



The Church of the Holy Trinity

An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York

December 17, 2023 at 11:00 AM

The Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete

Welcome to Holy Trinity

This leaflet includes an order of service for worship and other important information.

Assistance. If you need assistance in any way, an usher at the entrance can help you. Restrooms are located in the Mission House building basement, accessible through the Cloister Corridor or across the garden and into the westernmost building.

New to Holy Trinity? We would love to be able to greet you properly. Please fill out a visitor card, located in the pews, and place it in the offering plate or give it to one of the clergy or ushers.

Giving. As Christians, we believe that all we have, from our talents, to our energy, to our financial resources, is a gift from God. If you would like to know more about how to give of your talents and energy, please let a member of our clergy know and they will gladly connect you with the various ministries of the parish. You can make a financial gift through the offering plate, online at holyltrinity-nyc.org or by texting COHT316 to 73256.

Our Mission. To show and share the love of God.

Our History. Since 1899 The Church of the Holy Trinity has opened its doors to those of the Anglican Faith, of other faiths, and of no faith. Through hospitality, service, and worship, we seek to “do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.”

Gaudete: Rejoice!

The Third Sunday of Advent Brings Special Joy

One of the great joys of our church is that as the light changes through the day, the stained glass windows seem to come alive. Depending on the sunlight, Lazarus calls for our attention, just over the main altar. At other times, the Virgin Mary seems to be in the spotlight (in the north apse, to the left of the free-standing altar). As the sun shifts, the windows show us Jesus riding into Jerusalem, and eventually picture Jesus crucified on Calvary. But still, the light shines through, reminding us that crucifixion is not the end of the story.

The Third Sunday of Advent is a little like the light we experience through our church windows. This Sunday is called “Gaudete Sunday,” taking its name from the first word of the traditional choral introit appointed for this day, *Gaudete in Domino semper*, “Rejoice in the Lord always,” echoed in the second lesson from 1 Corinthians. Others call this day Rose Sunday or Refreshment Sunday. But by any name, the day breaks into our season like a burst of light, interrupting our listening, intruding on our waiting, and injecting a new sense of urgency. Something is about to happen, and it is coming from God!

Like the sun that moves around our building to reveal new sights and visions, God’s grace moves around us, interrupting our lives with joy, with promise, and with hope. May we perceive the increasing light of Christ this season. *The Rev. John F. Beddingfield, Rector*

The Word of God

The service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.

Voluntary

Pastorale sopra Fa mi re ut

Carlotta Ferrari (b. 1975)

Welcome

Hymn

Richmond

All are invited to stand and join in singing the hymn.

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
2 He comes, the pri - soners to re - lease in Sa - tan's
3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

prom - ised long: let ev - ery heart pre -
bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
soul to cure; and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Kyrie eleison

Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert (1797–1828)

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. Both are in the key of D major (two sharps). The music is in 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." The vocal line features a melodic phrase that is repeated. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, -

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

The second system continues the musical score. The lyrics are: "Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, -". The vocal line has a slight melodic variation. The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic patterns.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, -

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

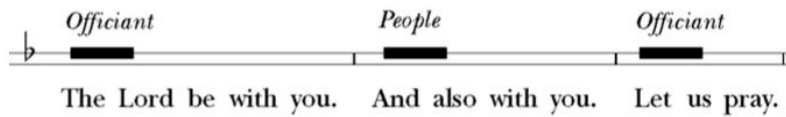
The third system of the score. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, -". The vocal line features a more complex melodic line with some grace notes. The piano accompaniment includes some arpeggiated figures.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.


Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

The final system of the score. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy." The music concludes with a final cadence in both staves.

The Collect of the Day



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.

People 
A - men.

The people are seated for the Lessons.

The First Lesson from Scripture

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Lector A reading from The Book of the Prophet 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. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126

In convertendo

Chant by Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

Sung by the choir.

