



The Church of the Holy Trinity

An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York

December 10, 2023 at 11:00 AM

The Second Sunday of Advent

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 holyltrinity-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.”

Praying for Jerusalem

Navigating Advent images in prayers & music

A few weeks ago, our Gradual Hymn before the Gospel began with the verse, “Jerusalem, my happy home, when shall I come to thee? When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?” I stumbled over the rest of that hymn as I tried to reconcile our idealized version of Jerusalem (which we get from the Revelation of John and two thousand years of theology and religious imagery) with the current reality of Israel, Jerusalem, Palestine, and Gaza.

Adam Koch and I have wrestled with the strangeness of our religious imagery versus the war-torn Holy Land. As we move through Advent, we’re going to be reading, praying, and singing, “O come, Immanuel, and ransom captive Israel.” We’ll probably sing about the Messiah as “Israel’s strength and consolation,” and we will continue to draw on the deep symbolism of Jerusalem, Israel, Bethlehem, and other terms that will perhaps reverberate in strange, if not painful, ways for us, given contemporary issues.

Especially at this time, I invite you to allow God into this tension around language, imagery, and symbolism. Notice when a word calls you more deeply to prayer or action. Pause when it feels uncomfortable and meditate on the associations that come to mind. And through all our words, may God use this Advent season to prepare us for the King of Love to be born anew within us and throughout our world.

The Rev. John F. Beddingfield, Rector

The Word of God

The service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.

Voluntary

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

Savior of the nations, come

Welcome

Hymn

Winchester New

All are invited to stand and join in singing the hymn.

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a mighty guest may come.
 3 waste a way like flowers that wither and decay.
 4 light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.
 5 we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
 and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
 by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
 and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Kyrie eleison

Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert (1797–1828)

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, —

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The Collect of the Day

Officiant *People* *Officiant*
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The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People 
A - men.

The people are seated for the Lessons.

The First Lesson from Scripture

Isaiah 40:1-11

Lector A reading from The Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13

Benedixisti, Domine

Chant by Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

Sung by the choir.

1. You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
2. You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.
8. I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.
9. Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
10. Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
11. Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
12. The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
13. Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Second Lesson from Scripture

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Lector A reading from The Second Letter of Peter.

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

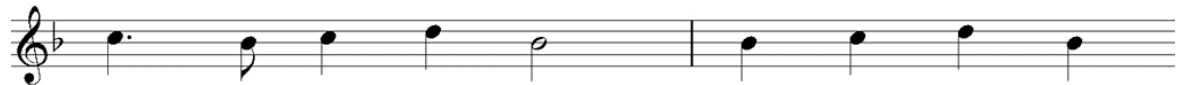
Hymn at the Sequence

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

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



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

The Gospel

Mark 1:1-18

Minister The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. John F. Beddingfield, *Rector*

The Nicene Creed

Those who are able are invited to stand as we affirm the faith of the Church.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Deacon bids the prayers and the people, which are then led by the lector.

Lector Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer. That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector That God may establish among the nations his scepter of righteousness, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen, especially remembering . . . let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death, and remembering those who have died . . .let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Silence is kept and then the Celebrant concludes with a final prayer.

Prayer of Confession

The deacon or another minister bids the Confession.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister Most merciful God,

People **We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Absolution

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome & Announcements

The People are seated for the announcements.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

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

At the Offertory, Anthem

"How Lovely are the Messengers" from *St. Paul*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

At the Presentation, The Doxology

Conditore alme siderum

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

*6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,
6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,
6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be
6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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,

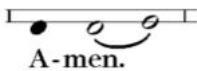
Celebrant and People
We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

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.

