



# The Church of the Holy Trinity

An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York

November 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM

**Twenty-Fourth 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](http://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.”

## Remembering our Veterans

### *And Praying for Peace*

Last week, I was able to visit our link parish of St. Stephen’s in London. Since Remembrance Sunday is held near Armistice Day, I was not surprised to see many people wearing red poppies. The red poppy commemorates the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and later conflicts. But this year, I also noticed white poppies, sometimes worn alone and sometimes alongside a red poppy.

White poppies were first produced in 1933 in the aftermath of the First World War, by members of the Co-operative Women’s Guild. Many of these women had lost family and friends in the First World War. They wanted the key message of Remembrance Day to be: “never again.” Today, the white poppy represents three things: 1) remembrance of all victims of war, 2) a challenge to war and militarism (and its glorification), and 3) an ongoing commitment to peace.

On Monday, a volunteer guide in Bath Abbey complimented Erwin on his white poppy and went on to explain that she is a Quaker. She told us that every year, around Remembrance Day, the Quakers place a white wreath in the public square as an expression of peace. Every year, she said, the wreath is stolen.

The way of peace is not easy, but it is the way forward through Jesus Christ.

*The Rev. John F. Beddingfield, Rector*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Prelude

*The Lord Is My Light*

### Welcome

### Opening Song

*Wisdom and Grace*

*All who are able, are invited to stand*

Chorus            Teach us to number our days / that we may apply our hearts to your ways  
                      Teach us to number our days / with wisdom and grace

Verse 1            You've been our home and our dwelling / our place in all generations  
                      Before the earth or the mountains were formed / Lord you were God

Verse 2            Now the span of our lives / it is made of sorrow and labor  
                      As the days pass away like the grass / how soon we are gone

Verse 3            O establish the work of our hands / set your favor upon us  
                      O establish the word of our hands / may your kingdom come

### 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

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen**

## **The First Lesson from Scripture**

*Wisdom 6:12-16*

*All may be seated*

Lector A reading from the Book of Wisdom

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

## Gradual

*The Lord Is My Light*

The Lord is my light / my light and salvation / in God I trust / in God I trust

(x3)

## The Gospel

*Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

*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, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

*Oh Blessed*

*All may be seated*

Intro         Oh blessed / oh blessed / oh blessed

Verse 1        If you're a giver not a taker / walk the earth as a peacemaker

Oh blessed / oh blessed / oh blessed

When you feel at your weakest / still you keep your heart open

Oh blessed / oh blessed / oh blessed

Verse 2        And you forgive when you are hurt / share your food give your shirt

Oh blessed / oh blessed / oh blessed

And you keep your heart pure / even when you're unsure

Oh blessed / oh blessed / oh blessed

Chorus           And the words from the hill / they're speaking still  
                    And they save me / over and again  
                    Oh blessed / oh blessed / oh blessed

Verse 3           And the mercy you give away / well it comes back to stay  
                    Oh blessed / oh blessed / oh blessed  
                    If you ache for what's right / you will be satisfied  
                    Oh blessed / oh blessed / oh blessed

Verse 4           If you let yourself mourn / your comfort will come  
                    Oh blessed / oh blessed / oh blessed  
                    If you've lost everything / the earth it shall be yours  
                    Oh blessed / oh blessed / oh blessed

## **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

*The Earth Shall Know*

Verse 1            Let us come of one accord / to lift up praises to our king  
                         There is splendor / and power / all around him  
                         And we will gather / all together  
                         Every nation tribe creed and color  
                         Let the body come alive / and our creator be glorified

Chorus            And the earth shall know God's name  
                         And the earth will sing God's praise  
                         All of the earth shall sing the praise / of our God

Verse 2            Let us come of one accord / to see each other and our needs  
                         When we gather / there is power / all around us  
                         Power to live right / power to be light  
                         Over our cities and neighbors / to speak life  
                         Spirit give us eyes to see / your perfect will for humanity

## 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

*Alive & Breathing*

*All who are able, are invited to stand*

Verse 1        What holds your heart / what stirs your soul  
                  What matters come to mind  
                  The cares you keep / the thoughts you think  
                  It's not all wasted time / seek and you will find

