



# The Church of the Holy Trinity

An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York

February 18, 2024: 11:00AM

**The First Sunday in Lent**

## Welcome to Holy Trinity

This leaflet includes an order of service for worship and other important information.

**Assistance.** If you need assistance in any way, an usher at the entrance can help you. Restrooms are located in the Mission House building basement, accessible through the Cloister Corridor or across the garden and into the westernmost building.

**New to Holy Trinity?** We would love to be able to greet you properly. Please fill out a visitor card, located in the pews, and place it in the offering plate or give it to one of the clergy or ushers.

**Giving.** As Christians, we believe that all we have, from our talents, to our energy, to our financial resources, is a gift from God. If you would like to know more about how to give of your talents and energy, please let a member of our clergy know and they will gladly connect you with the various ministries of the parish. You can make a financial gift through the offering plate, online at [holytrinity-nyc.org](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.”

## Lent

*A season of giving over and taking up*

The Season of Lent is a forty-day period (excluding Sundays) that leads to Easter. Traditionally, it was used as a season for preparing new Christians to receive baptism and their first Communion at Easter. All Christians are invited to use this season as a time of spiritual “spring cleaning,” praying about the things in our life that get in the way of love, in the way of following Christ more closely, and in the way of our being the people God wants us to be.

On the First Sunday in Lent only, we use the Great Litany at our Choral Eucharist, but “alleluias” are avoided until Easter. While our worship takes on a special tone during Lent, we aim not to be too subdued. After all, Christ has risen! Even though Lent invites us to revisit Jesus’s movement towards Jerusalem and crucifixion, we do not pretend for a moment that we are not already freed and forgiven.

Often, people focus on “giving up” something for Lent. That might be the right choice for you, but I also encourage you to consider “taking up” some practice that helps you grow spiritually. Perhaps it is attending a new service of worship, reading a book about prayer or some other aspect of the Christian life, or volunteering to help someone. Whatever you feel the Spirit suggesting, I hope you’ll pray for spiritual growth this season— for yourself and for others.

*The Reverend John F. Beddingfield, Rector*



# The Word of God

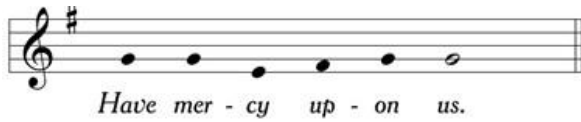
## Voluntary

*O Mensch, beweine dein Sünde Gross*

## 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.**

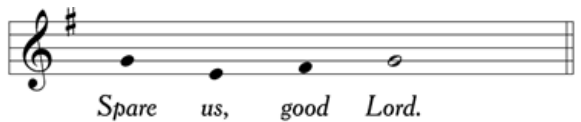
O God, the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,

**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,



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O Christ, hear us.

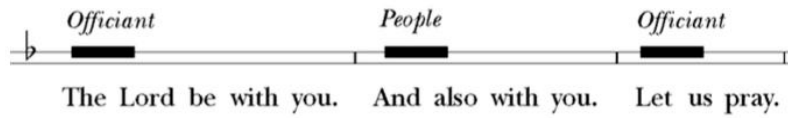


Lord, have mercy upon us.




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## The Collect of the Day



Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People   
A - men.

*The People are invited to be seated for the Lessons.*

## The First Lesson from Scripture

Genesis 9:8-17

Lector A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



**Psalm 25:1-9**

*Ad te, Domine, levavi*

*Mode 8*

*The refrain will be introduced by the choir and then sung by all.*

**Refrain**

Your paths, O Lord are love and faith - ful - ness, to those  
who keep your cov - e - nant.

*Choir:* To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

**All join in singing the refrain.**

*Choir:* Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

**All join in singing the refrain.**

*Choir:* Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**All join in singing the refrain.**

*Choir:* Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**All join in singing the refrain.**

*Choir:* Gracious and upright is the LORD; therefore he teaches sinners in his way. He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

**All join in singing the refrain.**

## The Second Lesson from Scripture

1 Peter 3:18-22

Lector A reading from the First Book of Peter

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*Those who are able, please stand for the hymn and the reading of the Gospel.*

## The Hymn at the Sequence

*Dunedin*



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal  
2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee  
3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for  
4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the  
and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -  
in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -  
us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on  
dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion  
bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.  
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.  
high, our life to live, our death to die.  
light we read the full - ness of thy might.

## The Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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

## The Homily

The Rev. John 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.*

## 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

*Cantique de Jean Racine*

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Verbe, égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance,  
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieus ;  
De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence,  
Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux !

Word of the Highest, our only hope,  
Eternal day of earth and the heavens,  
We break the silence of the peaceful night;  
Savior Divine, cast your eyes upon us!

Répands sur nous le feu de ta grâce puissante,  
Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de ta voix ;  
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante,  
Qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois !

Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace,  
That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice;  
Banish the slumber of a weary soul,  
That brings forgetfulness to your laws!

O Christ, sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle  
Pour te bénir maintenant rassemblé.  
Reçois les chants qu'il offre à ta gloire immortelle,  
Et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé !