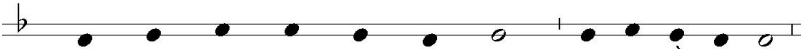
The Breaking of the Bread

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

Fraction Anthem

Ambrosian 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

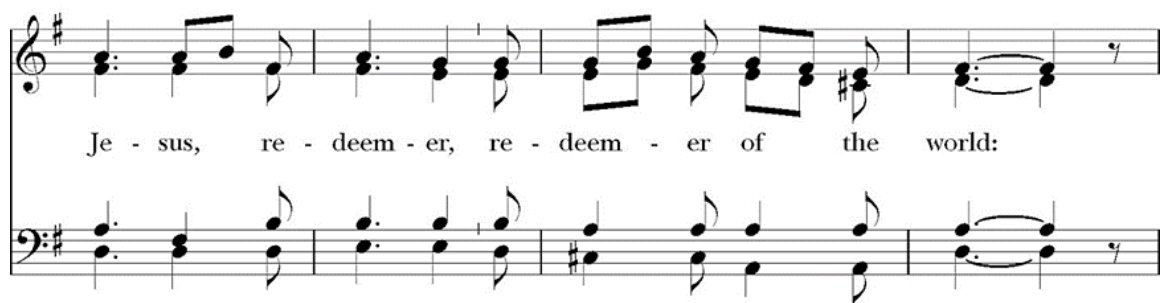
Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your 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 Communion, Anthem

Never weather-beaten sail

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore.
Never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber more,
Than my wearied sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast:
O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest.

Ever blooming are the joys of Heaven's high Paradise.
Cold age deafs not there our ears nor vapour dims our eyes:
Glory there the sun outshines whose beams the blessed only see:
O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to thee!

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son and our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

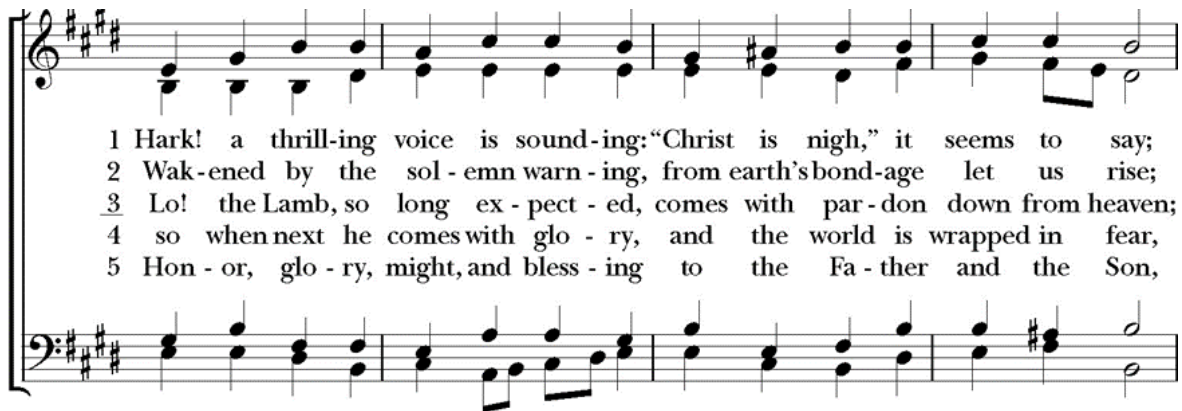
The Blessing

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

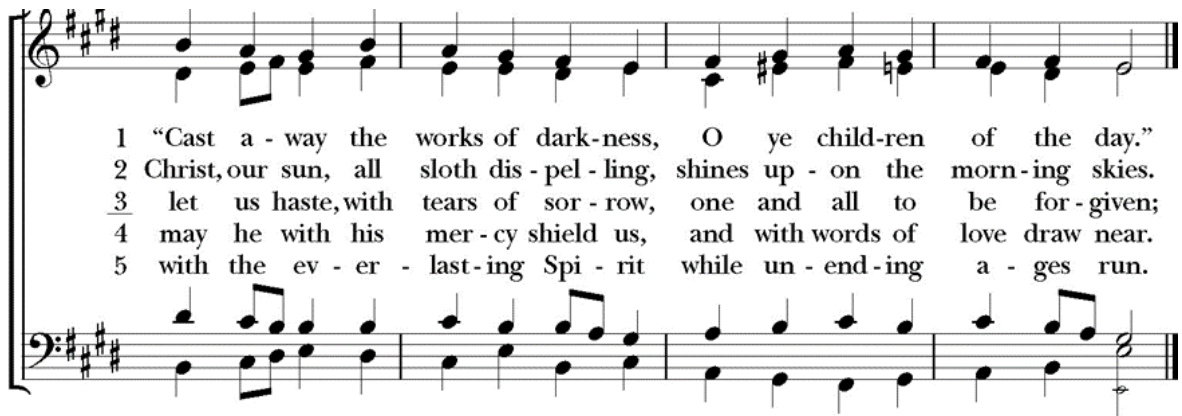
Hymn

Merton

All are invited to join in singing the hymn.



