

The Church of the Holy Trinity

An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York

October 22, 2023 at 11:00 AM

The Twenty-First 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."

In Praise of Complexity

One important aspect of Anglicanism

The Elizabethan Settlement refers to the efforts of Queen Elizabeth I of England to establish a "middle way" between Catholics and Protestants. The "Settlement" did not happen immediately, but most policies were put into place between 1559 and 1563. Though critics on the edges of both traditions criticized the middle, an Anglican ethos developed that has sought to hold together opposing thoughts, beliefs, and sentiments. A seminary professor of mine once pointed out that within the Eucharistic prayers of our Prayer Book, there is language supporting at least three different theologies of Holy Communion.

The Anglican Tradition should never be used as an excuse for being lazy or fuzzy-minded, but our history can remind us of the complexity that exists in our world. One can, and often should, hold together opposing views and beliefs, allowing God to be responsible for the tension. For example, while I deplore terrorist violence and destruction, I also deplore state-based and institutionalized violence and destruction. Spiritually, parts of me are extremely Catholic, while other parts are fiercely Protestant. Whether the issue is political, racial, economic, spiritual, sexual, or any divisive issue, we can invite the Holy Spirit to work through us to defend the *via media*, a middle way that allows for difference while insisting on respect.

The Rev. John F. Beddingfield, Rector

The Word of God

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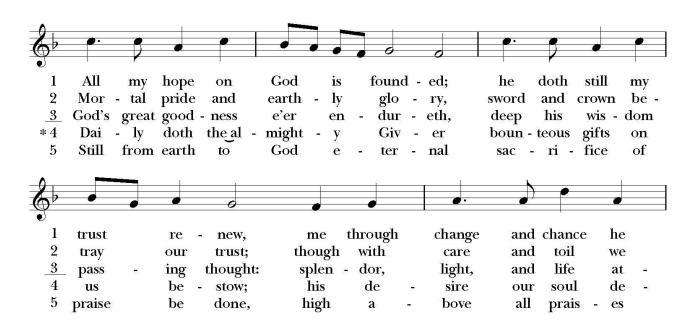
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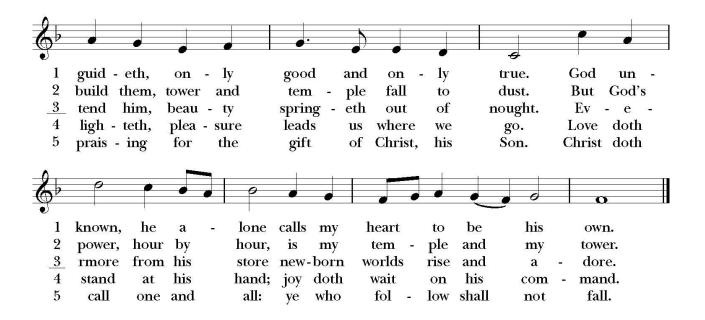
Meditation Michael Calabris (b. 1984)

Welcome

Hymn Michael

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

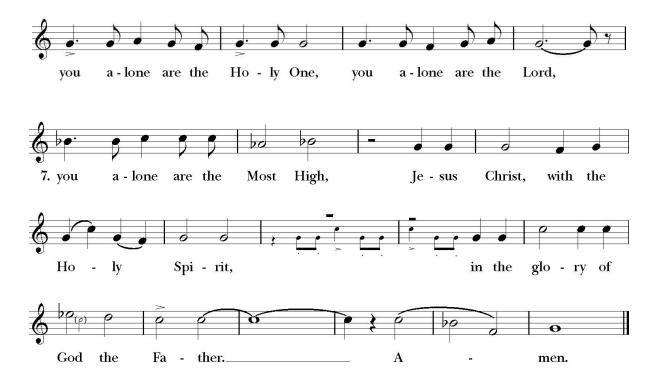
Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

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

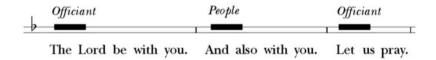
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.





The Collect of the Day



Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The people are seated for the Lessons.

Lector A reading from The Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96:1-6, 8-9

Cantate Domino

Peter R. Hallock (1924-2014)

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

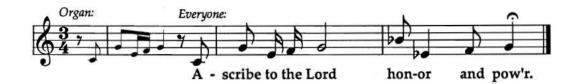


Choir: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the whole earth. Sing to the Lord and bless his name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

All join in singing the antiphon.

Choir: Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples. For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.

All join in singing the antiphon.



Choir: As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the Lord who made the heavens. Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

All join in singing the antiphon.

Choir: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name; bring offerings and come into his courts. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

All join in singing the antiphon.

