

The Church of the Holy Trinity

An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York

November 12, 2023 at 11:00 AM

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

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."

Remembering our Veterans And Praying for Peace

Last week, I was able to visit our link parish of St. Stephen's in London. Since Remembrance Sunday is held near Armistice Day, I was not surprised to see many people wearing red poppies. The red poppy commemorates the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and later conflicts. But this year, I also noticed white poppies, sometimes worn alone and sometimes alongside a red poppy.

White poppies were first produced in 1933 in the aftermath of the First World War, by members of the Co-operative Women's Guild. Many of these women had lost family and friends in the First World War. They wanted the key message of Remembrance Day to be: "never again." Today, the white poppy represents three things: 1) remembrance of all victims of war, 2) a challenge to war and militarism (and its glorification), and 3) an ongoing commitment to peace.

On Monday, a volunteer guide in Bath Abbey complimented Erwin on his white poppy and went on to explain that she is a Quaker. She told us that every year, around Remembrance Day, the Quakers place a white wreath in the public square as an expression of peace. Every year, she said, the wreath is stolen.

The way of peace is not easy, but it is the way forward through Jesus Christ.

The Rev. John F. Beddingfield, Rector

The Word of God

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

Voluntary

Adagio Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

Welcome

Hymn Houston

Those who are able are invited to stand for the singing of the hymn.





Opening Acclamation

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

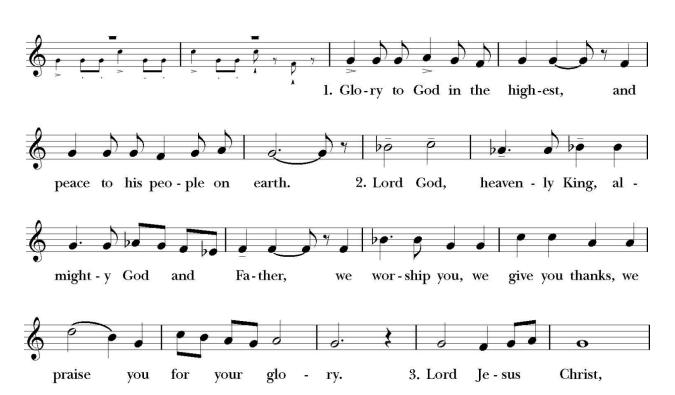
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may

perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

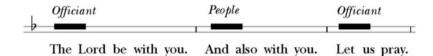
Gloria in Excelsis

William Mathias (1934-1992)





The Collect of the Day



O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The people are seated for the Lessons.

The First Lesson from Scripture

Wisdom 6:12-16

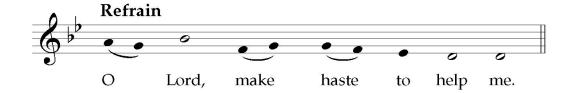
Lector A reading from The Book of Wisdom.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70 Deus, in adjutorium

The refrain will be introduced by the choir and then sung by all.



- 1. Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
 - O Lord, make haste to help me.
- 2. Let those who see my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
- 3. Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, because they are ashamed.

All join in singing the refrain.

4. Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the Lord!"

All join in singing the refrain.

- 5. But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me speedily, O God.
- You are my helper and my deliverer;O Lord, do not tarry.

All join in singing the refrain.

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

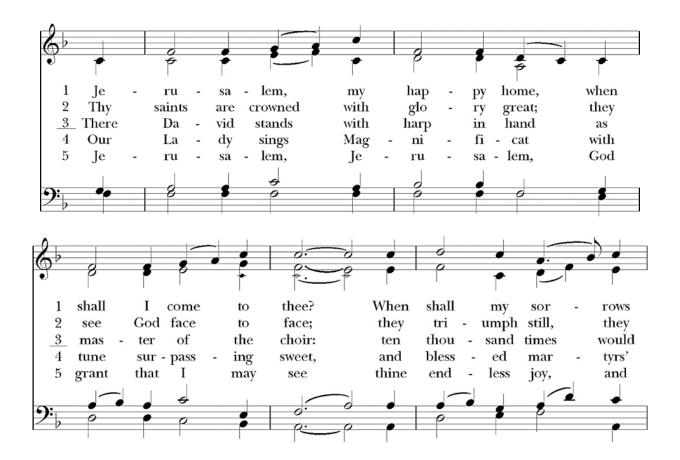
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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 Matthew 25:1-13

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

The lector adds the names of those on the parish prayer list and concludes by saying

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

The lector bids prayer for those who have died and concludes by saying

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

The celebrant concludes with a final petition ending with all saying together, Amen.

