



The Church of the Holy Trinity

An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York

August 27, 2023 at 6:00 PM

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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.”

What’s your Ebenezer?

Remembering God’s loving presence

At the 11:00 AM Eucharist on August 27, the volunteer summer choir will sing a beautiful arrangement of the hymn, “Come, thou fount of every blessing.” The words of the anthem are the same as those in the Hymnal 1982 for hymn 686, but if you are familiar with the traditional version, you’ll notice a change in the first phrase of the second stanza. What now begins, “Here I find my greatest treasure,” used to begin “Here I raise my Ebenezer.” I imagine the editors of the hymnal changed the phrase from the 1758 words because people, over time, forgot what it meant to “raise an Ebenezer.”

It turns out that the phrase refers to 1 Samuel 7:12, where Samuel sets a stone in front of the people and calls it “Ebenezer,” meaning “stone of help.” Samuel offers the stone as a reminder of how God has protected them and carried them safely in the past. When they begin to be afraid or lose faith, the Ebenezer stone reminds them that God will always take care of them.

An “ebenezer” could be almost anything: a cross, a plant, an icon, a special place, a food, or any other thing that reminds you of God’s help. Whether we are simply navigating the upcoming change of seasons, or coming to terms with more drastic or significant changes, may our “ebenezers” remind us of the fount of every blessing that always replenishes.

The Reverend John F. Beddingfield, Rector

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

In The Lord I Be Ever Thankful

Welcome

Opening Song

O God Our Help In Ages Past

All who are able, are invited to stand

Verse 1 O God our help in ages past / our hope for years to come
 Our shelter from the stormy blast / and our eternal home
 Under the shadow of thy throne / still may we dwelt secure
 Sufficient is thine arm alone / and our defense is sure
 O God our help in ages past

Verse 2 Before the hills in order stood / or earth received her fray
 From everlasting thou art God / to endless years the same
 A thousand ages in thy sight / is like an evening gone
 Short as the watch that ends the night / before the rising sun
 O God our help in ages past

Verse 3 O God our help in ages past / our hope for years to come
 Be thou our guide while life shall last / and our eternal home
 O God our help in ages past

Opening Acclamation

All who are able, are invited to stand

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Trisagion

Celebrant Holy God,

People **Holy and Mighty. Holy Immortal One. Have mercy upon us.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The First Lesson from Scripture

Isaiah 51:1-6

Lector A reading from the Book of Isaiah

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

In The Lord I Be Ever Thankful

In the Lord I be ever thankful / in the Lord I will rejoice

Look to God / do not be afraid / lift up your voices the Lord is near

Lift up your voices the Lord is near

(x3)

The Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

All may be seated

The Rev. John F. Beddingfield

Rector of The Church of the Holy Trinity

Prayers of the People

A vocalist sings the refrain before the prayers. Then interspersed throughout the prayers all sing the refrain .

Refrain **Kyrie eléison / Christe eléison / Kyrie eléison**

(Lord have mercy / Christ have mercy / Lord have mercy)

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

A sign of Christ's peace is offered without touch and while keeping distance.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Song

Little Things With Great Love

All may be seated

Verse 1 In the garden of our savior / no flower grows unseen
 His kindness reigns like water / on every humble seed
 No simple act of mercy / escapes his watchful eye
 For there is one who loves me / his hand is over mine

Verse 2 In the kingdom of the heavens / no suff'ring is unknown
Each tear that falls is holy / each breaking heart a throne
There is a song of beauty / on ev'ry weeping eye
For there is one who loves me / his heart it breaks with mine

Bridge Oh the deeds forgotten / oh the works unseen
Every drink of water / flowing graciously
Every tender mercy / you're making glorious
This you have asked us / do little things with great love
Little things with great love

Verse 3 At the table of our Savior / no mouth will go unfed
His children in the shadows / stream in and raise their heads
Oh give us ears to hear them / and give us eyes to see
For there is one who loves them / I am his hands and feet

The Great Thanksgiving

All who are able, are invited to stand

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant ...lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing.:

People **Holy holy holy / God of power and might**
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest / hosanna in the highest

Celebrant ...therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant ...through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

