



The Church of the Holy Trinity

An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York

January 7, 2024 at 6:00 PM

The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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.”

Thinking about the Baptism of Jesus

And reaffirming our own baptismal vows

At Christmas we celebrate the coming of God as Emmanuel, God with us, God in the flesh, God coming into the world as Mary’s child, a little baby. Before long we come to understand Jesus as God walking with us, dying for us, rising again for us, God with us, Emmanuel.

Today’s Gospel shows us another way in which God is with us and alongside us. It is God being like us, so that we can be more like God. A question arises from all of the Gospel accounts of the baptism of Jesus, the question of why Jesus would be baptized to begin with?

The early church wrestled with this issue. If baptism had to do with the washing away of sins, why did a sinless Jesus undergo baptism? The church wondered in the words of Maximus of Turin, “Why would a holy man desire baptism?” The reason Maximus gives is that “Christ is baptized, not to be made holy by the water, but to make the water holy, and by his cleansing to purify the waters which he touched.” (Sermon 100, as reprinted in *The Liturgy of the Hours*, 1975).

This means that Jesus was baptized not so much because of sin, but to bring holiness into the world and to bring us from the death of sin to the life of God’s love and forgiveness. With gratitude and joy, we can renew our own baptismal vows.

The Reverend John F. Beddingfield, Rector

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

See I Am Near

Welcome

Opening Song

Down to the River to Pray

All who are able, are invited to stand

Chorus As I went down in the river to pray / studyin' about that good ole way
 And who shall wear the starry crown / good Lord show me the way

Verse 1 Oh sisters / let's go down / let's go down / come on down
 Oh sisters / let's go down / down in the river to pray

Verse 2 Oh brothers / let's go down / let's go down / come on down
 Oh brothers / let's go down / down in the river to pray

Verse 3 Oh sinners / let's go down / let's go down / come on down
 Oh sinners / let's go down / down in the river to pray

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

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen**

The First Lesson from Scripture

Acts 19:1-7

All may be seated

Lector A reading from The Acts of the Apostles.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?”

They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Gradual

See I Am Near

See I am near says the Lord / See I make all things new (x3)

The Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

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**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." 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.

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 Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Those who are able are invited to stand as we affirm our Baptismal Vows.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

The Celebrant continues...

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People **Amen.**

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

We Give You Thanks

All may be seated

Verse 1 We bless you / creator / provider / we bless you
 We bless you / redeemer / oh Jesus / we bless you
 By the means of grace / and the hope of glory

Chorus Almighty God / father of mercies / we give you thanks
 For all your goodness / for how you love us
 We give you / we give you thanks

Verse 2 We praise you / creator / provider / we praise you
 We praise you / redeemer / oh Jesus / we praise you
 By the means of grace / and the hope of glory

Bridge All honor and glory forever / from now till the end of the age

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

Will We Ever Rise (Broken People)

Verse 1 Will we ever rise / will we ever rise above / the fear
 Can we learn to see the need / can we share humanity
 I can see another day come

Chorus Broken people we can be made whole
 We can be made whole / we can be made whole
 As we lay down our weapons / open up our hearts
 Love is breaking us / love remaking us

Verse 2 Will we ever rise / will we ever rise above / the pain
 Can we learn another way / forgive as you forgave
 I can see another day come

Bridge Come heal now / take away the blindness / so we can see
 As we were meant to see / I feel light / devastating darkness
 For I can see another day come / I can see another day come

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

God Of This City

All who are able, are invited to stand

Verse 1 You're the God of this city / you're the king of these people
 You're the Lord of this nation / you are
 You're the light in this darkness / you're the hope to the hopeless
 You're the peace to the restless / you are

Prechorus There is no-one like our God (x2)

Chorus 1 Greater things have yet to come
 Greater things are still to be done / in this city
 Greater things have yet to come
 Greater things have still to be done / here

Verse 2 You're the Lord of creation / the creator of all things

You're the king above all kings / you are

You're the strength in our weakness

You're the love to the broken

You're the joy in the sadness / you are

Prechorus There is no-one like our God (x2)

Chorus 2 Greater things have yet to come

Greater things have still to be done / in this city

Where glory shines from hearts alive

With praise for you and love for you / in this city

Greater things have yet to come

Greater things have still to be done / in this city

Greater things have yet to come

Greater things have still to be done / here

The Dismissal

A minister dismisses the people.

Minister Let us go forth in the name of Christ

People **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

Fill This Cup by The Dailys

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Steve, Red, Margo, Maria, Karolina, Victoria, Marlin, Robert, Jean, Richard, Frank, James, Helen, John, Joe, Sandra, Bill, Pat, Frances, Brian, Susan, Tom, Sean, Mitchell, Bea, John, Emma, Mary, Steve, Megan, Jackie, David.

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, December 31, 2023 attendance: 8:00 AM: 6; 11:00 AM: 70; Monday, January 1, 2024 attendance: 20. . . As snow is predicted for this weekend, please use your best judgment when deciding to venture out and come to church. Since the rector lives in the building, as long as he is able, church services are never canceled. Recall that the 11:00 AM service and the 6:00 PM service are available online at <https://facebook.com/holytrinitynyc> . . . As viruses continue to spread, please use your best judgment when gathering with others and wear a face mask if you are feeling the sniffles. As always, please respect others' precautions around physical greetings and distance.

A note of thanks...