1. When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
3. Then they said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."
4. The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.
5. Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negev.
6. Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.
7. Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Second Lesson from Scripture

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Lector A reading from The First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn at the Sequence

Ascension

All who are able are invited to stand for the singing of the hymn and reading of the Gospel.



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
2 O _____ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
3 but the word of our God _____ en - du - reth, the _____



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst _____ of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The _____
peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
flowers of the field they _____ per - ish, like
feed his _____ flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
lamb he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our _____ God _____ may go!
na - tions shall _____ pass like a dream _____ a - way;
lead them, and _____ bring them _____ safe to his fold.

The Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" 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, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. John F. Beddingfield, *Rector*

The Nicene Creed

Those who are able are invited to stand as we affirm the faith of the Church.

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

The Deacon bids the prayers and the people, which are then led by the lector.

Lector Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer. That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector That God may establish among the nations his scepter of righteousness, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen, especially remembering . . . let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death, and remembering those who have died . . .let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Silence is kept and then the Celebrant concludes with a final prayer.

Prayer of Confession

The deacon or another minister bids the Confession.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister Most merciful God,

People **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.**

The Absolution

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.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome & Announcements

The People are seated for the announcements.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

As the anthem is sung, an offering is received for the work and mission of the Church.

At the Offertory, Anthem

There Is No Rose

Margaret Burk (b. 1990)

Text: English Traditional, ca. 1420

There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu:
Alleluia.
For in this rose contained was
heaven and earth in little space:
Res miranda.

By that rose we may well see
that he is God in persons three:
Pares forma.
Then leave we all in this worldly mirth
and follow we this joyful birth:
Transeamus.

At the Presentation, The Doxology

Conditor alme siderum

As the gifts of bread, wine, and money are brought forward, those who are able stand to sing.

*6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,
6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,
6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be
6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

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

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

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

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

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

The Celebrant continues

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."

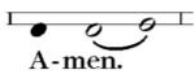
Celebrant
There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,
Celebrant and People
We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

The Celebrant continues

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary and 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.

People 
A-men.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,


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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and a moment of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Ambrosian Chant

Celebrant 
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People 
There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Agnus Dei

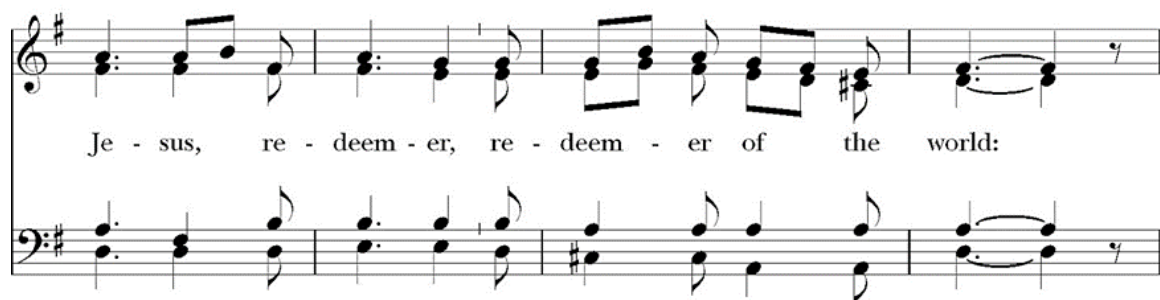
Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

Reception of Communion

It is the tradition here at the Church of the Holy Trinity to invite all who wish to come forward to receive Holy Communion, the sacrament of the Body and the Blood of Christ in the form of bread and wine. Follow the directions of the ushers and the practice of your fellow worshippers. If you would like to receive a blessing, please come forward at the same time, and cross your hands over your chest to indicate that you wish to receive a blessing only.

At Communion, Anthem

A Tender Shoot

Otto Goldschmidt (1829–1907)

Text: William Bartholomew (1793–1867)

A tender shoot has started up from a root of grace,
as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race:
it blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter,
turning our darkness into light.

