



The Church of the Holy Trinity

An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York

December 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM

The Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete

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.”

Gaudete: Rejoice!

The Third Sunday of Advent Brings Special Joy

One of the great joys of our church is that as the light changes through the day, the stained glass windows seem to come alive. Depending on the sunlight, Lazarus calls for our attention, just over the main altar. At other times, the Virgin Mary seems to be in the spotlight (in the north apse, to the left of the free-standing altar). As the sun shifts, the windows show us Jesus riding into Jerusalem, and eventually picture Jesus crucified on Calvary. But still, the light shines through, reminding us that crucifixion is not the end of the story.

The Third Sunday of Advent is a little like the light we experience through our church windows. This Sunday is called “Gaudete Sunday,” taking its name from the first word of the traditional choral introit appointed for this day, *Gaudete in Domino semper*, “Rejoice in the Lord always,” echoed in the second lesson from 1 Corinthians. Others call this day Rose Sunday or Refreshment Sunday. But by any name, the day breaks into our season like a burst of light, interrupting our listening, intruding on our waiting, and injecting a new sense of urgency. Something is about to happen, and it is coming from God!

Like the sun that moves around our building to reveal new sights and visions, God’s grace moves around us, interrupting our lives with joy, with promise, and with hope. May we perceive the increasing light of Christ this season. *The Rev. John F. Beddingfield, Rector*

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Song

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

All who are able, are invited to stand

Verse 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings from the King of kings.

Verse 2 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand;
Shine forth, and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.

Verse 3 All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent doth thy people free;
Whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.

Opening Acclamation

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

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

People **Amen**

The First Lesson from Scripture

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Lector A reading from The Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

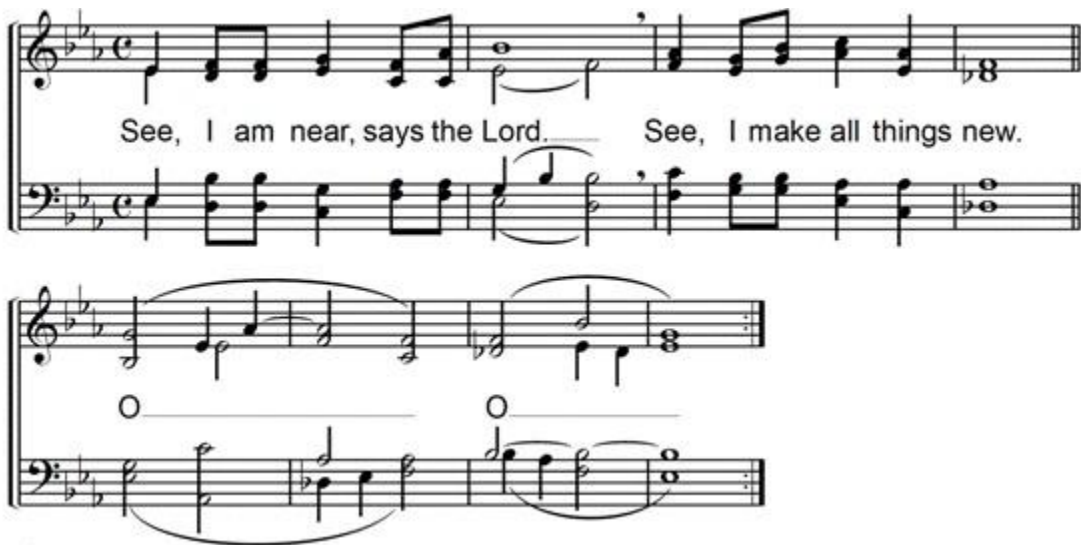
The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Gradual

Sung three times.



See, I am near, says the Lord. See, I make all things new.

The Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Minister The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’” as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Sermon

All may be seated

John Beddingfield, Rector, *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

Savior of the nations, come!

All may be seated

Verse 1 Savior of the nations, come! Virgin's Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, both heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

Verse 2 Wondrous birth! O wondrous child of the Virgin undefiled!
Mighty God and Mary's son, eager now his race to run!

Verse 3 Thus on earth the Word appears, gracing his created spheres;
Hence to death and hell descends, then the heaven-ly throne ascends.

Verse 4 Come, O Father's saving Son, who o'er sin the vic-tory won.
Boundless shall your kingdom be; grant that we its glories see.

