



# The Church of the Holy Trinity

An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York

October 1, 2023 at 6:00 PM

**St. Francis Sunday**

## 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](http://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.”

## Celebrating with a Franciscan Spirit

This year, we celebrate St. Francis Sunday today and also on Wednesday with a Sung Eucharist at 6:30 PM. St. Francis of Assisi (1181/82—1226) is often associated with gardens and birds. While he composed a *Canticle of the Creatures* and once preached among birds, Francis especially loved and valued HUMANS. He lived a way of peace that stood up to war, a way of humility that shamed the powerful, and a way of love that combined beauty with joy.

Francis had a great love for poverty because he knew that when one is poor, one needs to rely on others, and that reliance can create community. He didn't romanticize poverty, but preached about poverty as the free renunciation of power, control, money, and willpower so that one can be unburdened and more fully available to love.

More than simply having a statue of St. Francis outside, I think we reflect Franciscan values in our common life. Programs of Holy Trinity Neighborhood Center help us to serve the poor and the hungry. Our space is used by Health Advocates for Older People and the Merricats Castle School, inviting a diversity of people through our doors every week. Through worship, program, and mission, we aim to find beauty in things like gardens, windows, art, and music; but also, in the simplicity of lives well lived, of generosity, compassion, and prayer.

*The Reverend John F. Beddingfield, Rector*

# THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude**

*Ubi Caritas*

**Welcome**

**Opening Song**

*Brother Sun (Giving Glory!)*

*All who are able, are invited to stand*

Verse 1      Brother sun / sister moon / your light shines from the heavens  
Giving glory / all the glory / to the maker

Verse 2      Gentle wind / welcome home / you've been traveling with your song  
Singing glory / all the glory / to the maker

Chorus      Hallelujah / hallelujah / singing glory  
Hallelujah / hallelujah / singing glory / to the maker  
Hallelujah

Verse 3      Sweetest rain / serenade / pouring down from the heavens  
Bring all your blessings / every blessing / from the maker

Verse 4      All you people / join in the song / there is work / to be done  
For the glory / all the glory / of the maker

## Opening Acclamation

*All who are able, are invited to stand*

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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

## The First Lesson from Scripture

*Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32*

Lector A reading from the Book of Ezekiel

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all

the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Lector           The Word of the Lord.

People           **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual**

*Ubi Caritas*

Ubi Caritas / et amor / ubi caritas / Deus ibi est (x3)

*(Where there is charity / and love / where there is charity / God is there)*

## **The Gospel**

*Matthew 21:23-32*

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

People       **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Minister       The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

*All may be seated*

**The Rev. John F. Beddingfield**

*Rector of 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

*God the Maker*

*All may be seated*

Verse 1        We bring our time we bring our treasure / we lay them down before your throne  
                  You will make them something greater / more than we could ever know

Verse 2        We bring our gifts we bring our power / place them in your sov'reign hand  
                  You will take what we have given / you will use it for your plan

Chorus        Glory be to God / the maker / glory be to God / creator  
                  Take our time use our treasure / turn them into something greater  
                  Glory be to God / the maker

Verse 3        Though our hearts are weak from failure / broken dreams and failed attempts  
                  Show us that in ev'ry season / you will fill our emptiness

### 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       Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

## **Eucharistic Song**

*We Labor Unto Glory*

Verse 1        My God my God where e'er I go / glory  
Where I reap and where I sow / glory  
When my hands they grip the thorn / glory  
In the still and in the storm / glory / glory

Chorus        We labor unto glory / till heaven and earth are one  
                 We labor unto glory / until God's kingdom comes

Verse 2        The sun it shines and then goes down / glory  
                 Rain it pours and beats the ground / glory  
                 Dust it blows and ends my days / glory  
                 Hearts they burn beneath your gaze / glory / glory

Verse 3        My heart my hands they're kingdom bound / glory  
                 Where thorns no longer curse the ground / glory  
                 Trim the wick ignite the flame / glory  
                 My work it will not be in vain / glory / glory

### **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

*Beautiful Things*

*All who are able, are invited to stand*

Verse 1      All this pain / I wonder if I'll ever find my way  
I wonder if my life could really change / at all  
All this earth / could all that is lost ever be found  
Could a garden come up from this ground / at all

Chorus      You make beautiful things / you make beautiful things / out of the dust  
You make beautiful things / you make beautiful things / out of us

Verse 2      All around / hope is springing up from this old ground  
Out of chaos life is being found / in you

Bridge      You make me new / you are making me new  
You make me new / you are making me new

## The Dismissal

*A minister dismisses the people.*

Minister      Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People      **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*The Cave, by Mumford and*

