transcendent and awe-inspiring" performance (*The New York Times*) featuring The Choir of Trinity Wall Street and Trinity Baroque Orchestra, streamed live from Trinity Church. Join us for exclusive backstage access during intermission, including an interview with Trinity's newly appointed director of music, Melissa Attebury, and take part in a live chat during the stream. In a season full of *Messiah* concerts, Trinity's is unique—distinctly modern yet authentically performed on period instruments in a sacred and acoustically rich space. This year's presentation is led by versatile and award-winning artistic director Ryan James Brandau, a choral expert with a reputation for incisive interpretations and dynamic, uplifting performances. Experience the best *Messiah* in New York (*The New York Times*) from wherever you are. Sign up to join the livestream at trinitywallstreet.org/messiah.

Friday, December 15

Giving Tree Gift-Wrapping Party

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.



NEXT SUNDAY

Breaking Bread

Sunday, December 17, 1–3pm, Trinity Commons

Breaking Bread gatherings use the imagery of table fellowship to explore reflective conversations that nurture our growth in God. Join for a time of nourishing community followed by a shared meal. Open to all. Capacity is limited; RSVP to Dan Frank at DFrank@trinitywallstreet.org.

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 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.



COMING SOON

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. Refreshments will be served. Learn more at trinitywallstreet.org/comfortchristmas.

Volunteer: Christmas Pack

Packing: Wednesday, December 20, 10am–12:30pm; Distribution: Thursday, December 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.

Compassion Circle: Community Support

**Wednesday, December 20, 10:30–11:30am,
Trinity Commons**

Looking for ways to cope with stress and anxiety? Need a safe and compassionate space where

you can talk things through with others? Make new connections, share your experiences, and get empowered to address life's challenges with grace and resilience during a drop-in Compassion Circle for community support. Sessions will be led by trained facilitators. No advance registration required; learn more at trinitywallstreet.org/compassioncircles.

A Ceremony of Carols

Friday, December 22, 6pm, St. Paul's Chapel

The Trinity Youth Chorus, with director Melissa Attebury, performs Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* in a beloved holiday tradition. Considered "one of Britten's most accessible, delightful works" (Classic FM), this choral masterpiece juxtaposes ancient and modern sounds with Britten's sonorous and colorful writing.

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, 2024, 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,

Christmas Worship at Trinity Church

Christmas Eve

4pm | Family Eucharist[†]

Children's pageant and favorite hymns sung by the Trinity Youth Chorus and The Choir of Trinity Wall Street with NOVUS NY Brass

7pm | Festival Eucharist

Favorite hymns and anthems offered by The Choir of Trinity Wall Street with St. Paul's Chapel Choir and NOVUS NY Brass

9pm | Festival Eucharist[†]

Favorite hymns and anthems offered by The Choir of Trinity Wall Street, Trinity Youth Chorus, and NOVUS NY Brass

11pm | Solemn Midnight Eucharist

Favorite hymns and anthems offered by The Choir of Trinity Wall Street, Trinity Youth Chorus, and NOVUS NY Brass

Christmas Day

11:15am | Holy Eucharist:

The Nativity of Our Lord[†]

Favorite hymns and anthems offered by The Choir of Trinity Wall Street

[†] *Streamed live and available on demand*
trinitywallstreet.org/christmas

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, 2024

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.

When a Loved One Struggles

Mondays, January 22–February 26, 2024

6:30–7:45pm, Online

Having a loved one who struggles with their mental and emotional health can be lonely and stressful. Caring for oneself is essential to support those you love. Come be in shared company for a six-week support group to help dispel the isolation, led by a facilitator from the Psychotherapy and Spirituality Institute. For information, email PastoralCare@trinitywallstreet.org. Register at trinitywallstreet.org/struggles.

BULLETIN BOARD

The Giving Tree

Through December 14, 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 this Sunday, and return your gift(s) to Trinity Commons by Thursday, December 14. 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/resourceceline.

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, torchbearers, 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; Russ Smith (father-in-law of Jude Wetherell); Evan Garrett (friend of Jude Wetherell); Eline Goldstein; Joanne Robinson Hill; the Rev. Daniel Simons; Solana Drayton; Jason McCoy.

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

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.**

(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 Pakistan (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

“This is the day the LORD has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it” (*Psalms 118:24 NIV*). For no other reason I will celebrate this day and give thanks for all that is in my life and those who have touched me and graced this world for a short time.
—Oscar C. Maxwell III

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

Arts | Karla Chee-a-tow

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All are welcome to attend these meetings.

To submit an item for publication, please email LGoswick@trinitywallstreet.org at least 10 days before you would like the announcement to appear.

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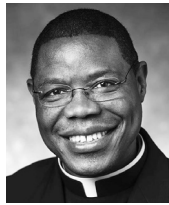
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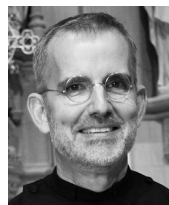
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FLOWERS

Greenery will decorate the church during Advent.

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

This service conforms to The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two, which begins on page 355 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 *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*, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* (LEVAS), and *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (WLP). Cover image: TCWS Creative Services staff.



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 Sunday parking validation for Battery Parking Garage (Greenwich Street) is available for parishioners. Please see security staff at the Trinity Church gate entrance or the 76 Trinity Place lobby between 8:00am and 3:30 pm to receive a validation stamp.

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 Assistive Listening devices are available for this service and are located at the welcome table.

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