People **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Eucharistic Song

When The Well Runs Dry

Verse 1 Oh God be our hope in the middle / of the drought and the flood
Grant us not wealth not too little / so we remember you're in our blood
Teach us to plant in the sorrow / and trust the rain will come
Teach us to lie down in peace / and to rest when the day is done

Chorus We only miss the water when the well runs dry
 We can only count the stars in the cloudless sky
 Brother won't you put your hand in mine?
 There's a time for water and a time for wine

Verse 2 Oh God be our strength in the desert / be our joy our daily bread
 Sit by the fire and tell stories / of the days that are ahead
 Teach us to walk in the mystery / for to wander is to know
 The path of the root to find water / to wander is to grow

Post-Communion Prayer

All who are able, are invited to stand

Minister Let us pray.

People **Loving God, whether we are in your church or joining online from another place, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, and renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

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

Closing Song

Vapor

Verse 1 Oh the vapor of it all / it's a chasing of the wind / the powers of the earth / so pale and thin
 We will set our hearts / on you again

Verse 2 Heaven taunts the hearts of men / we can feel it from within
 The beauty of it all / the mystery / the swelling of a voice / a rising sea

Chorus 1 Holy / you oh God are holy / trees clap their hands for you
 Oceans they dance for you / you are holy

Verse 3 Oh the mystery of it all / I can never peer within
 I'll never find the words / or understand / the fullness of a God
 Become a man

Chorus 2 Holy / you oh God are holy / trees clap their hands for you
 Oceans they dance for you / you are holy / infinite and holy
 A billion suns rise for you / clouds paint the skies for you
 Mountains stand tall for you / valleys bow down to you
 Everything rising to / sing all our songs for you

Chorus 3 Holy / the impossible and holy
 Kings become fools for you / kingdoms to ruins for you
 Vapor finds ground in you / music finds sound for you
 Everything rising / sing all their songs to you

Ending Come like dawn / like waves / like sunlight
 Bring this world to life
 Come like rain / like breath / like springtime
 Bring this world to life

The Dismissal

A minister dismisses the people.

Minister Let us go forth in the name of Christ

People **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Oliver, James, John, Patsy, Stephen, Barbara, Cynthia, Melissa, Bea, Iris, Christopher, John, Paul, Nancy, Geoffrey, Calvin, Regina, Sean, Jean, Andrew, Margo, Bob, Rhonda, Helen, Emma, Victoria, Matthew, Ann, Etelka, Fabio Sr, Judy, Mary, Steve, Megan, Jackie, David, Matthew, Mariah, Lois, Kathy, Sunny, Madge, Esmeralda, Monserrat, and Michael.

The love and sympathy of the parish are extended to Catherine Henihan upon the death of her sister Frances. Pray for the repose of the soul of Frances, for Catherine and their family, and for all who mourn.

The love and sympathy of the parish are also extended to Paul Chernick upon the death of his uncle Gregory Rose. Pray for the repose of the soul of Gregory, for Paul and his family, and for all who mourn.

Praying with our Link Parish in London

of St. Stephen with St. John. We especially pray for the clergy, parishioners and all the programs of the parish.

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

HOLY GOSSIP

Sunday, August 20 Attendance: 8:00 AM: 7; 11:00 AM: 49; 6:00 PM: 22 . . . Check for recordings of our Sunday worship services at <https://facebook.com/holytrinitynyc>. A large box will pop up asking you to log in or create an account, but in smaller print underneath, you can click "not now" and continue.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

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.

Summer Sounds & Social

First Wednesday of the Month, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

We'll spend three summer Wednesday nights talking about music, and being social with summer desserts.

September 6 - A Byrd of Many Sounds

Help us celebrate the 400th anniversary of the death of English Renaissance composer William Byrd, as we explore his history and background and listen to some of his music. Followed by dessert. Led by Adam Koch, Director of Music, and Father Beddingfield, Rector.

LEARNING AND GROWING

Forward Day-By-Day. Copies of the Aug/Sept/Oct edition of the daily prayer guide, *Forward Day by Day* are available on the wall shelves in the church.

Summer Reading

Join us as we read and then gather for three online discussions. We are reading a new book by the Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde, the Episcopal Bishop of Washington, *How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith*. You can also purchase a paper or digital copy from Amazon, or Barnes & Noble (newly opened on Third Ave & 87th Street!). The conversations will be coordinated by Father Beddingfield.