Prayer of Confession

The deacon or another minister bids the Confession.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant 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.

A Word on Stewardship & Announcements

The People are seated.

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

Day by Day Martin How (1931-2022)

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray;

To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.

Text: Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester (c. 1197-1253)

At the Presentation, The Doxology

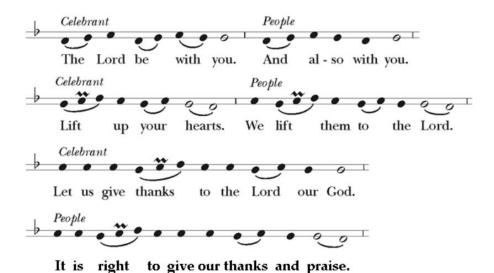
Old 100th

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

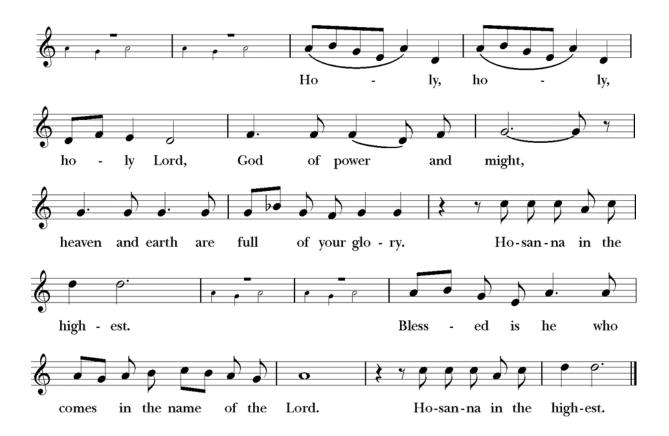
Eucharistic Prayer A



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; For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

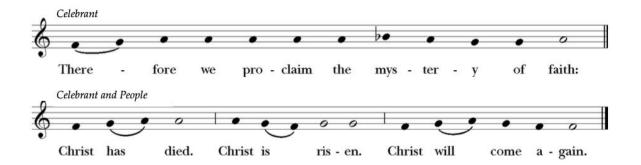
Sanctus William Matthias



The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."



The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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,

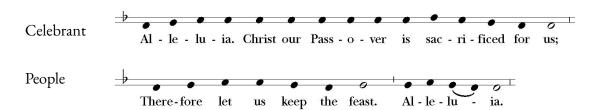
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

The Breaking of the Bread

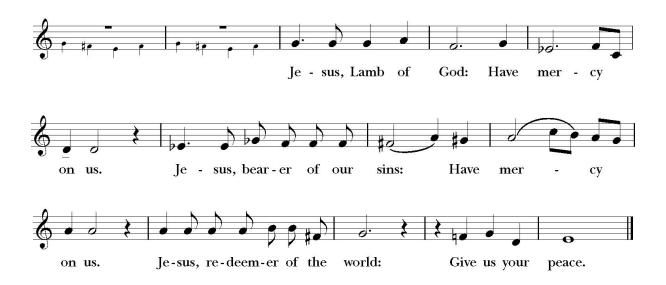
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and a moment of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Ambrosian Chant



Agnus Dei William Matthias



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

Ave verum corpus

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine, Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine, Cujus latus perforatum vero fluxit cum sanguine; Esto nobis praegustatum, mortis in examine. O pie, O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae. Tu nobis miserere. Amen. Hail true body, born of the Virgin Mary,
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for all,
from whose pierced side water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste in the trial of death.
O holy Jesus, O sweet Jesus, son of Mary,
have mercy on us. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People

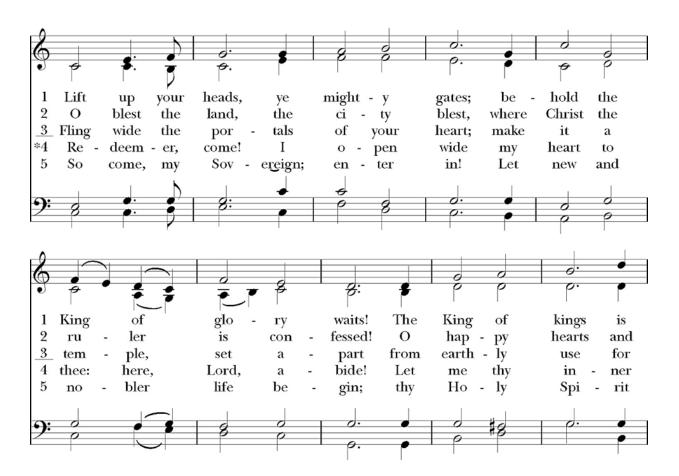
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son and our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

