



The Church of the Holy Trinity

An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York

December 3, 2023 at 11:00 AM

The First 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 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.”

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, Emmanuel, 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.

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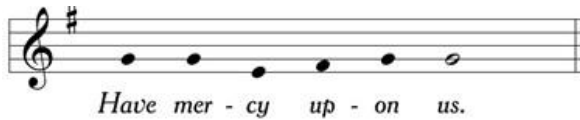
Conditor alme siderum (Creator of the stars of night)

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Welcome

The Great Litany

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,



O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O God, the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,

Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.



From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,



From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits
of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart,
and contempt of thy Word and commandment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood;
from plague, pestilence, and famine,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle,
and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity
and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion;
by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection
and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,
Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity;
in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church
Universal in the right way,



We be-seech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons,
with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word;
and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth,
and show it accordingly,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest,
and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace
to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such
as have erred, and are deceived,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee,
and diligently to live after thy commandments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants,
the President of the United States, and all others in authority,
that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world;
to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord;
and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives,
the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the
bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings,
to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart
as thy servants, and for the common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason
of their labor or their travel,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth,
young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are
broken or torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all
who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence
those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who
are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive
us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue
us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives
according to thy holy Word,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors,
and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand;
to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who
fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed
eternal life and peace,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of
all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of
the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, we may attain
to thy heavenly kingdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,



O Christ, hear us.

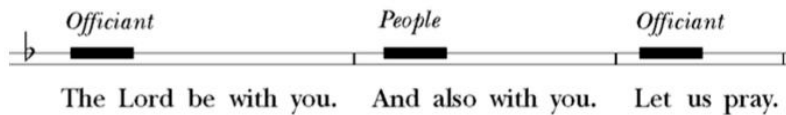


Lord, have mercy upon us.

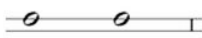


Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day



Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 64:1-9

Lector A reading from The Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Qui regis Israel

Chant by Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

Sung by the choir.

- 1. Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2. In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3. Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4. O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- 5. You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6. You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7. Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16. Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17. And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18. Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Second Lesson from Scripture

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Lector A reading from The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

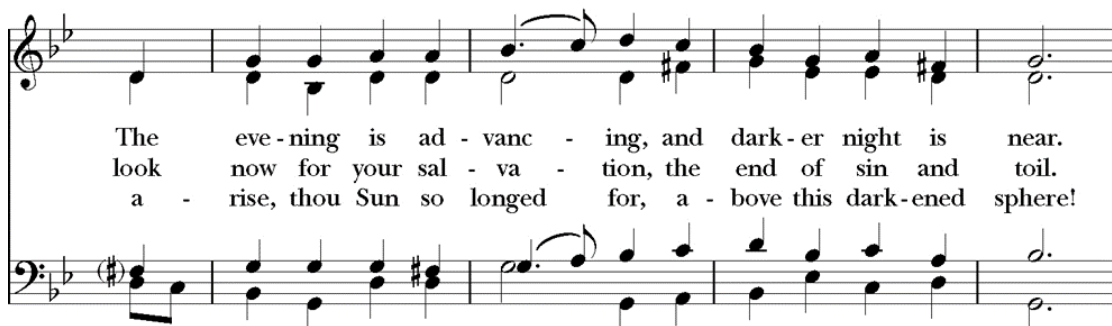
Hymn at the Sequence

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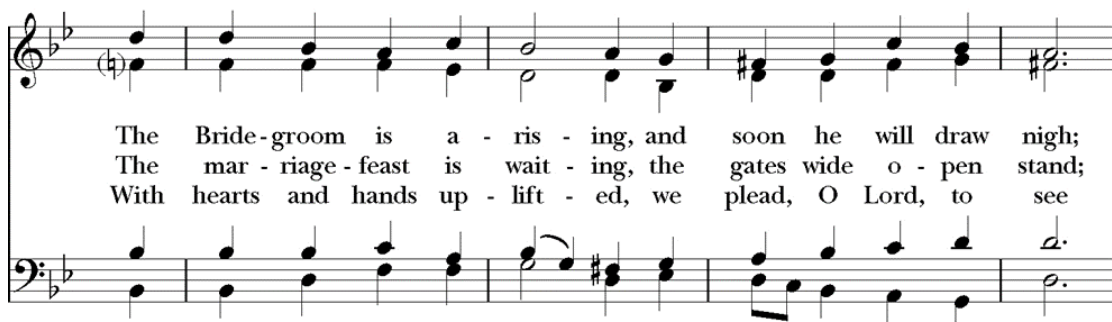
All who are able are invited to stand for the singing of the hymn and reading of the Gospel.