This shoot, Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring;
the virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing:
our God of endless might gave her this child to save us,
thus turning darkness into light.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son and 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

The Celebrant blesses the People, and the People respond: Amen.

Hymn

Bereden väg för Herran

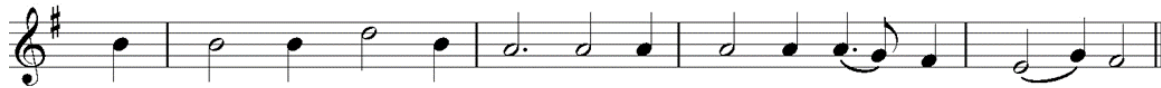
All are invited to join in singing the hymn.



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 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 rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
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.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



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

The Dismissal

Minister Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People



Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Noël Suisse

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

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Notes on today's music...

There is No Rose of Such Virtue is an English text whose authorship is unknown and dates from around 1420. This text emphasizes and celebrates the virtue, beauty, and holy nature of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Symbolic of love and beauty, the author chose the rose as a metaphor of Mary's virtue. The Latin text *Res miranda* translates to "a miraculous thing," emphasizing the uniting of heaven and earth through Jesus' birth. *Pares forma* translates to "all of the same form" referring to the Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit. *Transeamus* translates to "let us go across," which is a call to action urging us to leave behind material and worldly possessions and set out on a journey with the joy and wonder of the nativity as a central focus.

Many composers, including Benjamin Britten, John Joubert, Steven Sametz, and Sting, to name a few, have set this text to music. The setting of *There is No Rose of Such Virtue* that we hear today was composed by Margaret Burk in 2023. Margaret Burk completed a Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the University of Michigan where she conducted the Women's and Men's Glee Clubs and subsequently became the first female to conduct the Men's Glee Club since its founding in 1859. Dr. Burk is currently Assistant Professor of Choral Activities at Carthage College in Kenosha, WI.

Italian composer Carlotta Ferrari holds degrees from the Conservatories of Milano and Firenze. From her website, "Carlotta Ferrari has composed in many genres, developing a personal language that is concerned with the blend of past and present." Her compositions have been performed at Westminster Choir College, New York University, Melbourne Cathedral, Steinway Haus in Hamburg and München, Central Synagogue in New York City, as well as many other notable venues. Many of her organ works have been recorded by Dr. Carson Cooman (composer of the Psalm Chant and several other anthems sung by the choir) and are available on YouTube.

ANTHEM SPONSORSHIP

Today's anthem, *There is No Rose* by Margaret Burk, is sponsored by Matthew Koerner and Adam Koch in honor of family and friends. Information on sponsoring the choir is on the website: www.holytrinity-nyc.org, in these announcements, and on the information table in the church.

SERVING TODAY

Ushers: David Liston, Kristen Ursprung

Subdeacon: Simone Crockett

Altar Guild: Alden Prouty

Lector: Wendy Wright

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. John F. Beddingfield

Deacon: The Rev. Pamela Tang

Coffee Hour: Ryllis Hunt, Addie Pirinea

Sunday Tour: Retta Blaney

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Richard, Marlin, Robert, Jean, Monserrat, Richard, Frank, Karen, Liz, James, Helen, John, Joe, Sandra, Bill, Pat, Frances, Brian, Susan, Tom, Sean, Mitchell, Bea, Iris, John, Paul, Nancy, Emma, Judy, Mary, Steve, Megan, Jackie, David.

The love and sympathy of the parish are extended to Barbara Kramer upon the death of Stephen Kramer on December 7. Pray for the repose of the soul of Stephen, for Barbara and their family, and for all who mourn. We will remember Stephen at a service at Holy Trinity on January 13, 2024, at 11:00 AM.

The love and sympathy of the parish are also extended to Phyllis Mills upon the death of A. Slade Mills, Jr., on December 10. Pray for the repose of the soul of Slade, for Phyllis and their family, and for all who mourn.