1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,



1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end-ing a - ges run.

The Dismissal

Minister Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People



Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

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Notes on today's music...

The prelude this morning and our Sequence Hymn bear the same title, *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland*. This Advent chorale has appeared in hymn books since around 1600. The setting by Bach is from a collection known as the *Leipzig Chorales*, which he revised during the last decade of his life. The melody of the chorale, or hymn, is supported by a walking bass line throughout, a gentle accompaniment in the alto and tenor which is played in the left hand. The ending makes interesting harmonic shifts which may be Bach paying homage to Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

Johann Sebastian Bach's preludes and fugues can be divided into those that were composed while he lived and worked in Arnstadt from 1703 until 1707, Mühlhausen from 1707 until 1708, and those written during his time as court organist in Weimar from 1708 to 1717. The *Prelude and Fugue* in D Major, BWV 532, is most likely to have been composed during Bach's Weimar years, a period when his preludes and fugues reached a level of great sophistication and virtuosity. A prelude and fugue could have been played at the opening of a Lutheran worship service to set the key to which the opening chorale was to be sung. In addition to being played at the beginning of the church service, the preludes and fugues could have served as teaching pieces for advanced pupils or as concert pieces.

The prelude to BWV 532 is a great example of Bach's wide interest in musical styles. The introduction of the prelude begins with florid scales, arpeggiated chords and abrupt rhythms; the middle of the prelude or *alle breve* section is the most developed and is reminiscent of Italian instrumental music which was popular in the Duke of Weimar's Court. The final section of the prelude epitomizes the *stylus fantasticus* (fantastic style) with its surprising harmonies, abrupt rhythms, and a double pedal line. The Prelude in D Major is the culmination of the North German *stylus fantasticus* with the sections being more developed than those of Dieterich Buxtehude (1607–1737), whose musicianship was greatly admired by J.S. Bach.

SERVING TODAY

Ushers: John Hatheway, Jeff McCulley

Subdeacon: David Liston

Altar Guild: Fabio Mejia

Lector: Mary Napier

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. John F. Beddingfield

Deacon: The Rev. Pamela Tang

Coffee Hour: Yvonne O'Neal, Barbara Whitney

Sunday Tour: Barbara Whitney

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Liz, James, Helen, John, Joe, Sandra, Bill, Pat, Frances, Harry, Brian, Susan, Tom, Sean, Mitchell, Bea, Iris, John, Paul, Nancy, Emma, Judy, Mary, Steve, Megan, Jackie, David, and Slade who is gravely ill.

Praying with our Link Parish in London of St. Stephen with St. John. We especially pray for SSSJ this fall, 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, December 3, 2023 attendance: 8:00 AM: 5; 11:00 AM: 84; 6:00 PM: 29 . . . Remember to join us at Coffee Hour this Sunday for a Potluck Lunch and Advent Crafts. If you can, please bring something to eat and share and a few dollars to donate for the craft supplies . . . The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be on Sunday, January 28, 2023, after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We will elect a warden and new general members of the vestry, as well as hear reports from various parts of our 2023 church life. Biographies of candidates for vestry may be found in the back of the church.

Christmas Flowers & Music.. We invite you to dedicate the flowers and music to the memory of your loved ones, or in thanksgiving for blessings. (There are so many!) Please use one of the "Universal" envelopes from the information tables in the church, including the names to be listed "In Memory of..." or "In Thanksgiving for," and whether your contribution is to be used to support flowers, music, or both. You can also contribute online. The list of names remembered and honored will be included in the Christmas bulletins. Please place your envelope in the Sunday collection or send it to the parish office to the attention of Erlinda Brent. You can also contribute online and use the MEMO line to add names for remembrance or thanksgiving.

