



The Church of the Holy Trinity

An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York

November 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Twenty-Fifth 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 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.”

Thanksgiving for All Good

The first chapter of Genesis tells how God created the whole world in 6 “days,” and then rested on the seventh day. After each day of work, God looked at what had been accomplished and “saw that it was good.” Whether one imagines creation in literal, figurative, or poetic ways, the absolute goodness of creation shines through.

As people, and especially as New Yorkers, I think we tend to look at many things and see possibilities. We see what someone can become, we see how someone might grow, or we see a space and imagine how it might be transformed.

But what if we were able to see things just as they are and STILL see them as good? Can we see things, people, and even ourselves as good just the way we are, as good enough? This is not to live as a Pollyanna, to ignore wrongdoing or evil, but it is to be clear-eyed about the good that is in us and throughout the world.

Such an attitude might slow us down. It might help us look more closely. And it might help us accept ourselves, others, and our world with a little more peace.

This Thanksgiving, I’m going to try to see things (and other people) as inherently good in and of themselves—just the way they are, just the way God has made them.

The Rev. John F. Beddingfield, Rector

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

In The Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Welcome

Opening Song

I Will Be Still

All who are able, are invited to stand

Chorus I will be still / I will be still / and know / and know
 And know you are God

Verse 1 Though the earth give way / though the mountains fall to the sea
 Though its waters roar / I will cling to thee

Pre Chorus There is no fear as I look upon you

Verse 2 Though the nations rage / and creation yearns for the Lord
 Though the earth may melt / I'm forever yours

Bridge Forever my refuge / forever my strength
 Forever my helper / forever my friend

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen**

The First Lesson from Scripture

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

All may be seated

Lector A reading from the Book of Zephaniah

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Gradual

In The Lord I'll 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 25:14-30

All who are able, are invited to stand

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid the money. After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Sir, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His manager said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless one, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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

Hungry

All may be seated

Verse 1 Hungry we come to you / for we know you satisfy

We am empty / but we know your love does not run dry

PreChorus So we wait for you / so we wait for you

Chorus I'm falling on my knees / offering all of me

Jesus / you're all this heart is living for

Verse 2 Broken we run to you / for your arms are open wide

We are weary / but we know your touch restores our lives

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

Have Mercy On Me

Verse 1 The goodness of the Lord / is the kindness of the Lord

With ev'ry breath we take / the gift of life and grace

The power of the Lord / is the meekness of the Lord

Who bore humanity / with brave humility

Chorus Let your mercy flow through us / your mercy / your mercy

Let your mercy flow through us / your mercy / your mercy

Verse 2 The beauty of the Lord / is the suff'ring of the Lord

Is Christ upon a tree / stripped of dignity

The glory of the Lord / is the mercy of the Lord

Gives life for us to see / a new humanity

Bridge When they see us / may they see / your mercy / your mercy
 When they know us / may they know / your mercy / your mercy
 Bless the hands and feet of those who serve in need / of the broken and ashamed
 Bless the weary soul the Lord will make us whole / God speak peace to those afraid
 May the words we speak build a bridge for peace / your loving-kindness shows the way
 Open up our doors / giving refuge for all the weary and afraid

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

We Labor Unto Glory

All who are able, are invited to stand

Verse 1 My God my God where e'er I go / glory
 Where I reap and where I sow / glory
 When my hands they grip the thorn / glory
 In the still and in the storm / glory / glory

Chorus We labor unto glory / till heaven and earth are one
 We labor unto glory / until God's kingdom comes

Verse 2 The sun it shines and then goes down / glory
 Rain it pours and beats the ground / glory
 Dust it blows and ends my days / glory
 Hearts they burn beneath your gaze / glory / glory

Verse 3 My heart my hands they're kingdom bound / glory
 Where thorns no longer curse the ground / glory
 Trim the wick ignite the flame / glory
 My work it will not be in vain / glory / glory

The Dismissal

A minister dismisses the people.

Minister Let us go forth in the name of Christ

People **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

The Great Homesickness by Gungor

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Frances, Pat, Harry, Brian, Susan, Tom, Sean, Mitchell, Bea, Iris, Christopher, John, Paul, Nancy, Andrew, Margo, Bob, Emma, Matthew, Ann, Judy, Mary, Steve, Megan, Jackie, and David.