The love and sympathy of the parish are also extended to Nancy Martin upon the death of her father, Harry Martin on December 13. Pray for the repose of the soul of Harry, for Nancy and their family, and for all who mourn.

Praying with our Link Parish in London of St. Stephen with St. John. We especially pray for SSSJ this fall, as they highlight various community partner ministries and donate ten percent of their offerings to a different organization each week.

Keeping our Prayer List Current. Names remain on the list through the end of the calendar month, but are refreshed for the first Sunday of each month.

HOLY GOSSIP

Sunday, December 10, 2023 attendance: 8:00 AM: 14; 11:00 AM: 87; 6:00 PM: 17 . . . This Saturday, December 16, 9:00 AM to Noon, please join the Altar Guild for a pre-Christmas cleanup. All polishers, dusters, and cleaners are welcome to join in the fun. Coffee and refreshments will be provided . . . Support local artists and neighbors this weekend by visiting the Yorkville Holiday Exhibit and Sale in Draesel Hall, Friday 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM (opening reception), Saturday 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and Sunday 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. (Holy Trinity's Coffee Hour will be in the back of the church, following the 11:00 AM Choral Service.) . . . Remember to join us Wednesday night to help decorate the church for Christmas. Come and go as your schedule permits . . . We are collecting toys for children and youth at Freedom House, now through December 19. Please bring your wrapped gifts to church this Sunday, or to the parish office by Tuesday morning.

Christmas Flowers & Music. We invite you to dedicate the flowers and music to the memory of your loved ones, or in thanksgiving for blessings. (There are so many!) Please use one of the "Universal" envelopes from the information tables in the church, including the names to be listed "In Memory of..." or "In Thanksgiving for," and whether your contribution is to be used to support flowers, music, or both. You can also contribute online. The list of names remembered and honored will be included in the Christmas bulletins. Please place your envelope in the Sunday collection or send it to the parish office to the attention of Erlinda Brent. You can also

contribute online and use the MEMO line to add names for remembrance or thanksgiving.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Are you interested in singing in the Holy Trinity Choir? If you or somebody you know (singers do not need to be members of Holy Trinity) would be interested in joining the Holy Trinity Choir, please email Adam Koch: apkoch@holyltrinity-nyc.org.

The Advent Wreath. Holy Trinity follows the popular custom of using a wreath with four candles during this season leading to Christmas. The green represents creation and a reminder that even in the dead of winter, new life is taking shape. The candles sometimes represent particular themes or prophets, but primarily, they represent increasing light, as we add a candle each Sunday. The rose-colored candle is lit on the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday, when we also especially remember the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

Choir and Music Sponsorship. If you would like to give the gift of music, please complete the form that can be found at the back of the church or visit the church website to complete the interest form. If you have any questions, please reach out to Adam Koch, Director of Music, via email or by calling the church office. Thank you for your continued support of music at the Church of the Holy Trinity!

STEWARDSHIP

It's not too late to pledge!

Stewardship packets are in the back of the church, and it's also possible to make a pledge on the church website. To date, we have received 79 pledges totaling \$309,515.40. Our goal for 2024 is \$350,815.

OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

(Holy Trinity Neighborhood Center, Inc.)

HTNC - HTNC serves sit-down, cooked meals to our neighborhood guests who join us on Saturdays at 5:15 PM. To volunteer by helping to cook or set up, come to the basement of the Mission House (the large building to the west of the main church) Saturday between 3:00 PM and 3:30 PM. Last Saturday, HTNC served 85 neighbors! Contact Joe Lipuma. (jlipuma27@gmail.com)

Toys for Children and Youth at Freedom House, now through **December 19.** Freedom House is a domestic violence shelter for women, men and children. They serve families and single individuals, some with disabilities. Since the beginning of Freedom House many years ago, Holy Trinity has helped families and children at Freedom House with gifts for Christmas. We provide the gifts and then Freedom House parents are able to give the gifts to their children. All of the gift tags have been chosen! Please wrap the gift, and place it in the back of the church, or bring it to the parish office by Tuesday Noon!

