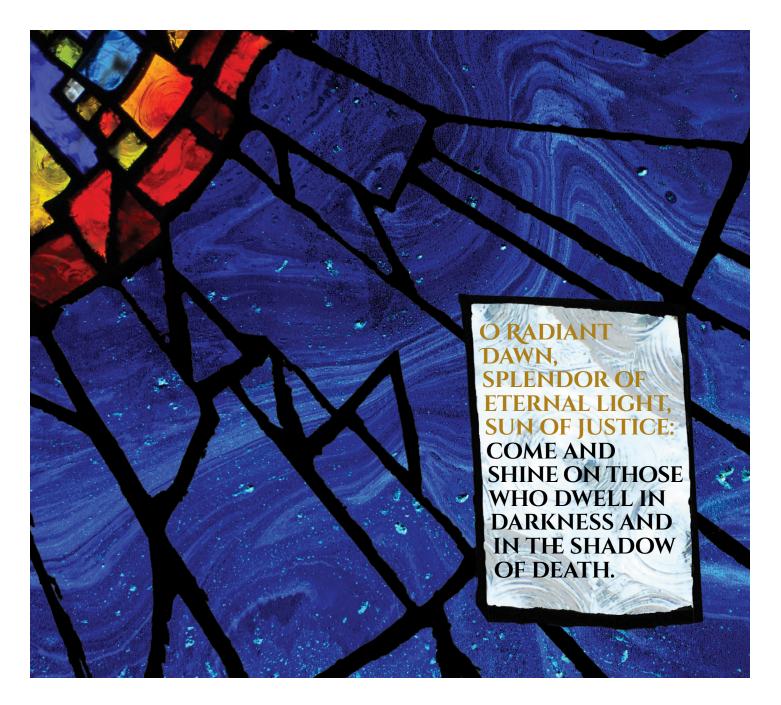
TRINITY CHURCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 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. Eclebrant Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen. 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.

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Opening Hymn



Words: Charles Coffin (1676–1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867–1944), after John Chandler (1806–1876); alt. Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889), alt.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

TCWS

CelebrantAdvent 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 candles for hope and faith.

A member of the parish lights the third candle on the Advent Wreath. Jesus is coming! We light the third candle, which represents joy.

People

God, give us joy! Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant	God be with you.
People	And also with you
Celebrant	Let us pray.

Amen.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

All

Please be seated.

The Word of God

The First Reading

Isaiah 61:1–3, 10–11

Reader

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

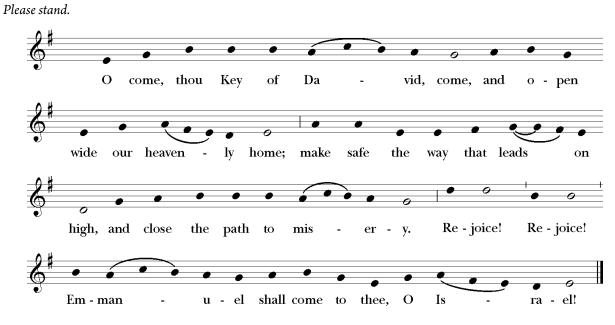
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth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

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

The Psal	M Psalm 126	BCP p. 782
Leader	When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.	
People	Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.	
Leader	Then they said among the nations, * "The LORD has done great things for them."	
People	The LORD has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.	
Leader	Restore our fortunes, O LORD, * like the watercourses of the Negev.	
People	Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.	
Leader	Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheave	

Gradual

Hymnal 56, v. 5*



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

The Holy	Gospel	John 1:6–8, 19, 23–28
Preacher People	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory to you, Lord Christ.	
Preacher	There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was came to testify to the light.	,
	This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests an Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"	d Levites from
	He said,	
	"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'"	
	as the prophet Isaiah said.	
	Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "W baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the proph them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.	et?" John answered o not know, the one
People	The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.	

The Homily

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

The Nicene Creed

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

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.
People	Lord, in your mercy 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.
People	Lord, in your mercy 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.
People	Lord, in your mercy 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.
People	Lord, in your mercy 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.
People	Lord, in your mercy 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

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

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd 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

Walk in Jerusalem

Spiritual, arr. Rollo Dilworth (b. 1970)

I want to be ready to walk in Jerusalem, just like John. Oh, I want to be ready. Are you ready to walk in Jerusalem, just like John?

John said the city was just four square, And he declared he'd meet me there. O John, O John, what do you say? That I'll be there in the coming day.

I am ready to walk. Yes, I'm ready to walk. Walk in Jerusalem, just like John.

—Traditional

The Great Thanksgiving

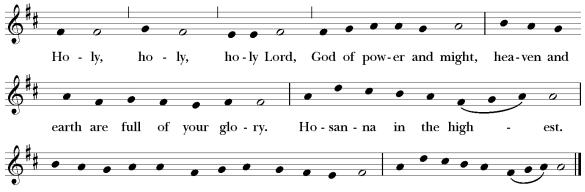
Please stand.

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:



Hymnal S 124



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

Celebrant An All Ou

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

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.

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

Communion Anthem

Soon and Very Soon Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King, Hallelujah, hallelujah, We're going to see the King.