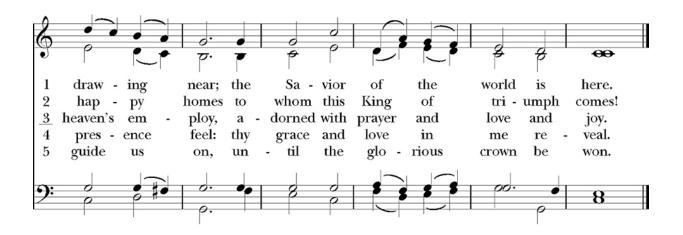
The Blessing

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

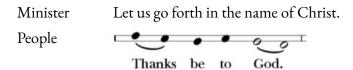
Hymn Truro

All are invited to join in singing the hymn.





The Dismissal



Voluntary

Praeludium in G Major, BWV 568

Johann Sebastian Bach (16851750)

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Notes on today's music...

First recognized for his virtuosic piano technique, Franz Liszt (1811–1886) became one of the most prolific and influential performers and composers of the nineteenth century. Until Franz Liszt, no virtuoso musician experienced the level of stardom as he; this phenomenon was dubbed "Lisztomania." The first intense "Liszt fever" occurred in Berlin in 1841, and was characterized by intense levels of hysteria demonstrated by his fans, like what some modern celebrities experience today.

Liszt also contributed greatly to the orchestral genre with his symphonic poem; an orchestral work which is typically a single continuous movement of music illustrating or evoking the text of a poem, story, or novel, a painting or landscape. While living in Weimar, Germany, Liszt composed his two largest organ works; *Fantasy and Fugue on the chorale "Ad nos, ad salutarem undam"* and the *Prelude and Fugue on B-A-C-H*. Today we hear a smaller work of Liszt, the fourth of his *Six Consolations*, originally written for piano. This movement was inspired by a *Lied* or art song written by Maria Pavlovna, the Grand Duchess of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach. The mood of the piece has been described as "churchy" and "prayer-like."

Today the treble voices of the Holy Trinity Choir will sing a setting of *Ave verum corpus* during the distribution of the elements of communion. *Ave verum corpus* is a Eucharistic chant attributed to Pope Innocent VI. The text recalls the birth, suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ. *Ave verum corpus* has been set to music by many composers including William Byrd, W.A. Mozart, Gabriel Fauré, Sarah MacDonald, Stephanie Martin and others. Fauré composed his setting in 1884 as a duet for soprano and alto or tenor and baritone, accompanied by the organ.

~ Adam Koch

SERVING TODAY

Ushers: David Liston, Karen Ryugo Subdeacon: Susan Valdes-Dapena Altar Guild: Susan Valdes-Dapena

Lector: Christina Dhanaraj

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. John F. Beddingfield

Deacon: The Rev. Pamela Tang

Coffee Hour: Franny Eberhart, Jaya Gulhaugen

Tours: Barbara Whitney

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Pat, Brian, Susan, Tom, Sean, Mitchell, Bea, Iris, Christopher, John, Paul, Nancy, Andrew, Margo, Bob, Emma, Matthew, Ann, Judy, Mary, Steve, Megan, Jackie, and David.

The sympathy and love of the parish are extended to Sallie Craig Huber upon the death of her husband Douglass "Doug" Huber. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Doug, for Sallie, their family, and for all who mourn.

The sympathy and love of the parish are also extended to the family of Alison Hajnal's family upon the death of Alison. Please pray for the repose of her soul, her 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.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry Released a Statement this week on the 10,000+ Dead in Gaza: Stop the Killing

Every human child of God—Palestinian and Israeli—deserves safety and security. We need to stop the killing. Today.

Vengeance will not bring back the dead. Retaliation will not repair the harms and the hurt. We are called to love, even and especially when it seems impossible.

