



# The Church of the Holy Trinity

An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York

September 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM

**The Sixteenth 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 [holymtrinity-nyc.org](http://holymtrinity-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.”

## Lifting High the Cross

*How Christ empowers us to move forward*

The Church celebrates September 14 as Holy Cross Day, a day for giving thanks for the way in which the cross of Christ gave way to resurrection and new life. The philosopher Simone Weil refers to the cross as a lever, in which “heaven coming down to earth raises earth to heaven.” The cross connects and energizes.

Holy Cross Day invites us to “lift high the cross,” as the old hymn sings. How, exactly, we lift the cross, can change everything. God is not praised when the cross is lifted high and used as a weapon over others or as a battering ram against those who believe differently. Instead, we’re invited to contemplate the cross of Christ as it moves us through the journeys of death into new life.

We encounter the deaths of little things daily or weekly. But we also face the deaths of beloved institutions, customs, and loved ones. Through it all, the cross stands as a reminder of life on the other side, and of love on the other side.

I like that Holy Cross Day comes at the end of summer and the beginning of fall. It reminds me of the direction forward. As we move into new patterns, customs, routines, and experiences, let us allow the power of Christ’s Cross to guide us toward new life in hope and in joy.

*The Reverend John F. Beddingfield, Rector*

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude**

*Bless the Lord My Soul*

**Welcome**

**Opening Song**

*Humble King*

*All who are able, are invited to stand*

Verse 1        Oh kneel us down again / here at your feet  
                  Show us how much you love / humility  
                  Oh Spirit be the star / that leads us to  
                  The humble heart of love / we see in you

Chorus        You are the God of the broken / the friend of the weak  
                  You wash the feet of the weary / embrace the ones in need  
                  I want to be like you Jesus / to have this heart in me  
                  You are the God of the humble / you are the humble king

Verse 2        We gaze upon your cross / and pray to see  
                  considering your love / and poverty  
                  We contemplate the joy / that conquers hate  
                  And ask for grace from you / to imitate

Verse 3        Receive our hearts again / and make us new  
                  Help us rebuild your church / and follow you  
                  Through holy sacrament / and words made flesh  
                  Your Spirit burning through / a world refreshed

## 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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

## The First Lesson from Scripture

*Genesis 50:15-21*

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Bless the Lord My Soul*

Bless the Lord my soul / and bless God's holy name

Bless the Lord my soul / who leads me into life

(x3)

## The Gospel

*Matthew 18:21-35*

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you

owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

*Brother*

*All may be seated*

Chorus        When I look into the face / of my enemy  
                  I see my brother / I see my brother

Verse            Forgiveness is the garment / of our courage  
                  The power to make the peace / we long to know  
                  Open up our eyes / to see the wounds that bind  
                  All of humankind  
                  May our shutter-hearts / greet the dawn of life  
                  with charity and love

### 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**

*Memorial*

Verse 1 Come to the feast / all you wounded and weak  
Come and receive the bread of life / the bread of life  
Come to the feast / from the greatest to the least  
Drink and believe the blood of life / the blood of life

Chorus And the memory of who I was / fades away in the arms of love  
Watch my fears come undone / like a thief on the run  
From the unrelenting heart of God

Verse 2        Come to the table / all you broken and unabled  
                  We're beggars to be made whole again / made whole again  
                  And come to the table / empty handed and grateful  
                  Taste and see the goodness of the lamb / the great I am

Bridge         We're all dry bones longing for a savior / waiting for the God of life to put us back together  
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### **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

*Gravity of Love*

Verse 1            I lift my eyes up to the hills / this my morning song  
                         Where my strength comes from  
                         I lift my eyes up to the hills / this my evening song  
                         Where my help comes from

Chorus            This is the gravity of love / just as the moon follows the sun  
                         You're all around me / you're holding ev'rything  
                         This is the hope of ev'ry land / just as the universe expands  
                         Your love is reaching / you're holding ev'rything

Verse 2            We lift our eyes up to the hills / when will our help come  
                         Lord we cry how long / we lift our eyes up to the hills  
                         Even as we run / hope is chasing us

## 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 Mitchell, Oliver, Patsy, Stephen, Bea, Iris, Christopher, John, Paul, Nancy, Geoffrey, Calvin, Regina, Jean, Andrew, Margo, Bob, Helen, Emma, Victoria, Matthew, Ann, Etelka, Fabio Sr, Judy, Mary, Steve, Megan, Jackie, David, Matthew, Mariah, Monserrat, Michael, and Almarie.

### 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, September 10 Attendance: 8:00 AM: 10; 11:00 AM: 54; 6:00 PM: 28. . .Check for recordings of our recent Sunday morning and evening worship services at <https://facebook.com/holytrinitynyc>. A large box will pop up asking you to log in or create an account. 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](mailto:apkoch@holytrinity-nyc.org).

## LEARNING AND GROWING

**Fall Cursillo Weekend, October 19-22, 2023.**

Cursillo (pronounced ker-see-yo) is a Spanish term, from *Cursillo de Cristiandad*, which means "short course of Christianity." *Cursillo* originated within the Roman

Catholic Church in 1940s Spain, but has spread throughout the world. Begun in the 1970s, the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry has remained in communication with the Catholic Church and other similar ministries, but it functions independently as an Episcopal Ministry and sets its own course. Applications for this weekend are due October 5.

**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.

### Centering & Meditation

**Sundays through September 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

**March to End Fossil Fuels. Today, September 17.**

Join a delegation from the Episcopal Diocese of New York. They will assemble at 53rd St. & Broadway. Look for the Episcopal Diocese of New York banner. The march is scheduled to kick off at 1:00 PM, so one should be able to join right after the 11:00 AM service, or come to the 8:00 AM or 6:00 PM services. More can be found at <https://www.endfossilfuels.us/march>

## 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 92 neighbors! Contact Joe Lipuma. ([jlipuma27@gmail.com](mailto:jlipuma27@gmail.com))

**HTNC Cookout**, Saturday, September 30, 6:30 PM.  
Join us for a fundraiser and friendraiser with live music  
by Nick Viest & Friends.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

**Yoga at Holy Trinity.** Yoga returns in person at a new  
time and day: Tuesdays at 12:30 PM in the church.  
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. 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.

## 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: calvyn@protonmail.com

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

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*Wardens:* Christopher Abelt (2023), Jeanne Blazina  
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Hal Barth (2024), Paul Chernick, secretary (2025),

Lydia Colon (2025), Leona Fredericks (2023),

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Joseph Lipuma (2024), Marlin Mattson (2025),

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