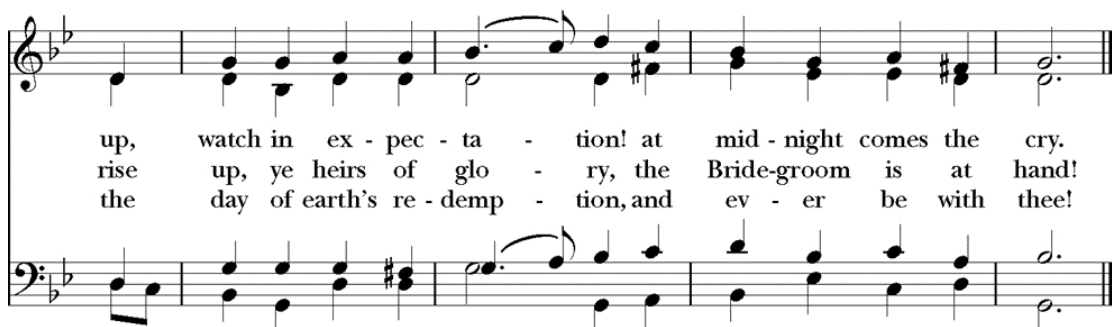
1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

The Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

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

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

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

The Sermon

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 may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

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

The Lord Will Surely Come

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

Kyrie eleison. The Lord will surely come and not delay and He will bring to light the things hidden in darkness. The Lord will surely come and will manifest Himself to all nations. Therefore work out your own salvation with fear and trembling that you may be blameless and innocent, Children of God without blemish.

At the Presentation, The Doxology

Conditor 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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

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 -

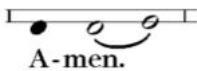
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

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.

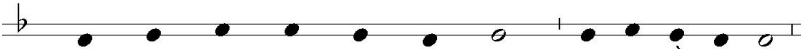
The Breaking of the Bread

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

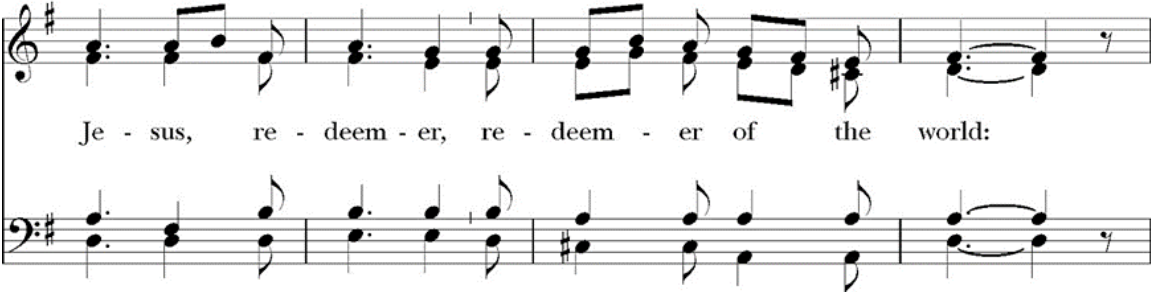
Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert



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

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Peace be to you and grace from him
Who freed us from our sins
Who loved us all and shed his blood
That we might saved be
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord
The Lord, Almighty God
Who was, and is, and is to come
Sing Holy, Holy Lord

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below
For Christ is coming, is coming soon
For Christ is coming soon
E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come
And night shall be no more
They need no light nor lamp nor sun
For Christ will be their All!

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

Helmstedt

All are invited to join in singing the hymn.

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

The Dismissal

Minister Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Improvisation on *Conditor alme siderum*

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Notes on today's music...