We must stop the next 10,000 from being killed. As Episcopalians, we must call upon our leaders—President Biden, members of Congress, and others—to be unequivocal that we need to stop the killing. Today. This is clearly what love demands of us.

Copies of the full statement are in the back of the church.

HOLY GOSSIP

Sunday, November 5, 2023 attendance: 8:00 AM: 12; 11:00 AM: 63; 6:00 PM: 16 . . . The flowers on the stone altar are given to the glory of God, in memory of Dr. Felix E. Santiago Perez on the anniversary of his death. . . Thanks to Yvonne O'Neal and members of the The Episcopal Diocese of New York Task Force on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault for their "toolkit" to raise awareness and work for an end to gender-based violence. Though November 26 is Christ the King Sunday, as well as our Ingathering of Time, Talent, and Treasure, our diocese has also designated it "Break the Silence Sunday," and we will incorporate some of the task force's materials in our worship and in the back of the church on that day.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Lay Eucharistic Training

Though we hope to host an in-person Lay Eucharist Training program this winter, a Zoom training event will be available Monday, November 13, 6:30-8:30 PM. Please contact Deacon Pam Tang for details or to register.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

The season of stewardship is a time to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to share in the mission of The Church of the Holy Trinity and beyond. We ask you to make a financial pledge for 2024 by Sunday, November 26th. In doing so, know that your contribution will not only keep the church operating smoothly, but also enable us to answer the call to serve our local community, New York City, and the world at large through our outreach programs. Stewardship packets have been mailed to most households, more are in the back of the church, and it's also possible to make a pledge for 2024 on the church website.

LEARNING AND GROWING

Discussion of "Laudate Deum," November 12 and 19. Join Steve Knight and Father Beddingfield as we spend two mornings discussing "Laudate Deum, to all people of good will on the climate crisis," the recent document from Pope Francis highlighting our current global context and our failure to address the human roots of the social and ecological crisis. Released on St. Francis Day, October 4, this follows his longer *Laudato Si*, which we explored previously. We will also review current and upcoming Episcopal Church environmental initiatives in which you could participate.

November 26 - Christ the King Sunday - Discussion of Kingship with Deacon Pam Tang

December 3 & 10 - Nativities: Mothers and Babies in the Hebrew Bible with Helen Goodkin

God and the Machine: Theology and Artificial Intelligence. November 18 and December 2 on Zoom. Join our own Calvyn duToit, Joseph Aylett-Bullock and others for this Transatlantic Zoom discussion about theology and artificial intelligence. Two Saturday afternoons (1PM Eastern Time) More information is on the parish website under Upcoming Events.

Forward Day-By-Day. Copies of the Nov/Dec/Jan edition of the daily prayer guide, *Forward Day by Day* are available on the wall shelves in the church.

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 92 neighbors! Contact Joe Lipuma. (jlipuma27@gmail.com)

The Thanksgiving Project

One of the great traditions at The Church of the Holy Trinity and St Joseph's Church is Our Thanksgiving Day Program. Each year, we prepare over 300 complete meals. Over 270 are delivered to homebound neighbors, and the balance is served to our Neighborhood Supper guests. We're doing it again this year, and we need your help.

Volunteers are needed for several shifts beginning Sunday, November 19 through Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23. Flyers outlining the shifts are on the information table in the church.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Save the Date: Sunday, December 10: Advent Crafts & Potluck, Draesel Hall.

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 an in-person 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,

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The Vestry (with year of term ending listed)

Wardens: Christopher Abelt (2023), 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)

HOW TO JOIN US MORE FULLY

"I'm already an Episcopalian."

Simply contact our parish office, give Erlinda Brent, the parish secretary, (ebrent@holytrinity-nyc.org) the name of your previous church, and we will do the rest.

"I was baptized, but not in an Episcopal Church."

Simply obtain a letter from a former church or photocopy of your baptismal certificate. You can also be received or confirmed when the bishop visits Holy Trinity. Contact the rector or church office.

"I'm Roman Catholic."

First of all, know that you are already welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would like to unite formally with the parish, simply provide evidence of Christian baptism. Roman Catholics are "received" into our parish. You remain "fully catholic," but are adopted into the Anglican Communion.

"I've never been baptized."

Then get ready for a life-changing celebration! You will be led through a process that allows you to ask your deepest questions, to search with others for answers and to be baptized at any of our services.

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 Rhinelander, 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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