O Christ, look with favor upon your faithful people  
Now gathered here to praise you;  
Receive their hymns offered into your immortal glory;  
May they go forth filled with your gifts.

Text: Jean-Baptiste Racine (1636-1699)

## At the Presentation, The Doxology

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

*Erbalt uns, Herr*

\*5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to  
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold  
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.




*The People may stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

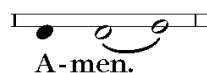
*Celebrant and People*



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ.

By him, and with him, and in him, and 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.**

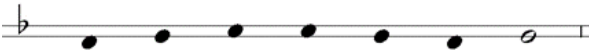
## The Breaking of the Bread

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

## Fraction Anthem

*Ambrosian Chant*

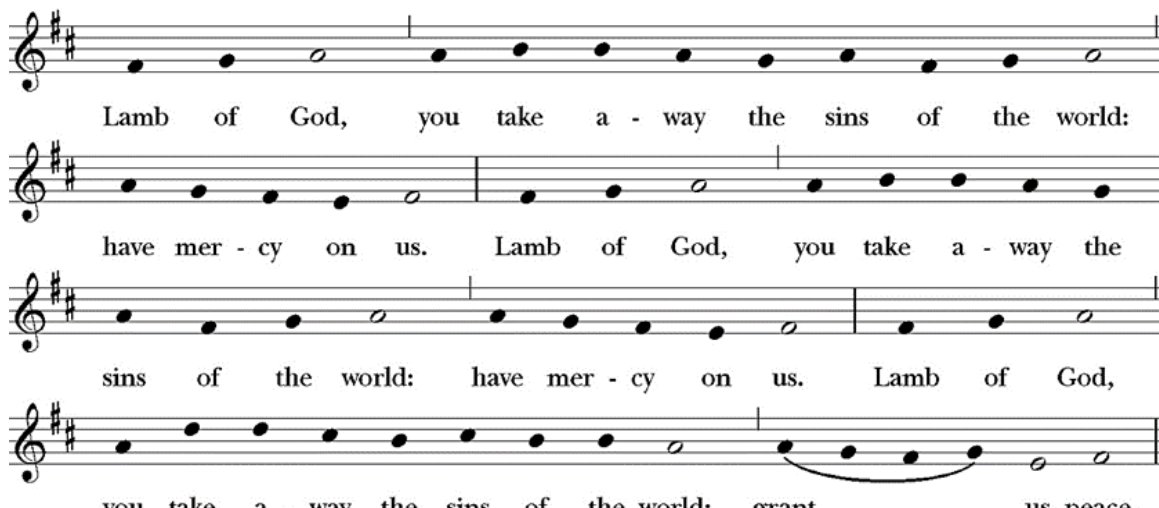
Celebrant   
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People   
There - fore let us keep the feast.

## Agnus Dei

*New Plainsong* David Hurd

*All join in singing.*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us 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 the Communion, Anthem

*Jesus, So Lowly*

Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

Jesus, so lowly, child of the earth: Christen me wholly, bring me new birth.  
Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad; teach me that only love maketh glad,  
Jesus, so broken, silent and pale, be this the token love will not fail.  
Jesus, victorious, mighty and free; teach me how glorious death is to be.

## At the Communion, Hymn

*Tomter*

*All are invited to join in singing.*



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing o'er the  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de - ceive, and  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and love up -  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the cross are  
\* 5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing o'er the



1 wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred  
2 fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -  
3 on my way, from the cross the ra - diance  
4 sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no  
5 wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred



1 sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
2 sake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
3 stream - ing adds new lus - ter to the day.  
4 mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.  
5 sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.



## Post Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*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

*Deo gracias*

*All are invited to join in singing the hymn.*



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



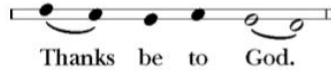
1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

## The Dismissal

*The Deacon dismisses the People.*

Deacon      Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People



## Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in d minor, BWV 554  
(1685-1750)

Johann Sebastian Bach

## Notes on today's music...

The closing voluntary is from a set of eight preludes and fugues, a collection of organ works for keyboard and pedal which were originally thought to have been composed by Johann Sebastian Bach. After the scientific examination of extant manuscripts by Alfred Dürr (a German Musicologist) in 1987, and further analysis of the compositional style by Peter Williams (a leading Bach scholar) it is thought that these *Eight Preludes and Fugues* were composed by Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780), a student of J.S. Bach. The *Prelude and Fugue in D minor* is given the Bach Work Volume Number of 554. The prelude is in ABA form or written in three parts with the opening musical idea being repeated at the end. Following a short pause after the long final chord of the prelude, the fugue begins seamlessly with the subject presented in the soprano, then alto, and tenor in the hands and has a fourth entrance in the pedal. Fragments of the subject can be heard throughout the fugue in keys or tonalities related to the original of D minor. Both the prelude and fugue contain elements reminiscent of the Lutheran Chorale *Jesu, meine Freude* or *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*. This hymn can be found on page 701 of *The Hymnal 1982*. The first line is slightly altered and is *Jesus, all my gladness*. This hymn is appropriate on varying Sundays throughout the Liturgical Calendar, especially in Lent.