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012) served as Organist and Master of Choirs at St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue (NYC) from 1971 until 2004. Dr. Hancock also taught at The University of Texas, Austin; The Juilliard School in New York City; The Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University, New Haven, CT; and the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY. Dr. Hancock was presented with the International Performer of the Year award by the New York City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists in 2010. He performed extensively throughout the United States as a soloist, as well as in duo concerts with his wife, Judith Hancock.

The Lord Will Surely Come was written by Gerre Hancock in 1990. The work was commissioned by First Wayne United Church of Fort Way, Indiana in honor of John Loessi's twenty five year involvement in the church music program. The text for this piece was taken from Philippians 2 and The Benedictus Antiphon, which is a part of *The Daily Office* for Advent IV. The text of the *Kyrie* is set to the hymn tune *Conditor alme siderum*, which also serves as the base for our prelude, sung Doxology as the gifts are brought forward, and the postlude.

According to his obituary in *The Times*, Paul Manz, who died in 2009 at the age of 90, "enriched the world of sacred music in a wide variety of ways." One of the many ways Manz enriched the world of sacred music was the composing of the anthem *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come* in 1953. The text was adapted by him and his wife, Ruth, from The Book of Revelation, Chapter 22, when their then three-year old son was critically ill. It is important to note that their son, John, did make a full recovery from his illness. The melodic theme of the anthem quotes the Lutheran Chorale *Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten*. This chorale is included in The Hymnal 1982 on page 635. The opening phrase reads: "If thou but trust in God to guide thee."

SERVING TODAY

Ushers: Gretchen Dolan, Paul Chernick

Subdeacon: Susan Valdes-Dapena

Altar Guild: Jaya Gulhaugen

Lector: Mary Jane Gocher

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. John F. Beddingfield

Deacon: The Rev. Pamela Tang

Coffee Hour: Simone Crockett, Melody Specker

Sunday Tour: Mary Jane Gocher

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for John, Joe, Sandra, Bill, Pat, Frances, Harry, Brian, Susan, Tom, Sean, Mitchell, Bea, Iris, John, Paul, Nancy, Emma, Judy, Mary, Steve, Megan, Jackie, and David.

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, November 26, 2023 attendance: 8:00 AM: 11 11:00 AM: 81; 6:00 PM: 17 . . . If you have pledged or plan to pledge, please come to the Thank You Reception at the Rectory on Sunday, December 3, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. . . Thanks to everyone who helped make the HTNC Thanksgiving Project so successful. At least 229 meals were prepared and delivered to people who otherwise might not have had a nice Thanksgiving Day meal. In addition, Thanksgiving food supplemented the Saturday dinner on November 25. Special thanks to our coordinators and lead volunteers and coordinators Pat Baker, Lydia Colon, Gretchen Dolan, Marc Kushner, Joe

Lipuma, Beth Markey, Jeff McCulley, Suzanne Julig, and Kristen Ursprung. Behind the scenes, Erlinda Brent helped coordinate ordering and supplies, and Pat Miller supported through prayer power and encouragement.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

We have 53 pledges, totalling \$222,262.40. Our goal is \$350, 815.00. - It's not too late to pledge!

Many thanks to the members and friends of The Church of the Holy Trinity who made a pledge for 2024 during stewardship season. There's still time to make a pledge in advance of the Stewardship Reception taking place today from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Rectory. Stewardship packets are in the back of the church, and it's also possible to make a pledge on the church website.

LEARNING AND GROWING

Adult Christian Education at 9:30 AM on December 3 & 10 - "Nativities: Mothers and Babies in the Hebrew Bible." Join Helen Goodkin and Father John as we look at mothers and babies in Genesis, Exodus, and 1 Samuel, to see how they helped to further the reign of God. As Advent begins, our thoughts start to focus on an unmarried young girl in Israel whose willingness to accept Gabriel's request to bear a child....not any child, but the son of God...brought dramatic change to the world. But, Mary is not the first woman to deliver a child who will somehow further God's plans for humanity. Join in person or online.

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. You may download the list here. Wrap the gift, and place it in the box in the back of the church, or bring it to the parish office!

Please bring THE GIFT TAG and your wrapped gift to church and place it in the box in the back of the church, or bring it to the parish office no later than Tuesday, 19 December 2023.

COMMUNITY LIFE

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.

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

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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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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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