Sons

## IN OUR PRAYERS

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

### 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, September 24, 2023 attendance: 8:00 AM: 14; 11:00 AM: 64; 6:00 PM: 17 . . . Thursday, September 28 was the 25th Anniversary of Erlinda Brent's work at Holy Trinity as Parish Secretary. We are grateful for all that she has done for us through the years, and for her continued love and friendship shown to members, visitors, and neighbors . . . Stewardship packets for 2024 have been mailed to most households and the parish website has been updated with information and electronic pledge forms. Look and listen for more information in the coming days . . . Check for recordings of our Sunday worship services at <https://facebook.com/holytrinitynyc>. A large box will pop up asking you to log in or create an account, but in smaller print underneath, you can click "not now" and continue.

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

**St. Francis Sunday**, October 1. While our worship services will include prayers for creation and will honor St. Francis of Assisi, the blessing of animals will be offered outside the church, on the patio, at 12:30 PM and at 5:00 PM . . . Also, join us on Wednesday, October 4, **St.**

**Francis Day**, for Evening Prayer at 6:00 PM and a Sung Eucharist for St. Francis Day at 6:30 PM.

**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](mailto:apkoch@holytrinity-nyc.org).

## 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.)

### Fall Cursillo Weekend, October 19-22, 2023.

Cursillo (pronounced ker-see-yo) is a Spanish term, from *Cursillo de Cristiandad*, which means "short course of Christianity." *Cursillo* originated within the Roman Catholic Church in 1940s Spain, but has spread throughout the world. Begun in the 1970s, the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry has remained in communication with the Catholic Church and other similar ministries, but it functions independently as an Episcopal Ministry and sets its own course.

*Cursillo* begins with a 3-day weekend, which is a gathering of clergy and laity from the diocese who seek to strengthen their life of faith through worship, prayer, music, study and fellowship. Small "reunion groups"

provide support following the weekend. *Cursillo* is an active movement in the Diocese of New York. A number of Holy Trinity parishioners are involved in *Cursillo*. Pray for all those who seek to deepen knowledge of Christ and their faithfulness in the world. If you are interested in attending this or a future *Cursillo* event, please speak with Lydia Colon, Jeanne Blazina, or Father John (who can put you in touch with the right person). Applications for this weekend are due October 5.

**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.

## STEWARDSHIP

The year 2024 marks the 125th anniversary - or quasiquicentennial - of The Church of the Holy Trinity! In this time of reflection and preparation, we ask that you 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. 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.

We would also love to hear your thoughts about how you can become more involved in the life of our church community, and your ideas for how The Church of the Holy Trinity can continue to build its outreach efforts.

Stewardship packets have been mailed, more are in the back of the church, and can be accessed online on the church webpage at <https://www.holytrinity-nyc.org>.

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

## CREATION CARE & MISSION

### Honoring our Promise to Protect the Earth!

In our efforts to be friendlier to the Earth, and support a healthier environment, we have stopped ordering plastic cups for Coffee Hour and the Neighborhood Supper. We use paper cups that are good for hot and cold beverages! We use compostable bowls at the Neighborhood Supper on Saturdays, and as needed for other events. We will continue to use the plastic items we have on hand, and when we have no other choice.

**Global Mission Fair, October 14**, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Trinity Commons (the Parish House of Trinity Church, Wall Street) Join others from Holy Trinity and the wider diocese for the 7th Global Mission Fair. Because Holy Trinity received a Sustainable Development Goal grant (which enabled Standing with Iraqi Christians, Inc. to further their ministry), Holy Trinity will make a report. The keynote speaker this year is **Karena Gore, Founder and Executive Director of the Center for Earth Ethics**. Admission is \$20 in advance or \$25 in person, though capacity is limited. To register or find out more, go to <https://diocesenyc.org/gmfair23>

## 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.

**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** (volunteer in worship and help everything go smoothly): Susan Valdes-Dapena;  
susan@valdes-dapena.net

**Altar Guild** (help with linens, vessels, and set up for worship): Alden Prouty; alden.prouty@gmail.com

**Choir & Music:** Adam Koch directs the 11:00 AM choir: apkoch@holytrinity-nyc.org. Calvyn du Toit leads the 6:00 PM band: calvyn@protonmail.com

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

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**The Vestry** (with year of term ending listed)

*Wardens:* Christopher Abelt (2023), Jeanne Blazina (2025)

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Hal Barth (2024), Paul Chernick, secretary (2025),

Lydia Colon (2025), Leona Fredericks (2023),

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Fabio Mejia (2025), Liz Poole (2024),

Donald Schermerhorn (2023),

Christine du Toit, treasurer (2023)

## 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 Rhineland, 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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