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.**

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.

Eucharistic Song

Creator of the stars of night

Verse 1 Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.

Verse 2 In sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe,
You came, O Savior, to set free your own in glorious liberty.

Verse 3 Come in your holy might we pray, redeem us for eternal day;
Defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.

Verse 4 To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

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

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

All who are able, are invited to stand

Verse 1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Verse 2 Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art:
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Verse 3 Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,
Born to reign in us for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

Verse 4 By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

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 Victoria, Richard, Marlin, Robert, Jean, Monserrat, Richard, Frank, Karen, Liz, James, Helen, John, Joe, Sandra, Bill, Pat, Frances, Brian, Susan, Tom, Sean, Mitchell, Bea, Iris, John, Paul, Nancy, Emma, Judy, Mary, Steve, Megan, Jackie, David.

The love and sympathy of the parish are extended to Barbara Kramer upon the death of Stephen Kramer on December 7. Pray for the repose of the soul of Stephen, for Barbara and their family, and for all who mourn. We will remember Stephen at a service at Holy Trinity on January 13, 2024, at 11:00 AM.

The love and sympathy of the parish are also extended to Phyllis Mills upon the death of A. Slade Mills, Jr., on December 10. Pray for the repose of the soul of Slade, for Phyllis and their family, and for all who mourn.

The love and sympathy of the parish are also extended to Nancy Martin upon the death of her father, Harry Martin on December 13. Pray for the repose of the soul of Harry, for Nancy and their family, and for all who mourn.

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

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

HOLY GOSSIP

Sunday, December 10, 2023 attendance: 8:00 AM: 14; 11:00 AM: 87; 6:00 PM: 17 . . . This Saturday, December 16, 9:00 AM to Noon, please join the Altar Guild for a pre-Christmas cleanup. All polishers, dusters, and cleaners are welcome to join in the fun. Coffee and refreshments will be provided . . . Support local artists and neighbors this weekend by visiting the Yorkville Holiday Exhibit and

Sale in Draesel Hall, Friday night 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM (opening reception), Saturday 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and Sunday 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. (Holy Trinity's Coffee Hour will be in the back of the church, following the 11:00 AM Choral Service.) . . . Remember to join us Wednesday night to help decorate the church for Christmas. Come and go as your schedule permits . . . We are collecting toys for children and youth at Freedom House, now through December 19. Please bring your wrapped gifts to church this Sunday, or to the parish office by Tuesday morning.

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

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

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

The Advent Wreath. Holy Trinity follows the popular custom of using a wreath with four candles during this season leading to Christmas. The green represents creation and a reminder that even in the dead of winter, new life is taking shape. The candles sometimes represent particular themes or prophets, but primarily, they

represent increasing light, as we add a candle each Sunday. The rose-colored candle is lit on the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday, when we also especially remember the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

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

STEWARDSHIP

It's not too late to pledge!

Stewardship packets are in the back of the church, and it's also possible to make a pledge on the church website. To date, we have received 79 pledges totaling \$309,515.40. 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 85 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. All of the gift tags have been chosen! Please wrap the gift, and place it in the back of the church, or bring it to the parish office by Tuesday Noon!

COMMUNITY LIFE

THIS WEDNESDAY: The Greening of the Church.

Wednesday, December 20. We'll gather at 6:00 PM for Evening Prayer and then we'll share a potluck dinner while we decorate the church for Christmas. Greens will be hung, bows attached to wreaths, lights put on trees, and poinsettias arranged and watered. The more "elves" the better. Bring something to eat or drink and share in the fun. Join us!

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

Tour Holy Trinity. Join us for a 15 Minute Guided Tour most Sundays after the 11:00 AM service! Meet the tour guide in the Narthex, (just inside the main entrance). Free copies of booklets are located on the wall at the main entrance: *A Short History of Holy Trinity*, and *The Windows of Holy Trinity*. Holy Trinity windows are featured in George B. Brant's 2023 book: *Henry Holiday: His Stained Glass Windows for Gilded Age New York*.

GET INVOLVED

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

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

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

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

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

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Paul Chernick, secretary (2025),

Lydia Colon (2025)

Leona Fredericks (2023)

Jean Geater (2023)

Scott Hess (2024),

Joseph Lipuma (2024)

Marlin Mattson (2025)

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