



The Church of the Holy Trinity

An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York

February 25, 2024 at 6:00 PM

The Second Sunday in Lent

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.”

Words for Lent

At Bishop Heyd’s installation on February 10, one of the readings was from a May 1965 sermon preached at the Cathedral by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in which he paraphrases St. Paul’s words in First Corinthians 13. The words seem especially appropriate for the Season of Lent.

You may have all knowledge, rise to the heights of academic attainment but if you have not love, it means absolutely nothing. You may even give your goods to the poor, rise high in philanthropy but without love it means nothing. You may even give your body to be burned and die the death of a martyr. Generations yet unborn will look on you as history’s supreme heroes, but if you have not loved your blood was spilt in vain for you must come to see American Christians that it’s possible to be self-centered in your self-sacrifice and self-righteous in your self-denial. You may be generous in order to feed your ego, benevolent to feed your pride. So without love benevolence becomes egotism and martyrdom becomes spiritual pride. Love is the greatest of all virtues. This is the meaning of the cross, not a meaningless drama on the stage of history, but it is a telescope through which we look out the long distance of eternity and see the love of God breaking through into time. It is an eternal reminder of the power of love over hate.

(From the Cathedral Archives.)

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Bless the Lord My Soul

Welcome

Opening Song

Humble King

All who are able, are invited to stand

Verse 1 Oh kneel us down again / here at your feet
 Show us how much you love / humility
 Oh Spirit be the star / that leads us to
 The humble heart of love / we see in you

Chorus You are the God of the broken / the friend of the weak
 You wash the feet of the weary / embrace the ones in need
 I want to be like you Jesus / to have this heart in me
 You are the God of the humble / you are the humble king

Verse 2 We gaze upon your cross / and pray to see
 considering your love / and poverty
 We contemplate the joy / that conquers hate
 And ask for grace from you / to imitate

Verse 3 Receive our hearts again / and make us new
 Help us rebuild your church / and follow you
 Through holy sacrament / and words made flesh
 Your Spirit burning through / a world refreshed

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Trisagion

Celebrant Holy God,

People **Holy and Mighty. Holy Immortal One. Have mercy upon us.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen**

The First Lesson from Scripture

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

All may be seated

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you

throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Bless the Lord My Soul

Bless the Lord my soul / and bless God’s holy name

Bless the Lord my soul / who leads me into life

(x3)

The Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

All who are able, are invited to stand

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

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

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Minister The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

All may be seated

The Rev. Deacon Pam, *Deacon, The Church of the Holy Trinity*

Prayers of the People

A vocalist sings the refrain before the prayers. Then interspersed throughout the prayers all sing the refrain .

Refrain **Kyrie eléison / Christe eléison / Kyrie eléison**
(Lord have mercy / Christ have mercy / Lord have mercy)

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

A sign of Christ's peace is offered without touch and while keeping distance.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Song

Little Things With Great Love

All may be seated

- Verse 1 In the garden of our savior / no flower grows unseen
 His kindness reigns like water / on every humble seed
 No simple act of mercy / escapes his watchful eye
 For there is one who loves me / his hand is over mine
- Verse 2 In the kingdom of the heavens / no suffering is unknown
 Each tear that falls is holy / each breaking heart a throne
 There is a song of beauty / on ev'ry weeping eye
 For there is one who loves me / his heart it breaks with mine
- Bridge Oh the deeds forgotten / oh the works unseen
 Every drink of water / flowing graciously
 Every tender mercy / you're making glorious
 This you have asked us / do little things with great love
 Little things with great love
- Verse 3 At the table of our Savior / no mouth will go unfed
 His children in the shadows / stream in and raise their heads
 Oh give us ears to hear them / and give us eyes to see
 For there is one who loves them / I am his hands and feet

The Great Thanksgiving

All who are able, are invited to stand

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts

People **We lift them to the Lord**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise**

Celebrant ...lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

People **Holy holy holy / God of power and might**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest / hosanna in the highest

Celebrant ...therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant ...through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

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

People **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

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.

