

The Church of the Holy Trinity

An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York

December 24, 2023 at 11:00 AM **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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 holytrinity-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."

Is it Christmas yet?

Observing the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Outside the church, people have been celebrating Christmas for weeks. Inside the church, the trees, wreaths, and flowers might suggest that it's Christmas already. And yet, the altar and dossal curtain (the curtain behind the main altar, against the wall) remain purple. This afternoon, the purple will be put away, and replaced with bright white. In prayers, music, and visuals, we remind ourselves that Christmas is a twelve-day period, from Christmas Eve to January 6, the Epiphany.

Some churches are extremely strict about Advent, with no flowers, Christmas trees, or any hint of Christmas music until the 24th. Holy Trinity is a little more relaxed, but this year allows us to remember that as Christians, we do not always have to go along with secular culture. Even though stores begin advertising for Christmas after Halloween, we can take our time, savoring the readings that allow us pause and contemplate the hidden blessings of waiting, hoping, and wondering.

This morning, we pray with people of faith in every age who have longed for the coming of God. Tonight, and for the next two weeks, we will celebrate God's coming into our world in human form. May the love and light of God fill our heart with new life this season so that we might share this light with the world.

The Rev. John F. Beddingfield, Rector

The Word of God

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

Voluntary

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen

Welcome

Hymn

Verses 1-4

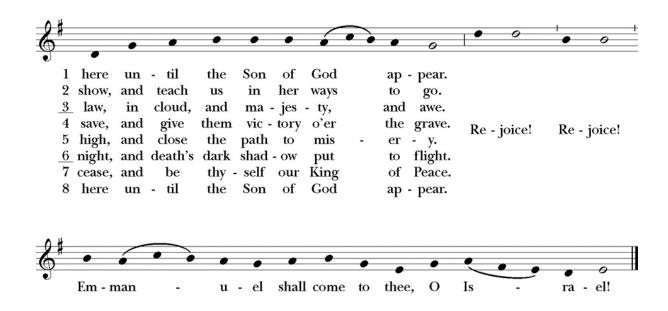
Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

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

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Opening Acclamation

Celebrant People	Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People	And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

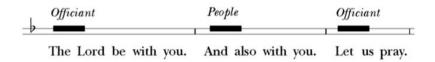
Collect for Purity

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

Kyrie eleison



The Collect of the Day



Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People A - men.

The people are seated for the Lessons.

The First Lesson from Scripture

2 Samuel 7:1-11,16

Lector A reading from The First Book of Samuel.

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you." But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Magnificat

Canticle 15

Read in unison by the congregation.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

The Second Lesson from Scripture

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

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

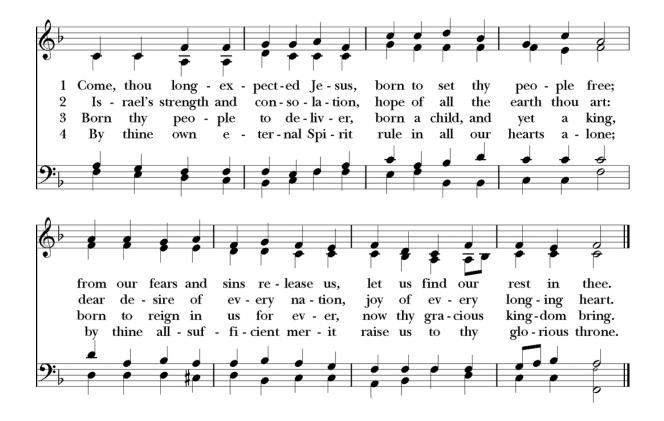
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Luke 1:46-55

Romans 16:25-27

Hymn at the Sequence

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



The Gospel

MinisterThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

MinisterThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Deacon Pamela Tang

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 diedlet 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

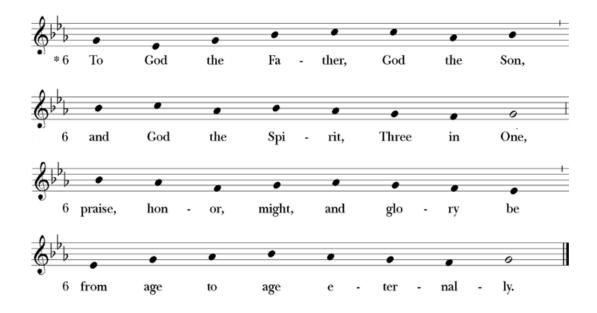
As the voluntary is played, an offering is received for the work and mission of the Church.