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.

The Advent Wreath. Holy Trinity follows the popular custom of using a wreath with four candles during this season leading to Christmas. The green represents creation and a reminder that even in the dead of winter, new life is taking shape. The candles sometimes represent particular themes or prophets, but primarily, they represent increasing light, as we add a candle each Sunday. The rose-colored candle is lit on the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday, when we also especially remember the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

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. To date, we have received 74 pledges totaling \$299,990.40. Our goal for 2024 is \$350,815.

LEARNING AND GROWING

Adult Christian Education at 9:30 AM in Draesel Hall. December 10 - *Nativities: Mothers and Babies in the Hebrew Bible* with Helen Goodkin

Forward Day-By-Day. Copies of the Nov/Dec/Jan edition of the daily prayer guide, *Forward Day by Day* are available on the wall shelves in the church.

OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

(Holy Trinity Neighborhood Center, Inc.)

HTNC - HTNC serves sit-down, cooked meals to our neighborhood guests who join us on Saturdays at 5:15 PM. To volunteer by helping to cook or set up, come to the basement of the Mission House (the large building to the west of the main church) Saturday between 3:00 PM and 3:30 PM. Last Saturday, HTNC served 82 neighbors! Contact Joe Lipuma. (jlipuma27@gmail.com)

Toys for Children and Youth at Freedom House, now through **December 19.** Freedom House is a domestic violence shelter for women, men and children. They serve families and single individuals, some with disabilities. Since the beginning of Freedom House many years ago, Holy Trinity has helped families and children at Freedom House with gifts for Christmas. We provide the gifts and then Freedom House parents are able to give the gifts to their children.

In the back of the church, there is a board decorated with Christmas lights. Each light bears the name and age of a child who is a resident of Freedom House. There is also a list of age-appropriate suggested gifts. We invite you to choose a tag or two, and purchase gifts. Wrap the gift, and place it in the box in the back of the church, or bring it to the parish office!

COMMUNITY LIFE

TODAY: Advent Potluck & Crafts

Sunday, December 10: Advent Crafts & Potluck, Draesel Hall. Join us after the 11:00 AM service to share food, have some laughs, maybe sing a carol, and make an ornament (or two), as we usher in the Spirit of the Season at our Advent Crafts Potluck Sunday. Please bring something to eat or drink (with some to share). Donations will be welcome at the door.

Greening of the Church. Wednesday, December 20. We'll gather at 6:00 PM for Evening Prayer and then we'll share a potluck dinner while we decorate the church for Christmas. Greens will be hung, bows attached to wreaths, lights put on trees, and poinsettias arranged and waters. The more "elves" the better. Join us.

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 a 15 Minute Guided Tour most Sundays after the 11:00 AM service! Meet the tour guide in the Narthex, (just inside the main entrance). 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*. Holy Trinity windows are featured in George B. Brant's 2023 book: *Henry Holiday: His Stained Glass Windows for Gilded Age New York*.

GET INVOLVED

Acolytes: Susan Valdes-Dapena; susan@valdes-dapena.net

Altar Guild: Alden Prouty; alden.prouty@gmail.com

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

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

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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)

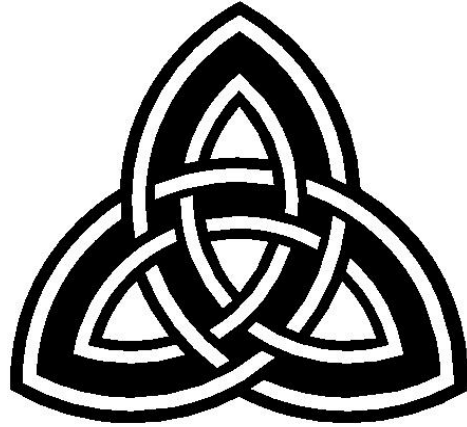
Donald Schermerhorn (2023)

Christine du Toit, treasurer (2023)

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



The original Church of the Holy Trinity, 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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