Eucharistic Song

New Humanity

Verse 1 A garden once was ours / but we got lost in wars / forgetting we were yours
Creation felt the sting / and all the suffering / is seen in everything

Pre Chorus So we pray / let your kingdom come / we pray for the day / that justice will be done

Chorus Let a new humanity / begin a new humanity / begin

Verse 2 A broken world / a broken Lord / you took the cup and poured / that life might be restored
And in return we now / are broken and poured out / Oh hear us crying out

Bridge When all the saints and all the poor / will never want for anymore
That we won't hide our daily bread / but give with gratitude instead
Oh that your church would come alive / and be the image of a bride / we're your bride

Post-Communion Prayer

All who are able, are invited to stand

Minister Let us pray.

People **Loving God, whether we are in your church or joining online from another place, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, and renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

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

Closing Song

Wood and Nails

Verse 1 O humble carpenter / down on your hands and knees
 Look on your handiwork / and build a house
 So you may dwell in me / so you may dwell in me

Chorus 1 The work was done / with nothing but / wood and nails
 In your scar-borne hands
 O show me how / to work and praise
 Trusting that I am your instrument

Verse 2 O loving laborer / with the sweat upon your face
 O build a table that / I too may join you
 In the father's place / in the father's place

Chorus 2 The kingdom's come / and built upon
Wood and nails gripped with joyfulness
So send me out / within your ways
Knowing that the task is finished

Chorus 3 The dead will rise / and give you praise
Wood and nails will not hold them down
These wooden tombs / we'll break them soon
And fashion them into flower beds

Chorus 4 The curse is done / the battle won
Swords bent down into plowshares
Your scar-borne hands / we'll join with them
Serving at / the table you've prepared

The Dismissal

A minister dismisses the people.

Minister Let us go forth in the name of Christ

People **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Paizlee, Roman, Herbert, Tom, Sedrudin, Gulshan, Bob, Bethany, Christopher, Vanessa, Karen, Kari, Margo, Victoria, Joe, Sandra, John, Bea, Emma, Mary, Megan, Jackie.

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

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

HOLY GOSSIP

Sunday, February 18, 2024 attendance: 8:00 AM: 12; 11:00 AM: 86; 6:00 PM 28... On Presidents' Day, Phoenix Building Restorer Inc. took advantage of the preschool closure and did a close inspection (photo below) of the facades and roofs of our buildings that face the playground and entrance. This is to keep a close eye on our 150-year-old building and make sure any loose mortar or bricks are secured.

LOOKING AHEAD

Fridays in Lent, February 16 - March 22

Join us on Friday nights in Lent as we walk the Stations of the Cross, a simple service, lasting about 40 minutes.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

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

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!

LEARNING AND GROWING

Forward Day-By-Day. Copies of the Feb/Mar/Apr edition of the daily prayer guide, *Forward Day by Day* are available on the wall shelves in the church.

Lenten Book Discussion

Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in Draesel Hall

This Lent, we'll be joining our link parish, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, London, to read a book the Archbishop of Canterbury chose especially for the Season of Lent several years ago. *Saying Yes to Life* lifts our focus from every day (and perfectly natural) concerns to issues that are impacting millions of lives around the world. As people made in the image of God, we are entrusted to look after what God has made – to share in the joy and creativity of God in making a difference for good.

SUNDAY TOURS

Join us for an in-person 15 minute guided tour. Tours are free! Meet the tour guide in the Narthex (just inside the main entrance). Tours are given most Sundays after the 11:00 AM service. 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*.