No more crying there, We are going to see the King, Hallelujah, hallelujah, We're going to see the King. Hallelujah.

Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King, Hallelujah, hallelujah, We're going to see the King.

—Andraé Crouch

Post-Communion Prayer

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

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.

Andraé Crouch (1942–2015)

BOS p. 11

BCP p. 365





Words and Music: Andraé Crouch (1942-2015)

Closing Prayer and Dismissal

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After the Dismissal, you are welcome to leave quietly.

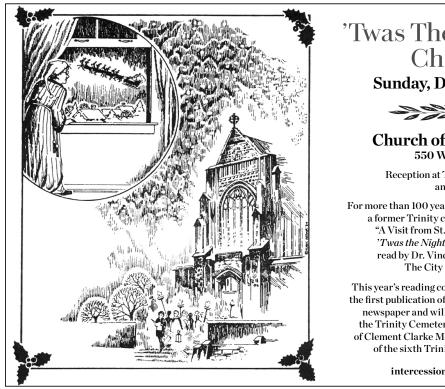
Please join Coffee Hour (exit through the nave and over the pedestrian bridge to the Parish Hall), or exit to your left at the back of the church.

- 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.PreacherLet 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





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



ComfortatChristmas Eucharist

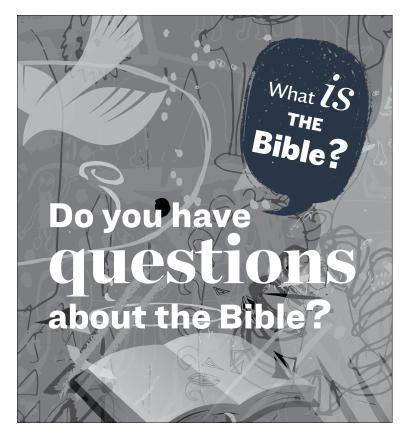
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A light meal will be served.

trinitywallstreet.org/comfortchristmas

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



"How can today's reader make sense of these ancient texts?"

"What does it take to interpret scripture responsibly?"

"What does the Bible mean to modern faith communities?"



This winter, join Into the Word, an evening discussion series that will explore how the Bible developed, and what this ancient text means for our beliefs, our traditions, and our personal lives today.

Thursdays starting January 4 Trinity Commons and online

Register at trinitywallstreet.org/word

Trinity Knitters

Third Sundays, 12:30–2:30pm, Trinity Commons Third Mondays, 6:30–7:30pm, Online Knit-In: October 21, 10am–3pm, Trinity Commons

Are you an experienced knitter, new to the craft, or somewhere in between?

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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. NOTE: No Nursery Care on December 24 and 31.

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.



Incarnation Camp Information Session

Parents are invited to hear from Incarnation Camp, a tech-free and inclusive summer camp for kids ages 7 to 15, during Coffee Hour following the 9am service or during the 11am pageant rehearsal. Parish parents will share about their experience with Incarnation Camp, and you will learn about a discount opportunity for our community. Questions? Contact Kathryn Carroll at KCarroll@trinitywallstreet.org.

Trinity Knitters

12:30–2:30pm, Trinity Commons

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Breaking Bread

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 3-4:15pm, Livestream

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 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. Watch online at trinitywallstreet.org.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas 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

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.

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. NOTE: No Children's Time on December 24 and 31. **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:** On break until January 14.

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.

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. **NOTE:** No service on December 20 and 27.

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. **NOTE:** On break until January 9.

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 trinity wallstreet.org/youth. **NOTE:** On break until January 10.

THIS WEEK Monday, December 18

Comfort at Christmas Eucharist

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.

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

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.

Trinity Knitters Online 6:30–7:30pm, Online

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Tuesday, December 19

Poets' Corner

6pm, Trinity Commons

Everyone is invited to a forum of poets and writers who share their composed works on the third Tuesday of each month. Bring verses or songs you have written, and the group will gladly discuss the merits of the works. RSVP to Melissa Mistry at MMistry@trinitywallstreet.org.

Wednesday, December 20

Compassion Circle: Community Support

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.

Friday, December 22

A Ceremony of Carols

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.

COMING SOON

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, 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

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.

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 twohour 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; Nicola Corl.

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 Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

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

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows" (*James 1:17* NIV). I get a daily scripture on my phone, and sometimes my spirit leads me to post certain verses. This scripture just lets us know how blessed and highly favored we are. —Chinita Pointer

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

WHEN A LOVED ONE STRUGGLES

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

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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Ellen Andrews Associate Director for Pastoral Care and Community



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Avi Stein Organist and Chorusmaster



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

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

CELEBRANT: The Rev. Jorge Ortiz PREACHER: The Rev. Matthew A. Welsch

MUSICIANS: The Choir of Trinity Wall Street Peppercorns and Juniors of the Trinity Youth Chorus Peyton Marion, Assistant Conductor, Trinity Youth Chorus Dr. Alcee Chriss III, Assistant Organist

FLOWERS

Greenery decorates the church during Advent. To donate flowers for 2024, email Flowers@trinitywallstreet.org.

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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