



The Church of the Holy Trinity

An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York

December 3, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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

Prelude

Within Our Darkest Hour

Welcome

Opening Song

God Of Grace And Mystery

All who are able, are invited to stand

Verse 1 God of grace and mystery / from your fullness overflows
More than we can ever hold / fill us with a melody
Rising up to greet the dawn / joining in creation's song
Holy / Holy / Holy

Verse 2 God of hospitality / here within the world you make
Every creature finds its place / as we hear your symphony
Call us now to join the dance / held and led within your hands
Holy / Holy / Holy

Verse 3 God creating all we see / all that lives beyond our gaze
Fill the earth with breath and praise / call us into harmony
Teach us how to join with you / ever making all things new
Holy / Holy / Holy

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

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 **Amen**

The First Lesson from Scripture

Isaiah 64:1-9

All may be seated

Lector A reading from the Book of 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**

Gradual

Within Our Darkest Hour

Within our darkest night / you kindle the fire that never dies away / never dies away

Within our darkest night / you kindle the fire that never dies away / never dies away

(x3)

The Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

All who are able, are invited to stand

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

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

Almighty God

All may be seated

Verse 1 Almighty God to you all hearts are open
 Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears
 Wash us in the fountain of your mercy
 Come with your light we cannot hide from you

Verse 2 Almighty God to you all hearts are open
 With gratitude we raise our song to you
 Come and fill the praises of your people
 In grace and truth you make us new again

Chorus Hallelujah / hallelujah / hallelujah

Verse 3 Almighty God to you all hearts are open
 We long for more than what this world provides
 No shallow spring will ever satisfy us
 But your river deep floods over everything

Verse 4 Almighty God to You all hearts are open
 You take away our sickness and our sin
 Oh Lamb of God we gather at Your table
 In bread and wine You have supplied our needs

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

Holy Communion

Verse 1 Gracious Father / we give you praise / and thanks for this Holy Communion
 The body and blood / of your beloved Son

Chorus The body is broken / God's love poured open
 To make us new / Lord make us new

Verse 2 Abba Father / we bless your name / and take part in this Holy Communion
 Make us all one / to love like your Son

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

Oh Light

All who are able, are invited to stand

Verse 1 Oh light / come to reconcile / come in like a child / holy night

Oh light / our hopes and all our fears / met within your sight

Holy night

Chorus Hallelujah / holy God is with us / hallelujah / a light has come

Verse 2 Oh light / God and man entwine / of earth and of divine

Holy night

Oh light / mending fractured earth / the soul now felt its worth

Holy night

Chorus Hallelujah / holy God is with us / hallelujah / a light has come

Bridge Hallelujah / holy God is with us / love is always born within

Hallelujah / light will chase and find us / love is facing us again

The Dismissal

A minister dismisses the people.

Minister Let us go forth in the name of Christ

People **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

May You Find A Light by The Brilliance

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

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

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

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

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