At the Offertory, Voluntary

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

At the Presentation, The Doxology

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



Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Conditor alme siderum

The Great Thanksgiving



The Celebrant continues

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

Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert (1797-1828)



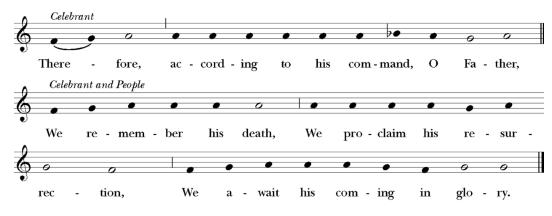


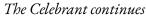
The Celebrant continues

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."





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.

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

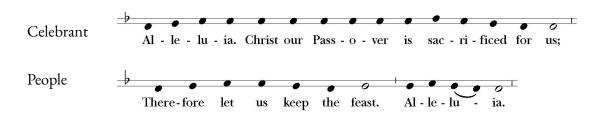
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the 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



Agnus Dei



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.

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

Verses 4-8

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

The hymn is found on pages 2 & 3 of the service leaflet.

The Dismissal

Minister Let us go forth in the name of Christ. People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Improvisation on "Stuttgart"

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THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO OUR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & MUSIC

In Memory of: Bronti Baptiste, PhD Jim Brehm James Burnosky Audrinita Fergus Chris & Betsy Forster Charles & Jean Goodell Etelka Griffin Shawn Hunt Verna & Richard Jackson Mike Lawler Marian & Murray MacDougal George Norman Frances Qualter Janice Rhymer Bethel Stannard Ken & Mary Tylee All former CHT parishioners who have gone to Glory. and In thanksgiving for the CHT choir and Adam Koch

SERVING TODAY

Ushers: Jackie Price, Peter Valdes-Dapena Subdeacon: Susan Valdes-Dapena Altar Guild: Susan Valdes-Dapena Lector: Monica Foote Celebrant: The Rev. John F. Beddingfield Deacon & Preacher : The Rev. Pamela Tang Coffee Hour: Jean Geater, Wendy Wright

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Karolina, Victoria, Marlin, Robert, Jean, Monserrat, Michael, Richard, Frank, Karen, James, Helen, John, Joe, Sandra, Bill, Pat, Frances, Brian, Susan, Tom, Sean, Mitchell, Bea, John, Emma, Judy, Mary, Steve, Megan, Jackie, David. **Praying with our Link Parish in London** of St. Stephen with St. John. We especially pray for SSSJ as they celebrate Christmastide and begin a new year in mission and ministry.

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.²

HOLY GOSSIP

Sunday, December 17, 2023 attendance: 8:00AM: 10; 11:00AM: 90; 6:00PM: 18... Thanks to the Altar Guild for cleaning and polishing last Saturday and thanks to everyone who helped us decorate the church Wednesday night . . . Please notice that there will be no in-persson services at Holy Trinity from December 26 through December 30. Our regular Morning Prayer participants will be joining the Diocese of New York's Morning Prayer online. Details can be found on the church website or the Diocesan website at https://dioceseny.org/

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@holytrinity-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 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. We have received 83 pledges totaling \$328,560.58 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 86 neighbors! Contact Joe Lipuma. (jlipuma27@gmail.com)

COMMUNITY LIFE

Yoga at Holy Trinity. We will not meet for yoga on December 26, but will resume on January 2. 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.

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.htncnyc.org Lectors (serve as readers in worship services): Yvonne O'Neal; Yvonne.oneal@gmail.com Sunday School: Oluyemisi Ariyibi sennyb@yahoo.com Trinity Cares (assists with such tasks as grocery shopping, dog walking, or escort to a doctor, or to church): Patsy Weille; highlandmb4@gmail.com Ushers (volunteer to greet people at worship services and offer hospitality): Liz Poole; lizpoolenyc@hotmail.com Yoga at Holy Trinity Liz Poole:

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