Chorus         Joy still comes in the morning / hope still walks with the hurting  
                  If you're still alive and breathing / praise the Lord  
                  Don't stop dancing and dreaming  
                  There's still good news worth repeating  
                  So lift your head and keep singing / praise the Lord

Verse 2        The years roll by / we wonder why  
                  We lost our way from home  
                  Our father finds / the child inside  
                  We left for growing old / awake / awake / awake my soul

## The Dismissal

*A minister dismisses the people.*

Minister        Let us go forth in the name of Christ

People         **Thanks be to God**

## Postlude

*Blessed To Be A Witness* by Ben Harper

## IN OUR PRAYERS

**We pray for** Pat, 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 Sallie Craig Huber upon the death of her husband Douglass “Doug” Huber. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Doug, for Sallie, their family, and for all who mourn.

**The sympathy and love** of the parish are also extended to the family of Alison Hajnal’s family upon the death of Alison. Please pray for the repose of her soul, 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.

**Presiding Bishop Michael Curry Released a Statement this week on the 10,000+ Dead in Gaza: Stop the Killing**

*Every human child of God—Palestinian and Israeli—deserves safety and security. We need to stop the killing. Today.*

*Vengeance will not bring back the dead. Retaliation will not repair the harms and the hurt. We are called to love, even and especially when it seems impossible.*

*We must stop the next 10,000 from being killed. As Episcopalians, we must call upon our leaders—President Biden, members of Congress, and others—to be unequivocal that we need to stop the killing. Today. This is clearly what love demands of us.*

Copies of the full statement are in the back of the church.

## HOLY GOSSIP

Sunday, November 5, 2023 attendance: 8:00 AM: 12; 11:00 AM: 63; 6:00 PM: 16 . . . The flowers on the stone altar are given to the glory of God, in memory of Dr. Felix E. Santiago Perez on the anniversary of his death. . . Thanks to Yvonne O’Neal and members of the The Episcopal Diocese of New York Task Force on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault for their “toolkit” to raise awareness and work for an end to gender-based violence. Though November 26 is Christ the King Sunday, as well as our Ingathering of Time, Talent, and Treasure, our diocese has also designated it “Break the Silence Sunday,” and we will incorporate some of the task force’s materials in our worship and in the back of the church on that day.

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

### Lay Eucharistic Training

Though we hope to host an in-person Lay Eucharist Training program this winter, a Zoom training event will be available Monday, November 13, 6:30-8:30 PM. Please contact Deacon Pam Tang for details or to register.

**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).

## 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, more are in the back of the

church, and can be accessed online Stewardship packets have been mailed, more are in the back of the church, and can be accessed online.

## LEARNING AND GROWING

Discussion of "Laudate Deum," November 12 and 19. Join Steve Knight and Father Beddingfield as we spend two mornings discussing "Laudate Deum, to all people of good will on the climate crisis," the recent document from Pope Francis highlighting our current global context and our failure to address the human roots of the social and ecological crisis. Released on St. Francis Day, October 4, this follows his longer *Laudato Si*, which we explored previously. We will also review current and upcoming Episcopal Church environmental initiatives in which you could participate.

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.** November 18 and December 2 on Zoom. Join our own Calvyn duToit, Joseph Aylett-Bullock and others for this Transatlantic Zoom discussion about theology and artificial intelligence. Two Saturday afternoons (1PM 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 92 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 needed for several shifts, beginning Sunday, November 19 through Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23. Flyers outlining the shifts are on the information table in the church.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

**Save the Date:** Sunday, December 10: Advent Crafts & Potluck, Draesel Hall.

**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@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

**Lectors** (serve as readers in worship services): Yvonne O'Neal; Yvonne.oneal@gmail.com

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**Ushers** (volunteer to greet people at worship services and offer hospitality): Liz Poole; lizpoolenyc@hotmail.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),

Donald Schermerhorn (2023),

Christine du Toit, treasurer (2023)

## 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](mailto: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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