



The Church of the Holy Trinity

An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York

February 18, 2024: 6:00PM

The First Sunday in Lent

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.”

Lent

A season of giving over and taking up

The Season of Lent is a forty-day period (excluding Sundays) that leads to Easter. Traditionally, it was used as a season for preparing new Christians to receive baptism and their first Communion at Easter. All Christians are invited to use this season as a time of spiritual “spring cleaning,” praying about the things in our life that get in the way of love, in the way of following Christ more closely, and in the way of our being the people God wants us to be.

On the First Sunday in Lent only, we use the Great Litany at our Choral Eucharist, but “alleluias” are avoided until Easter. While our worship takes on a special tone during Lent, we aim not to be too subdued. After all, Christ has risen! Even though Lent invites us to revisit Jesus’s movement towards Jerusalem and crucifixion, we do not pretend for a moment that we are not already freed and forgiven.

Often, people focus on “giving up” something for Lent. That might be the right choice for you, but I also encourage you to consider “taking up” some practice that helps you grow spiritually. Perhaps it is attending a new service of worship, reading a book about prayer or some other aspect of the Christian life, or volunteering to help someone. Whatever you feel the Spirit suggesting, I hope you’ll pray for spiritual growth this season— for yourself and for others.

The Reverend John F. Beddingfield, Rector

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Wait for the Lord

Welcome

Opening Song

Be Thou My Vision

All who are able, are invited to stand

Verse 1 Be thou my vision / o Lord of my heart
 Naught be all else to me / save that thou art
 Thou my best thought / by day or by night
 Waking or sleeping / thy presence my light

Verse 2 Be thou my wisdom / and thou my true word
 I ever with thee / and thou with me Lord
 Thou my great father / I thy true son
 Thou in me dwelling / and I with thee one

Verse 3 Riches I heed not / nor man's empty praise
 Thou mine inheritance / now and always
 Thou and thou only / first in my heart
 High king of heaven / my treasure thou art

Verse 4 Be my compassion / my love for the poor
 Break my distraction / so I can't ignore
 The least of your children / the ones you adore
 For by them Jesus / we worship you Lord

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, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 9:8-17

All may be seated

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring

clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

The Lord Is My Light

Wait for the Lord / whose day is near / wait for the Lord / be strong / take heart

(x3)

The Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

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.**

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.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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

Oxygen

All may be seated

Verse You are our oxygen / you're making us wanna live again
 You are our oxygen / you're making us wanna live again

Chorus Sometimes our very best / is only our weakest yes
 You see strength in every movement
 Baby steps and short breaths / anything is progress
 You sustain our every moment

Bridge Our lifeblood / our true love / our reason / our because
 Our hope when we're hopeless / you never run out
 You're the source of it
 The moon in our night sky / our vision when we're blind
 When we quit / you still fight / you fight for us

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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

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

Remember

Verse 1 You broke the bread and blessed the cup / you served the sacrifice of love
Holy holy holy / I wanna see the glory / of all that you are and all that / you've done

Chorus Jesus the Lamb of God / oh what a savior
You took the altar / and made it a table
Nothing can separate / what you bring together
Now and forever / I will remember

Verse 2 How beautiful the mystery / Christ my hope alive in me
And worthy worthy worthy / I'm caught up in the glory
Of all that you are / and all that you've done

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

Turning Over Tables

Verse 1 Fear runs deep / spreading like a virus
 Hate is cheap / from afar it costs you nothing
 Sister take my hand / brother we will stand
 Open up your heart / and find

Chorus Love is turning over tables / breaking off chains
 When I see you in the stranger / I'm no longer a slave
 Turning over tables / tearing down walls
 Building up the bridges / between us all

Verse 2 Let courage be / my willingness to listen
 So I can feel / the wound inside my heart
 Let seeds of peace / grow in hearts around us
 That trees of hope / bring shade to all mankind
 You can take my hand / together we will stand
 Open up your heart / and find

Verse 3 None can separate / all that love has made
 We are ev'ryone / the same
 We refuse to be / our brother's enemy
 We will stand for all mankind
 Sister take my hand / brother we will stand
 Open up your heart / and find

The Dismissal

A minister dismisses the people.

Minister Let us go forth in the name of Christ

People **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

Hysteria by Muse

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Herbert, Tom, Sedrudin, Gulshan, Bob, Bethany, Christopher, Vanessa, Karen, Kari, Margo, Maria, Victoria, Joe, Sandra, John, Bea, Emma, Mary, Megan, Jackie.

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, February 11, 2024 attendance: 8:00 AM: 7; 11:00 AM: 114; 6:00 PM 14 . . . Ash Wednesday February 14: 7:00 AM: 16; Noon: 28; 7:00 PM 42.

LOOKING AHEAD

Fridays in Lent, February 16 - March 22

Join us on Friday nights in Lent as we walk the Stations of the Cross, a simple service, lasting about 40 minutes.

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.

Lenten Book Discussion

Sunday mornings in Lent

This Lent, we'll be joining our link parish, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, London, to read a book the Archbishop of Canterbury chose especially for the Season of Lent several years ago. *Saying Yes to Life* lifts our focus from every day (and perfectly natural) concerns to issues that are impacting millions of lives around the world. As people made in the image of God, we are entrusted to look after what God has made – to share in the joy and creativity of God in making a difference for good. The book can be purchased in the back of the church

SUNDAY TOURS. Join us for an in person 15 Minute Guided Tour. Tours are free! Meet the tour guide in the Narthex, (just inside the main entrance). Tours are given most Sundays after the 11:00 AM service, 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*.