COMMUNITY LIFE

THIS WEDNESDAY: The Greening of the Church.

Wednesday, December 20. We'll gather at 6:00 PM for Evening Prayer and then we'll share a potluck dinner while we decorate the church for Christmas. Greens will be hung, bows attached to wreaths, lights put on trees, and poinsettias arranged and watered. The more "elves" the better. Bring something to eat or drink and share in the fun. Join us!

Yoga at Holy Trinity. Join us for yoga in the main church on Tuesdays from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM. All levels are welcome. The class is free, though donations are welcome and go to support the programs of HTNC. For

questions, contact registered yoga teacher and parishioner Liz Poole at lizpoolenyc@hotmail.com.

Tour Holy Trinity. Join us for a 15 Minute Guided Tour most Sundays after the 11:00 AM service! Meet the tour guide in the Narthex, (just inside the main entrance). Free copies of booklets are located on the wall at the main entrance: *A Short History of Holy Trinity*, and *The Windows of Holy Trinity*. Holy Trinity windows are featured in George B. Brant's 2023 book: *Henry Holiday: His Stained Glass Windows for Gilded Age New York*.

GET INVOLVED

Acolytes: Susan Valdes-Dapena; susan@valdes-dapena.net

Altar Guild: Alden Prouty; alden.prouty@gmail.com

Choir & Music: Adam Koch directs the 11:00 AM choir: apkoch@holytrinity-nyc.org. Calvyn du Toit leads the 6:00 PM band: calvyn@protonmail.com

Holy Trinity Neighborhood Center (lunch, dinner, shelter or other programs): www.htnyc.org

Lectors (serve as readers in worship services): Yvonne O'Neal; Yvonne.oneal@gmail.com

Sunday School: Oluyemisi Ariyibi sennyb@yahoo.com

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Ushers (volunteer to greet people at worship services and offer hospitality): Liz Poole; lizpoolenyc@hotmail.com

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Wardens:

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Jeanne Blazina (2025)

General Members of the Vestry:

Hal Barth (2024)

Paul Chernick, secretary (2025),

Lydia Colon (2025)

Leona Fredericks (2023)

Jean Geater (2023)

Scott Hess (2024),

Joseph Lipuma (2024)

Marlin Mattson (2025)

Fabio Mejia (2025)

Liz Poole (2024)

Donald Schermerhorn (2023)

Christine du Toit, treasurer (2023)

A Brief but Complicated History of The Church of the Holy Trinity



The original Church of the Holy Trinity, founded by the Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, Jr. in 1864, stood at 42nd Street and Madison Avenue. He was followed by the Rev. Dr. Wilbur F. Watkins, and the Rev. Dr. E. Walpole Warren. In the early 1890s, as Holy Trinity sought to move northward, the possibility developed for Holy Trinity to combine with St. James Church. Serena Rhineland, who wanted to build a church as a memorial to her father and grandfather, bought out her relatives to amass a parcel of land on East 88th Street, and plans began to take shape for a new mission church. In 1897, St. Christopher's Mission House, the first building of the Holy Trinity complex, was dedicated. The old Holy Trinity building in midtown sold for \$750,000, which allowed \$200,000 to create an endowment for the new Holy Trinity, and the remainder of the money to go to St. James, who could then retire the mortgage on its new church building. When the rector of St. James retired, the former rector of Holy Trinity became rector of St. James, and the Rev. Dr. James B. Chalmers, became the first vicar of Holy Trinity's new incarnation. After Dr. Chalmers, Holy Trinity was led by vicars, the Rev. Samuel Dorrance, 1919-1926; the Rev. Dudley St. Stark, 1926-1932; the Rev. William J. Dietrich, 1932-1940; and the Rev. James A. Paul who began as vicar but was made the first rector with Holy Trinity's independence in 1951.



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