Join us online at <https://zoom.us/j/8753617165> (for the password, type the numerals for eighteen ninety-nine, two thousand nineteen. No comma or space.) We previously met on June 27 and July 25. Our final

meeting will be: *Tuesday, August 29, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM* Chapter 6: "The Inevitable Letdown," Chapter 7: "The Hidden Virtue of Perseverance," and Epilogue.

Summer Centering & Meditation

Sundays from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM

We meet in the round Cloister Chapel. After a 5-minute introduction, we pray in silence for 25 minutes, concluding with the St. Francis Prayer. Whether you are a Christian, from another faith tradition, or no faith tradition; an experienced practitioner of meditation, or just beginning— all are welcome.

CREATION CARE

Honoring our Promise to Protect the Earth!

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

Several Options for Compost:

1. Drop off your Compost at Asphalt Green

Sundays 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM, *Items accepted:* fruit & vegetable scraps, non-greasy food scraps (rice, pasta, bread, grains, cereal), coffee grounds & filters, tea bags, egg shells, nuts, cut flowers & houseplants, soiled brown paper products, potting soil. *Not accepted:* meat, fish, bones, dairy, fat, oil, greasy food scraps, animal waste, charcoal, coconuts, plastics, twist ties, rubber bands, receipts, insect-infested plants, vines, excavated soil.

2. Look for the Orange Compost Bins on Corners

Drop-off composting sites across the city can turn your food scraps and plant waste into compost and clean

energy while reducing the amount of waste sent to landfills. You'll need to download the NYCgov app in order to open the bins, but once open, you can compost ALL food scraps, plant waste, and food-soiled paper. This includes meat, bones, dairy, prepared foods, and greasy uncoated paper plates and pizza boxes.

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, August 19, HTNC served 102 neighbors! To learn more, contact Joe Lipuma. (jlipuma27@gmail.com)

COMMUNITY LIFE

Yoga at Holy Trinity. There will be no Yoga during the month of August. It will return in person at a new time and day: Tuesdays at 12:30 PM in the church, beginning September 12, 2023. Contact Registered Yoga Teacher and parishioner Liz Poole at lizpoolenyc@hotmail.com.

Tour Holy Trinity

Tours of the church will resume September 10, 2023. Join us for an in-person 15 Minute Guided Tour. Tours are free! Meet the tour guide in the Narthex, (just inside the church's main entrance). Tours are given most Sundays following the 11:00 AM service, and with the NY Landmarks Preservation Conservancy Annual Sacred Sites Open House. Free copies of the booklets *A Short History of Holy Trinity*, and *The Windows of Holy Trinity* are located on the wall near the main entrance. For further information, please visit the church website. Our windows are featured prominently

in the new book *Henry Holiday: His Stained Glass Windows for Gilded Age New York* (New York: Northern Lights, 2023.)

Triangle Theatre Acting Workshop

The Triangle Theatre at The Church of the Holy Trinity invites actors of all levels of experience to join the Autumn 2023 Acting Workshop. Scene study and monologues will be taught by Lynne Otis, who coached last Spring, and has taught and coached actors for over 25 years. She has an extensive acting training background with noted teachers including Stella Adler, Jean Shelton, Michael Howard and Patsy Rodenburg. She has trained at the London Academy of Music and Drama and at U.C. Berkeley!

The workshop will meet on Saturdays, September 16 through November 11, 2023, from Noon until 3:00 PM at The Church of the Holy Trinity. The workshop will work on monologues and scenes.

The fee for the 8 classes is \$150.00, and must be paid in advance. Please register with Erlinda Brent at triangletheatre316@gmail.com, and send the payment to her attention: *Triangle Theatre at The Church of the Holy Trinity, 316 East 88th Street, New York, NY 10128-4909. Please make your check out to Triangle Theatre.*

The class will present a performance of scenes and monologues on Friday, November 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM in Draesel Hall, followed by a reception. There will be a dress rehearsal for the performance the previous week.

GET INVOLVED

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

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

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

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

Lectors (serve as readers in worship services): Yvonne O'Neal; Yvonne.oneal@gmail.com

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The Vestry (with year of term ending listed)

Wardens:

Christopher Abelt (2023)
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)

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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