



The Church of the Holy Trinity

An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York

December 24, 2023 at 10:30 PM

Christmas Eve Carols & Midnight Mass

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.”

Merry Christmas

A greeting from the Rector

Whether you are a lifelong Christian or this is one of your first visits inside a church, please know that you are welcome. Holy Trinity is an Episcopal Church, tracing its roots through the Church of England and the Catholic Church. We look for hope and love through Jesus Christ and we try to embody that sacrificial love in our words and actions. Please come again, if you're curious or read about us on our website. Traditionally, all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion, but as we do not ask for proof, please follow the Holy Spirit in making your decision to join us.

The Reverend John F. Beddingfield, Rector

A Work in Progress. In 2024, we will celebrate our 125th Anniversary, and as with most older things, we sometimes show our age. Especially in our Memorial Chapel, a visitor may notice exposed brick and broken plaster where there has been water damage. Completed in 1899, Holy Trinity is a landmarked building and requires particular care when repairing or renovating. We follow a careful plan for capital repairs and continue to make great progress. If you would like to make a gift to help us age safely and beautifully, please know that we are grateful. Just mark your gift “capital repairs” and we will use it wisely, with good stewardship. Thank you for joining us in worshiping God “in the beauty of holiness” (Psalm 96:9).

Carols for Choir and Congregation

Instrumental

Livre de Noël pour l'orgue et le clavecin

Jean -Francois Dandrieu (1682-1738)

44. Quand le Sauveur Jésus Christ (When the Savior, Jesus Christ)

Anthem

What Sweeter Music

John Rutter (b. 1945)

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing the birth of this our heav'nly King? Awake the voice! Awake the string! Dark and dull night, fly hence away, and give the honour to this day that sees December turn'd to May. Why does the chilling winter's morn smile, like a field beset with corn? Or smell like a meadow newly shorn thus on the sudden? Come and see the cause, why things thus fragrant be: 'Tis he is born, whose quick'ning birth gives life and lustre, public mirth, to heaven and the underearth. We see him come, and know him ours, who, with his sunshine and his show'rs, turns all the patient ground to flow'rs; The darling of the world is come, and fit it is, we find a room to welcome him. The nobler part of all the house here is the heart, which we will give him; and bequeath this holly, and this ivy wreath, to do him honour, who's our King, and Lord of all this revelling.

Those who are able, please stand and join in singing the carol.

Carol

It came upon the midnight clear

Carol

1. It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, and good will to all,
from heaven's all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

2. For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
when the ever circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

The People are invited to be seated.

Anthem

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit, and always green: the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know but ne'er can tell the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all, but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree I'm weary with my former toil; here I will sit and rest awhile: under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree This fruit doth make my soul to thrive; it keeps my dying faith alive: which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Carol

O little town of Bethlehem

St. Louis

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary;
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together
proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
and peace to all on earth.

3. How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him,
still the dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, above with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

The People are invited to be seated.

Anthem

My Dancing Day

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance to see the legend of my play, to call my true love to my dance: Sing O my love; this have I done for my true love. Then Was I born of a virgin pure, of her I took fleshly substance: Thus was I knit to man's nature, to call my true love to my dance: Sing O my love; this have I done for my true love. In a manger laid and wrapped I was, so very poor, this was my chance, betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, to call my true love to my dance: Sing O my love; this have I done for my true love.

Instrumental

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Those who are able, please stand and join in singing the carol.

Carol

Once in royal David's city

Irby

Verse 1 is sung as a solo, verse 2 is sung by the choir; please join in singing verses 3 and 4.

1. Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven,
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, the scorned, the lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.

3. And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child who seemed so helpless
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

4. Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing round,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
where his saints his throne surround:
Christ, revealed to faithful eye,
set at God's right hand on high.

The People are invited to be seated.

The Word of God

Anthem

O Magnum Mysterium

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

O magnum mysterium
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum
jacentem in praesepio.
O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt
portare Dominum Jesum Christum.
Alleluia!

O great mystery
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the new-born Lord
lying in a manger!
O blessed is the Virgin, whose womb
was worthy to bear Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!

Those who are able are invited to stand.

Celebrant Dear friends, as we meet to celebrate the birth of Christ, let us pray that God might bless this crèche, that all who worship his Son, born of the Virgin Mary, may come to share his life in glory.

The Blessing of the Crèche

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

God our Father, this night your Son, Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary for us and for our salvation: bless this crèche, which we have prepared to celebrate that holy birth; may all who see it be strengthened in faith and receive the fullness of that life he came to bring, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light;

People **Those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.**

Celebrant For a child has been born for us, a son given to us.

People **And authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Hymn at the Procession

Adeste fideles

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Gloria in excelsis

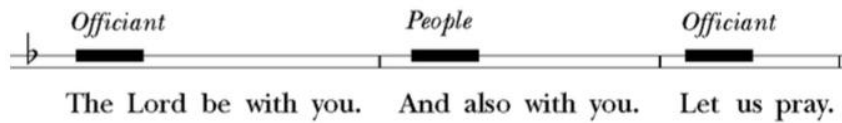
The Mass of the Quiet Hour

George Oldroyd (1886-1951)

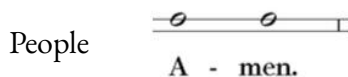
Celebrant Glory be to God on high,

Choir And in earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord, God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen, amen, amen.