The Second Lesson from Scripture

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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

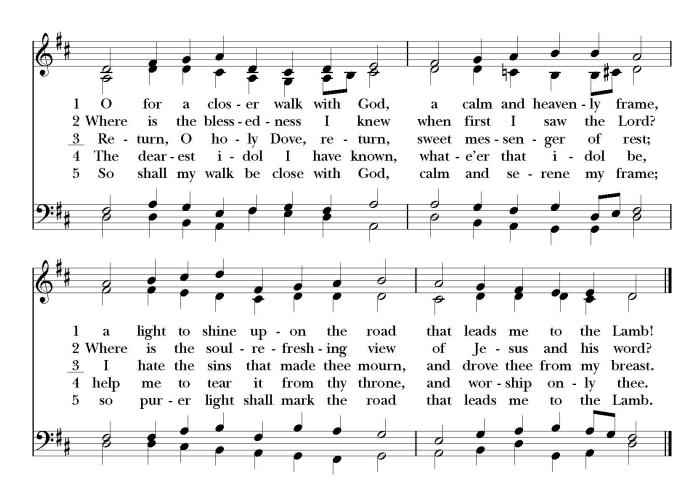
Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Verses 1-3 before the reading of the Gospel. Verses 4 and 5 after the reading of the Gospel.



The Gospel Matthew 22:15-22

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you

hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Percy Whitlock (1903-0946)

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation. The God of power, the God of love. The God of our Salvation; with healing balm my soul God fills, and every faithless murmur stills.

To God all praise and glory!

What God's Almighty power hath made, God's gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade, God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth:
Within the Kingdom of God's might all is just and all is right:
To God all power and glory!

Then all my joyful way along I ring aloud thy praises, that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises:

Be joyful in the Lord, my heart! Both soul and body bear your part!

To God all praise and glory!

At the Presentation, The Doxology

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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



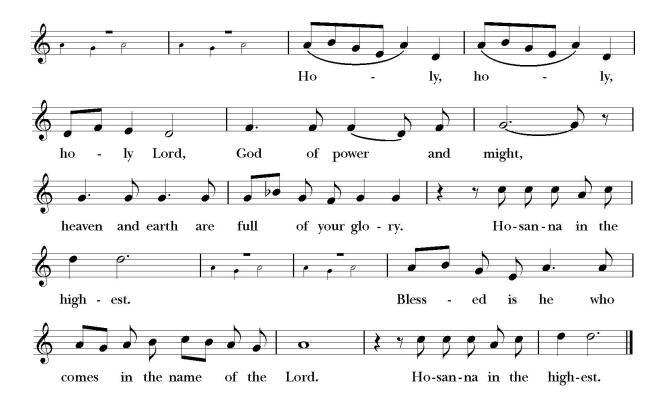
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

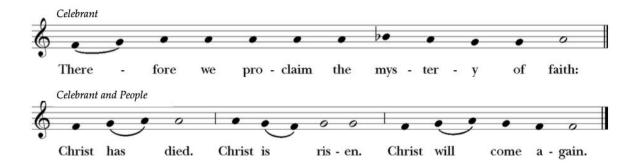
All join in singing



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,

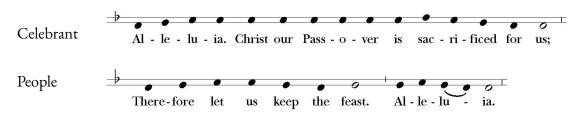
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

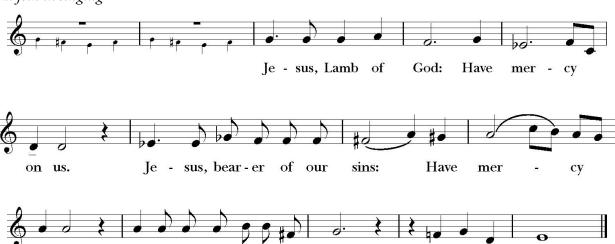
Fraction Anthem

Ambrosian Chant



Agnus Dei William Matthias

All join in singing



Reception of Communion

on us.

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.

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At Communion, Anthem

Sing My Soul, His Wondrous Love

Ned Rorem (1923-2022)

Sing my soul, His wondrous love,
Who from yon bright throne above,
Ever watchful o'er our race,
Still to us extends His grace.
Heav'n and earth by Him were made,
All is by his scepter sway'd;
What are we that He should show
So much love to us below?

God, the merciful and good,
Bought us with the Savior's blood,
And, to make our safety sure,
Guides us by His spirit pure.
Sing, my soul, adore His name;
Let His glory be thy theme:
Praise Him till He calls thee home,
Trust His love for all to come.

Give us your

peace.

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.