## SERVING TODAY

Ushers: Jeff McCulley, Jackie Price

Subdeacon: Susan Valdes-Dapena

Acolytes: Yvonne O'Neal, Barbara Whitney

Altar Guild: Susan Valdes-Dapena

Lector: Carolyn Reus

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. John F. Beddingfield

Deacon: The Rev. Pamela Tang

Coffee Hour: Melody Specker, Simone Crockett

Sunday Tours: Barbara Whitney

## IN OUR PRAYERS

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

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

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

## HOLY GOSSIP

Sunday, February 11, 2024 attendance: 8:00 AM: 7; 11:00 AM: 114; 6:00 PM 14 . . . Ash Wednesday February 14 attendance: 7:00 AM: 16; Noon: 28; 7:00 PM 42.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### **Fridays in Lent, February 16 - March 22**

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

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

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

**Choir and Music Sponsorship.** If you would like to give the gift of music, please complete the form that can be found at the back of the church or visit the church website to complete the interest form. If you have any questions, please reach out to Adam Koch, Director of Music, via email or by calling the church office. Thank you for your continued support of music at the Church of the Holy Trinity!

## LEARNING AND GROWING

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

### **Lenten Book Discussion**

#### ***Sunday mornings in Lent***

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

**SUNDAY TOURS.** Join us for an in person 15 Minute Guided Tour. Tours are free! Meet the tour guide in the Narthex, (just inside the main entrance).

Tours are given most Sundays after the 11:00 AM service, Free copies of booklets are located on the wall at the main entrance: *A Short History of Holy Trinity*, and *The Windows of Holy Trinity*.

## **STEWARDSHIP**

It's not too late to pledge!

Stewardship packets are in the back of the church, and it's also possible to make a pledge on the church website. We have received 92 pledges totaling \$338,000.58 Our goal for 2024 is \$350,815.

## **OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**(Holy Trinity Neighborhood Center, Inc.)**

**HTNC** - HTNC serves sit-down, cooked meals to our neighborhood guests who join us on Saturdays at 5:15 PM. To volunteer by helping to cook or set up, come to the basement of the Mission House (the large building to the west of the main church) Saturday between 3:00 PM and 3:30 PM. Last Saturday, HTNC served 83 neighbors! Contact Joe Lipuma. (jlipuma27@gmail.com)

## **COMMUNITY LIFE**

**Yoga at Holy Trinity.** Join us for yoga in the main church on Tuesdays from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM. All levels are welcome. The class is free, though donations are welcome and go to support the programs of HTNC. For questions, contact registered yoga teacher, parishioner Liz Poole at lizpoolenyc@hotmail.com.

## **GET INVOLVED**

**Acolytes:** Susan Valdes-Dapena;

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

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

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*Wardens:* Christopher Abelt (2026)

Jeanne Blazina (2025)

*General Members of the Vestry:*

Joseph Aylett-Bullock (2027)

Hal Barth (2024)

Paul Chernick, secretary (2025)

Lydia Colon (2025)

Amelia Cover (2027)

Christina Dhanuja (2027)

Jean Geater (2027)

Steve Knight (2024)

Joseph Lipuma (2024)

Marlin Mattson (2025)

Fabio Mejia (2025)

Liz Poole (2024)

Christine du Toit, treasurer, *ex officio*

## A Brief History of The Church of the Holy Trinity



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

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

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

At the same time, St. James also had a mission at 419 East 83rd Street that had outgrown its space. This mission was moved in 1897 to the first building completed on the site, St. Christopher’s House, and administered by the mission’s trustees. St. Christopher’s House was a clubhouse and kindergarten for all the children of the neighborhood no matter what their individual faith or if they had no faith at all. In the basement was a swimming pool and on the top floor a

well-equipped gymnasium. There were a circulating library, assembly rooms, playrooms and public showers. On April 28, 1897 the new congregation began to worship in the assembly room of St. Christopher's House.

Construction of the new Church of the Holy Trinity began the following November with the laying of the cornerstone for the church. The New York Times described the ceremony:

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

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

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

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

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

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



THE CHURCH OF THE  
HOLY TRINITY

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER, MARCH 24 – MARCH 31**

**Palm Sunday, 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM, & 6:00 PM**

**Monday–Friday, Morning Prayer at 8:30 AM**

**Wednesday, Service of Tenebrae (Readings & Silence) 7:00 PM**

**Maundy Thursday, Holy Eucharist & Foot Washing 7:00 PM**

**Good Friday**

**The Great Three Hours (Music, Prayer, Scripture & Silence), Noon – 3:00 PM**

**The Good Friday Liturgy (Passion, Veneration of the Cross, Eucharist) 7:00 PM**

**Holy Saturday, Easter Eve Garden Communion 7:00 PM**

**EASTER DAY**

**Sunrise Communion 6:00 AM at Carl Schurz Park Promenade**

**Holy Communion at 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM (music), & 6:00 PM (music)**