



# The Church of the Holy Trinity

An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York

December 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM

**Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols**

## 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.”

## 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).

## *A Service of Lessons and Carols*

### **Voluntary**

*Livre de noëls pour l'orgue et le clavecin*

Jean -Francois Dandrieu (1682-1738)

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

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

*Those who are able, please stand for the carol.*

### **Carol**

*Irby*

*Verse 1 is sung as a solo, verse 2 is sung by the choir; please join in singing verses 3-6.*

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a  
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is  
\*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a  
4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,  
\*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his  
6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her  
2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a  
3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -  
4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -  
5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so  
6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in

1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry  
 2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the  
 3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this  
 4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he  
 5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he  
 6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —  
 2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.  
 3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.  
 4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.  
 5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —  
 6 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

## A Bidding Prayer

*The Officiant bids the prayers of the people, concluding with "...in the words which Christ himself taught us, saying:"*

**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 People are invited to be seated.*

## **The Invitatory**

*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.

## **The First Lesson**

Genesis 3:8-15

*God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of women shall bruise the serpent's head.*

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

## **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.

## **The Second Lesson**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

*A new covenant is promised and will be written in our hearts.*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

*Those who are able, please stand for the carol.*

Carol

*Divinum mysterium*



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -  
 2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,  
 3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
 4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,  
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that  
 bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the  
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on  
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry



are, that have \_\_\_\_\_ been, and that fu - ture  
 world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his  
 earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in  
 and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal



years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
 sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
 con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
 vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_

*The People are invited to be seated.*

## **The Third Lesson**

Isaiah 9:2; 6-7

*Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by 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. 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.

## **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.

## **The Fourth Lesson**

Micah 5:2-5a

*The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.*

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

*Those who are able, please stand for the carol.*

Carol

St. Louis

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
 \*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,  
 5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;  
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,  
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.  
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

*The People are invited to be seated.*

## The Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

*The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

## 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 Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:1, 3-7

*St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. 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.

## 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!

*Those who are able, please stand for the carol.*

## Carol

*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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## Reflection

The Rev. John F. Beddingfield, *Rector*

## The Peace

Celebrant      The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People          **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Welcome & Announcements

*The People are seated for the announcements.*

## The Offertory Sentence

*As the anthem is sung, an offering is received for the work and mission of the Church.*

## At the Offertory, 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!

*The People remain seated for the responsory.*

## The Responsory

Officiant Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

People **Who made heaven and earth.**

Officiant Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

People **Henceforth, world without end.**

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;

People **And let our cry come to you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People **Amen.**

*The People remain seated or kneel for the carol.*

Carol

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.

*Those who are able, please stand for the Christmas Blessing.*

## The Christmas Blessing

- Officiant      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.**  
 Officiant      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.**  
 Officiant      May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heave to heart and earth to heaven, give You peace and favor.  
 People          **Amen.**  
 Officiant      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.**

## Carol

*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*

## The Dismissal

Minister Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
 People **Thanks be to God.**

## Voluntary

*Toccata on "Antioch"*

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

*Those who wish to receive Christmas communion  
 may come forward and find a seat near the front.*

## **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, Thomas Pellaton, Samuel Rachmuth



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In thanksgiving for the CHT choir and Adam Koch

**ANTHEM SPONSORSHIP**

Today's anthem, *There is No Rose* by Margaret Burk, is sponsored by Matthew Koerner and Adam Koch in honor of family and friends. Information on sponsoring the choir is on the website: [www.holytrinity-nyc.org](http://www.holytrinity-nyc.org), in these announcements, and on the information table in the church.

**SERVING THIS EVENING**

Ushers: Ardyth Behn and Mary Napier

Lectors: Andy Achsen, Erlinda Brent, Suzanne Julig, and Wendy Wright.

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**

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://diocesenyc.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@holytrinity-nyc.org](mailto: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!

## 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

**Acolytes:** Susan Valdes-Dapena;  
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**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.htncnyc.org

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## 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 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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