Matthew and I would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Father John, Erlinda, the Staff and people of Holy Trinity for your kind words, support, and love in the months leading to and the passing of my mother, Judy. The flower arrangements were beautiful, and we appreciate the tree planted in my mothers memory. Each card, email, message, and note of condolence during this difficult time has been greatly appreciated. Matthew and I are quite fortunate to be a part of such a wonderful community. Thank you! *Peace, Adam*

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, January 28, 2024

11:00 AM Choral Eucharist

(Only worship service of the day.)

12:15 PM International Potluck Luncheon (bring a dish representing your background or your favorite dish to share) More information below.

12:30 PM Annual Meeting of the Congregation (sharing of reports, elections, and celebration of 2023) More information below.

January 28, International Potluck

(Before the Annual Meeting.)

We all know that food tastes better when shared, so we invite you to prepare a dish that is representative of your family's heritage. Please make enough to share with others! (If you don't like the food of your ancestors, bring a dish that you wish was ancestral!) Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church, or send an email to mailbox@holytrinity-nyc.org, indicating what you will bring. Please be sure to indicate the country of origin of your dish.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Sunday, January 28, 2024

The Annual Meeting of the Church of the Holy Trinity will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2024, after the 11:00 AM worship service, at 12:30 PM.

The meeting will be in person and online, through Zoom. (<https://zoom.us/j/8753617165> (for the password, type the numerals for eighteen ninety-nine, two thousand nineteen. No comma or space.)

All parishioners are invited to attend in the way that seems best for their situation. The Annual Meeting features brief reports from parish leadership as well as the completion of voting for the 2023 Vestry Election. Ballots for vestry members and a vestry warden will be available one week before the meeting, as well.

Standing for Vestry. The parish will be asked to vote on those standing for vestry.

Running for Warden for a second two-year term:

Chris Abelt

Running for a second three-year term: Jean Geater

Running for a first three-year term:

Joseph Ayett-Bullock; Amelia (Amy) Cover; and
Christina Dhanuja

Running to complete a one-year term: Steve Knight.

Who Can Vote. According to the parish by-laws, all baptized parishioners of 18 years or older who have been in regular attendance at worship services at The Church of the Holy Trinity and are “contributors to its support for at least twelve months prior to an annual election” are eligible to vote.

Absentee Ballots. Absentee ballots may be requested on, and after January 21, 2024. Any person eligible to vote may request an absentee ballot by email or telephone call to Erlinda Brent, parish secretary, at 212-289-4100, ext. 201, ebrent@holytrinity-nyc.org or by applying to her in person. Paper and email ballots must be received by the church office by Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 1:00 PM.

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Join us after the 11:00 AM worship service in Draesel Hall. Instead of Coffee Hour, we’ll have a *Pancake Brunch and Talent Show*, just like we’ve done in the past, but instead of having this on Shrove Tuesday (the night before Ash Wednesday), we are having it on the Sunday afternoon before Ash Wednesday. We’ll welcome contributions of \$5 or \$10 to help defray the costs, and also invite desserts. (Pancakes will be cooked by volunteers.)

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Asb Wednesday: Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes at 7:00 AM, Noon, and 7:00 PM. Weather permitting, ashes will also be available in front of the church, between services.

Saturday, February 17, 2024

Lenten Quiet Day: 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Join Father Beddingfield in an exploration of “The Heart of Faith: Connection, Compassion, & Courage.”

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.

Adult Christian Education

Epiphany Book Discussion: January 7, 17, and 21
Join us in Draesel Hall or online at <https://zoom.us/j/8753617165> (for the password, type the numbers for eighteen ninety-nine, two thousand nineteen. No comma or space.)

Father Beddingfield and the clergy from our link parish in London read and discussed this book during Advent. Join Father John for a discussion of Chapters 8, 9, and 10 of Kelley Nikondeha's book *The First Advent in Palestine*. The readings for each week can be found on the parish website under Upcoming Events.

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 87 pledges totaling \$332,620.58 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 86 neighbors! Contact Joe Lipuma. (jlipuma27@gmail.com)

COMMUNITY LIFE

Yoga at Holy Trinity. Yoga resumes on January 2. 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.

GET INVOLVED

Acolytes: Susan Valdes-Dapena;
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Choir & Music: Adam Koch directs the 11:00 AM choir: apkoch@holytrinity-nyc.org. Calvyn du Toit leads the 6:00 PM band:
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Holy Trinity Neighborhood Center (lunch, dinner, shelter or other programs):
www.htnycnyc.org

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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)

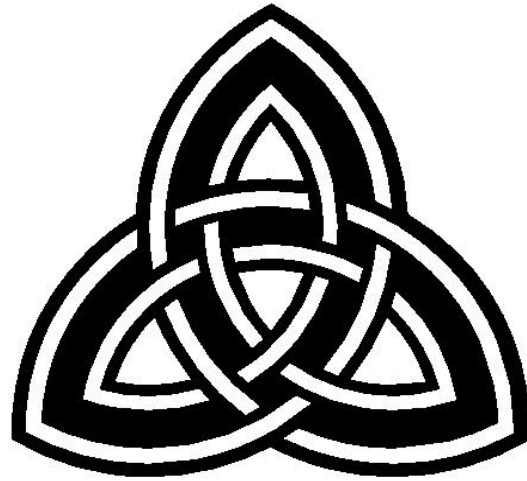
Jean Geater (2023), Scott Hess (2024),

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