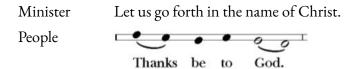
Hymn Duke Street

All are invited to join in singing the hymn.





The Dismissal



Voluntary

Fugue in G Minor, BWV 578

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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Notes on Today's Music...

Ned Rorem's *Sing, my soul, his wondrous love* was composed in the South of France in the summer of 1955 for Paul Callaway, then Director of Music at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. Callaway was the first person to conduct a piece of choral music by Rorem. The setting being sung during communion is homophonic (all voices moving in the same rhythm as the melody) setting of the 1841 hymn from the Protestant Episcopal Church. Rorem composed a new melody for the text accompanied by rich chromatic harmonies.

Today's postlude is one of Bach's most famous works and was given the nickname "little fugue" by early scholars to distinguish it from another fugue in g minor which is lengthier. The fugue is in four voices (three in the hands, one in the pedal) and begins with a highly recognized subject which is four measures in length. This fugue has been arranged for various instrumentations including an orchestral version by Leopold Stokowski, arrangements for concert band, other instrumental ensembles, and solo piano. The heavy metal band, *Sabaton*, begins their song "The Red Baron" with the opening of the *Fugue in G Minor*. This fugue has also made cameos in popular television shows.



Music & Readings for All Hallows' Eve
Tuesday, October 31 at 7:00PM
Spooky Music and Creepy Readings
Costumes are welcome!
Donations to Music at Holy Trinity are welcome!
Saints, sinners, and everyone in-between is welcome!
A ghoulishly light reception will follow!

SERVING TODAY

Ushers: Kristen Ursprung, Scott Hess

Subdeacon: Simone Crockett Altar Guild: Jackie Price

Lector: Martha Burke-Hennessy

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. John F. Beddingfield

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Pamela Tang
Coffee Hour: Alden Prouty, Kate Hornstein

Tours: Retta Blaney

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

The sympathy and love of the parish are extended to Fabio Mejia upon the death of his father, Fabio Sr. Pray for the repose of the soul of Fabio Sr., for Fabio and his family, and for all who mourn.

Praying with our Link Parish in London

of St. Stephen with St. John. We especially pray for the clergy, parishioners and all the programs of the parish.

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, October 15, 2023 attendance: 8:00 AM: 9; 11:00 AM: 94; 4:00 PM: 104, 6:00 PM: 19 . . . Thanks to all who helped make Choral Evensong so successful on Sunday . . . Last Saturday, HTNC we welcomed 92 supper guests. . . . Policies for the new section of the columbarium can be found in the Funerals & Memorial section of the website. Also on that page are resources for advance planning.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

All Saints' Sunday, November 5

All Saints' Sunday is a day when the Church gives thanks for the famous saints, but also our own familiar friends and family who have died but live still in Christ. If you wish to have particular people remembered, please list their first and last names on the form below and submit to the parish office by Wednesday, November 1, 2023. Paper forms are in the back of the church, or you may fill out the form online.

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.

The Trefoil Society - Planned Giving Opportunity

Please keep an eye out for a mailing about Holy Trinity's Trefoil Society, which provides ongoing support for the future well-being of our church. Gifts and bequests goto the Property Preservation Trust, an endowment fund that provides for repairs and upkeep of our historic buildings. This is a great estate planning goal.

LEARNING AND GROWING

Adult Christian Education: Teresa of Ávila Study Sundays in October at 9:30 AM in Draesel Hall

Using the Study Guide *Teresa of Ávila: Inner Joy*, by Dale and Sandy Larsen, we will spend five weeks in October reflecting on the words of Teresa paired with scripture passages that amplify her thoughts. The booklet is out of print, so sections are photocopied and available in each of the Sunday's Upcoming Listing on our website. Join us in Draesel Hall or online at https://zoom.us/j/8753617165 (for the password, type the numerals for eighteen ninety-nine, two thousand nineteen. No comma or space.)

Upcoming

November 5 - No Adult Christian Education (All Saints' Sunday, NYC Marathon)

November 12 and 19 - Discussion of "Laudate Deum," the recent letter of Pope Francis

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

Forward Day-By-Day. Copies of the Aug/Sept/Oct 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)

COMMUNITY LIFE

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.

Poetry Reading. October 28 at 3:00 PM, Draesel Hall. Parishioner Christine Baldino O'Hanlon and three other poets will share their voices and stories. All are welcome.

Tour Holy Trinity. Join us for an in-person 15 Minute Guided Tour. Tours are free! Meet the tour guide in the Narthex, (just inside the church's main entrance). Tours are given most Sundays following the 11:00 AM service.

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

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José Cornier and Ozell Ryant, Sextons

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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