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 92 pledges totaling \$338,000.58 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 87 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, parishioner Liz Poole at lizpoolenyc@hotmail.com. *No Yoga on March 4.*

GET INVOLVED

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

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

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The Vestry (with year of term ending listed)

Wardens: Christopher Abelt (2026)

Jeanne Blazina (2025)

General Members of the Vestry:

Joseph Aylett-Bullock (2027)

Hal Barth (2024)

Paul Chernick, secretary (2025)

Lydia Colon (2025)

Amelia Cover (2027)

Christina Dhanuja (2027)

Jean Geater (2027)

Steve Knight (2024)

Joseph Lipuma (2024)

Marlin Mattson (2025)

Fabio Mejia (2025)

Liz Poole (2024)

Christine du Toit, treasurer, *ex officio*

A Brief History of The Church of the Holy Trinity



More than 100 years ago, the Church of the Holy Trinity was established through the confluence of three events—Serena Rhinelander's desire to create a memorial to her father and grandfather, the merger of the original Church of the Holy Trinity with St. James Church and the needs of St. James Mission on East 83rd Street. Serena Rhinelander's grandfather, William Rhinelander in 1798 purchased 72 acres stretching from Third Avenue to the East River for a summer home. The northward growth of the city led to the Rhinelanders selling much of that land. However, Serena Rhinelander wanted as a memorial to her father and grandfather to donate not only the mid-block site on 88th Street, but also the cost of designing and constructing a church complex.

Serena Rhinelander wanted to make this donation to St. James Church at 71st Street and Madison Avenue and have St. James become the sponsor of the new complex in what had become a working-class neighborhood. However, St. James Church could not accept her offer because they did not have the money to maintain the church. The maintenance money came from the original Church of the Holy Trinity. The church, located on Madison Avenue and 42nd Street, wished to move and decided to sell its property and unite with St. James.

The Diocese of New York arranged to transfer Holy Trinity's assets from the sale of the property to St. James. This, in turn, enabled St. James to retire its own debt and to assume sponsorship for Serena Rhinelander's memorial by establishing a \$200,000 endowment fund. The Diocese also transferred the name of the church to the proposed new complex. Thus the generosity of Serena Rhinelander and the endowment from St. James enabled an institution the neighborhood could not have afforded.

At the same time, St. James also had a mission at 419 East 83rd Street that had outgrown its space. This mission was moved in 1897 to the first building completed on the site, St. Christopher's House, and administered by the mission's trustees. St. Christopher's House was a clubhouse and kindergarten for all the children of the neighborhood no matter what their individual faith or if they had no faith at all. In the basement was a swimming pool and on the top floor a well-equipped gymnasium. There were a circulating library, assembly rooms, playrooms and public showers. On April

28, 1897 the new congregation began to worship in the assembly room of St. Christopher's House. Construction of the new Church of the Holy Trinity began the following November with the laying of the cornerstone for the church. The New York Times described the ceremony:

"...white vestments of the clergymen and the representatives of the highest social and intellectual circles on the one side showed in vivid contrast to the row of tenements across the street, from every window and door of which gazed a curious throng of people, for whose use the edifice was being dedicated."

On May 6, 1899 the Church of the Holy Trinity was consecrated. The following are excerpts from the sermon by Rev. Dr. William R. Huntington of Grace Church:

"It may shock some to hear it, but consecration is not the mere act of the Bishop; it is a process that requires time to develop, and only years of use can properly consecrate a building like this..."

Holy Trinity was built to be a "settlement church" which aimed to "cultivate the best in man, physical, mental, social and spiritual ... not content to preach only to the soul ... but with its clubs and societies seeks to help and elevate the social conditions amongst its members and the neighborhood in which it stands."

The early parish newsletters, *The Chimes*, describe a large and active Christian community. At that time the programs included a coal cooperative, day nursery for children of working parents, sewing clubs, and Christian education including a Sunday School of over 1,000 children. There were also excursions, lectures, and amateur theatricals. Holy Trinity remained a chapel of St. James until 1951, when it became an independent parish.

In 1897 the intention of the "settlement church" was to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of the growing immigrant community surrounding it. Although we no longer call Holy Trinity a "settlement church", its mission has not changed. It is still a landmark of architectural and social significance with its strong ministry to the people of Yorkville and East Harlem.