The sympathy and love of the parish are extended to Adam and Shelby Hutcherson upon the death of his mother Mary Ellen. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Ellen, her 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, November 12, 2023 attendance: 8:00 AM: 10; 11:00 AM: 79; 6:00 PM: 13 . . . Please remember that we ask parishioners and friends to make a pledge for 2024 by Christ the King Sunday, November 26 . . . The new sound system in the church is working! While we might need a few weeks to make adjustments, the quality and reach of the new system far outweighs our former system . . . Work began this week to remove the plaster from the wall above the columbarium in the Memorial Chapel. Though we do not yet have the money to complete the outside repairs and redo the interior plaster, we decided to go ahead and remove the crumbling plaster to ensure safety. The good news is that a recent water test to the outside structure seems to have revealed our pesky leak, which has already been repaired,

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

The season of stewardship is a time to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to share in the mission of The Church of the Holy Trinity and beyond. We ask you to make a financial pledge for 2024 by Sunday, November 26th. In doing so, know that your contribution will not only keep the church operating smoothly, but also enable us to answer the call to serve our local community, New York City, and the world at large through our outreach programs. Stewardship packets have been mailed to most households, more are in the back of the church, and it's also possible to make a pledge for 2024 on the church website.

LEARNING AND GROWING

Discussion of "Laudate Deum," November 19. Join Steve Knight and Father Beddingfield for the second of two discussions on "Laudate Deum," the recent document from Pope Francis on our current social and ecological crisis. We will also review current and upcoming Episcopal Church environmental initiatives in which you could participate.

Upcoming Adult Christian Education:

November 26 - Christ the King Sunday - Discussion of Kingship with Deacon Pam Tang

December 3 & 10 - Nativities: Mothers and Babies in the Hebrew Bible with Helen Goodkin

God and the Machine: Theology and Artificial Intelligence. Join our own Calvyn duToit, Joseph Aylett-Bullock, and others for this Transatlantic Zoom discussion about theology and artificial intelligence. Two

Saturday afternoons: November 18 and December 2 (1:00 PM Eastern Time). More information is on the parish website under Upcoming Events.

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 96 neighbors! Contact Joe Lipuma. (jlipuma27@gmail.com)

The Thanksgiving Project

One of the great traditions at The Church of the Holy Trinity and St Joseph's Church is Our Thanksgiving Day Program. Each year, we prepare over 300 complete meals. Over 270 are delivered to homebound neighbors, and the balance is served to our Neighborhood Supper guests. We're doing it again this year, and we need your help. Volunteers are still needed for Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Daffodil Planting: November 25 and December 2

We have received 1,125 daffodil bulbs in celebration of our 125th Anniversary, which we will be celebrating in 2024. Join Father John and others for the grand bulb planting that will take place on two Saturday mornings, November 25 and December 2, from 10:00 am to Noon. We have some tools for planting, but if you have your own shovel or trowel, kneeling cushion, or gloves, feel

free to bring or loan them for our task. Coffee, water and snacks will be available. All are welcome to help.

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 an in-person 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@holyltrinity-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.htnccnyc.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),

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HOW TO JOIN US MORE FULLY

“I’m already an Episcopalian.”

Simply contact our parish office, give Erlinda Brent, the parish secretary, (ebrent@holytrinity-nyc.org) the name of your previous church, and we will do the rest.

“I was baptized, but not in an Episcopal Church.”

Simply obtain a letter from a former church or photocopy of your baptismal certificate. You can also be received or confirmed when the bishop visits Holy Trinity. Contact the rector or church office.

“I’m Roman Catholic.”

First of all, know that you are already welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would like to unite formally with the parish, simply provide evidence of Christian baptism. Roman Catholics are “received” into our parish. You remain “fully catholic,” but are adopted into the Anglican Communion.

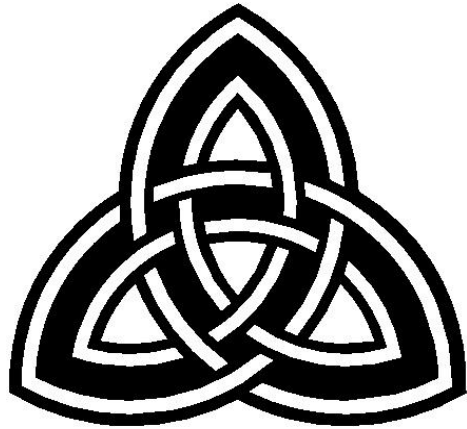
“I’ve never been baptized.”

Then get ready for a life-changing celebration! You will be led through a process that allows you to ask your deepest questions, to search with others for answers and to be baptized at any of our services.

A 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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