The Collect of the Day



O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.



People

A - men.

The People are invited to be seated for the lessons.

The First Lesson from Scripture

Isaiah 9:2-7

Lector A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96

Cantate Domino

Chant by Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

Sung by the choir.

1. Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
2. Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
3. Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
4. For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
5. As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
6. Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
7. Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
8. Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
9. Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
10. Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
11. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
12. Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
13. He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

The Second Lesson from Scripture

Titus 2:11-14

Lector A Reading from the Letter to Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Those who are able, please stand for the hymn and the reading of the Gospel.

The Hymn at the Sequence

Gloria

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

The Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
 People **Gloria to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who

is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Deacon 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.

Deacon In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lector Father, in this holy night your Son, our Savior, was born in human flesh. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ. Holy God,

People **hear our prayer.**

Lector In this holy night there was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty. Holy God,

People **hear our prayer.**

Lector In this holy night, Mary, in the pain of labor, brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand all who are in pain or distress, especially...Holy God,

People **hear our prayer.**

Lector In this holy night your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world. Holy God,

People **hear our prayer.**

Lector In this holy night the angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.' Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in all the world. Holy God,

People **hear our prayer.**

Lector In this holy night shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption. Holy God,

People **hear our prayer.**

Lector In this holy night strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love. Holy God,

People **hear our prayer.**

Lector In this holy night heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand all those who have passed through death in the hope of your coming kingdom. We especially remember... Holy God,

People **hear our prayer.**

Lector In this holy night Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us today. Holy God,

People **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes

Father, in this holy night, angels and shepherds worshiped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph, and the saints through him who is your Word made flesh, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

As the Choir sings an anthem, a collection is taken for the work and mission of the Church.

At the Offertory, Anthem

Hodie Christus natus est

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

Hodie Christus natus est, born is a king forever blessed, welcome we now our heavenly guest, sing alleluya, sing alleluya, sing alleluya! Allelu, allelu, alleluya! Loud, loud, loud we give praise this day of days; long, long, long may we sing our God and King, light of life, Lord of lords. Hodie Christus natus est, born is a king forever blessed, welcome we now our heavenly guest, sing alleluya, sing alleluya, sing alleluya! Alleluya, alleluya! Alleluya!

At the Presentation, Hymn

In dulci jubilo

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

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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,

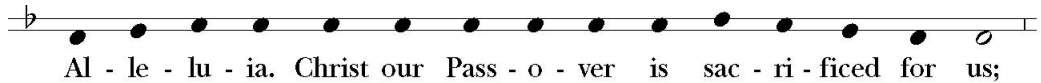
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

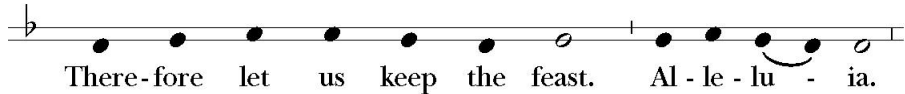
The Breaking of the Bread

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

Fraction Anthem

Ambrisian 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

The Mass of the Quiet Hour, George Oldroyd

Sung by the choir

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace. Thy 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 the Communion, The Anthem

There Is No Rose

Margaret Burk (b. 1990)

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*.

The People remain seated or kneel for the hymn.

Hymn

Stille Nacht

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit. be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Christmas Blessing

Celebrant May Almighty God, who sent the Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant May God, who sent angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heave to heart and earth to heaven, give You peace and favor.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People **Amen.**

Hymn

Mendelssohn

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

Hark! The herald angels sing
 Paul Halley © 1993 Back Alley Music (ASCAP) (descant and organ part for verse 3)
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The Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the people.

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Toccata on "Antioch"

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

The Choir of The Church of the Holy Trinity

Soprano: Carol Haley, Kate Hornstein, Maria Oesterreich, Abigail Raiford

Alto: Allison Bishop, Madeline Coffey, Madeline Rathbun, Kendra Wieneke

Tenor: Samuel Friedman, BJ Hillinck, David Morton

Bass: Richard Berg, Patrick Valdes-Dapena, Jeremy Harr, Samuel Rachmuth

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

In Memory of:

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Audrinita Fergus

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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 THIS EVENING

Ushers: John Hatheway, Kristen Ursprung

Lectors: Erlinda Brent

Acolyte/Subdeacon: Susan Valdes-Dapena

Officiant & Preacher: The Rev. John Beddingfield

Deacon: The Rev. Pamela Tang

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.~

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-person 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@holyltrinity-nyc.org.

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

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

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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)

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



The original Church of the Holy Trinity stood at 42nd Street and Madison Avenue, founded by the Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, Jr. in 1864. 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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