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 92 pledges totaling \$338,000.58 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 83 neighbors! Contact Joe Lipuma. (jlipuma27@gmail.com)

COMMUNITY LIFE

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, parishioner Liz Poole at lizpoolenyc@hotmail.com.

GET INVOLVED

Acolytes: Susan Valdes-Dapena;
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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.htnccnyc.org

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The Vestry (with year of term ending listed)

Wardens: Christopher Abelt (2026)

Jeanne Blazina (2025)

General Members of the Vestry:

Joseph Aylett-Bullock (2027)

Hal Barth (2024)

Paul Chernick, secretary (2025)

Lydia Colon (2025)

Amelia Cover (2027)

Christina Dhanuja (2027)

Jean Geater (2027)

Steve Knight (2024)

Joseph Lipuma (2024)

Marlin Mattson (2025)

Fabio Mejia (2025)

Liz Poole (2024)

Christine du Toit, treasurer, *ex officio*

A Brief History of The Church of the Holy Trinity



More than 100 years ago, the Church of the Holy Trinity was established through the confluence of three events—Serena Rhinelanders’ desire to create a memorial to her father and grandfather, the merger of the original Church of the Holy Trinity with St. James Church and the needs of St. James Mission on East 83rd Street. Serena Rhinelanders’ grandfather, William Rhinelanders in 1798 purchased 72 acres stretching from Third Avenue to the East River for a summer home. The northward growth of the city led to the Rhinelanders selling much of that land. However, Serena Rhinelanders wanted as a memorial to her father and grandfather to donate not only the mid-block site on 88th Street, but also the cost of designing and constructing a church complex.

Serena Rhinelanders wanted to make this donation to St. James Church at 71st Street and Madison Avenue and have St. James become the sponsor of the new complex in what had become a working-class neighborhood. However, St. James Church could not accept her offer because they did not have the money to maintain the church. The maintenance money came from the original Church of the Holy Trinity. The church, located on Madison Avenue and 42nd Street, wished to move and decided to sell its property and unite with St. James.

The Diocese of New York arranged to transfer Holy Trinity’s assets from the sale of the property to St. James. This, in turn, enabled St. James to retire its own debt and to assume sponsorship for Serena Rhinelanders’ memorial by establishing a \$200,000 endowment fund. The Diocese also transferred the name of the church to the proposed new complex. Thus the generosity of Serena Rhinelanders and the endowment from St. James enabled an institution the neighborhood could not have afforded.

At the same time, St. James also had a mission at 419 East 83rd Street that had outgrown its space. This mission was moved in 1897 to the first building completed on the site, St. Christopher’s House, and administered by the mission’s trustees. St. Christopher’s House was a clubhouse and kindergarten for all the children of the neighborhood no matter

what their individual faith or if they had no faith at all. In the basement was a swimming pool and on the top floor a well-equipped gymnasium. There were a circulating library, assembly rooms, playrooms and public showers. On April 28, 1897 the new congregation began to worship in the assembly room of St. Christopher's House.

Construction of the new Church of the Holy Trinity began the following November with the laying of the cornerstone for the church. The New York Times described the ceremony:

"...white vestments of the clergymen and the representatives of the highest social and intellectual circles on the one side showed in vivid contrast to the row of tenements across the street, from every window and door of which gazed a curious throng of people, for whose use the edifice was being dedicated."

On May 6, 1899 the Church of the Holy Trinity was consecrated. The following are excerpts from the sermon by Rev. Dr. William R. Huntington of Grace Church:

"It may shock some to hear it, but consecration is not the mere act of the Bishop; it is a process that requires time to develop, and only years of use can properly consecrate a building like this..."

Holy Trinity was built to be a "settlement church" which aimed to "cultivate the best in man, physical, mental, social and spiritual ... not content to preach only to the soul ... but with its clubs and societies seeks to help and elevate the social conditions amongst its members and the neighborhood in which it stands."

The early parish newsletters, *The Chimes*, describe a large and active Christian community. At that time the programs included a coal cooperative, day nursery for children of working parents, sewing clubs, and Christian education including a Sunday School of over 1,000 children. There were also excursions, lectures, and amateur theatricals. Holy Trinity remained a chapel of St. James until 1951, when it became an independent parish.

In 1897 the intention of the "settlement church" was to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of the growing immigrant community surrounding it. Although we no longer call Holy Trinity a "settlement church", its mission has not changed. It is still a landmark of architectural and social significance with its strong ministry to the people of Yorkville and East Harlem.



THE CHURCH OF THE
HOLY TRINITY

HOLY WEEK & EASTER, MARCH 24 – MARCH 31

Palm Sunday, 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM, & 6:00 PM

Monday–Friday, Morning Prayer at 8:30 AM

Wednesday, Service of Tenebrae (Readings & Silence) 7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday, Holy Eucharist & Foot Washing 7:00 PM

Good Friday

The Great Three Hours (Music, Prayer, Scripture & Silence), Noon – 3:00 PM

The Good Friday Liturgy (Passion, Veneration of the Cross, Eucharist) 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, Easter Eve Garden Communion 7:00 PM

EASTER DAY

Sunrise Communion 6:00 AM at Carl Schurz Park Promenade

Holy Communion at 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM (music), & 6:00 PM (music)