



The Church of the Holy Trinity

An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York

December 25, 2023 at 11:00AM

Christmas Day

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.”

Merry Christmas

A greeting from the Rector

Whether you are a lifelong Christian or this is one of your first visits inside a church, please know that you are welcome. Holy Trinity is an Episcopal Church, tracing its roots through the Church of England and the Catholic Church. We look for hope and love through Jesus Christ and we try to embody that sacrificial love in our words and actions. Please come again, if you're curious or read about us on our website. Traditionally, all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion, but as we do not ask for proof, please follow the Holy Spirit in making your decision to join us.

The Reverend John F. Beddingfield, Rector

Pardon our Wrinkles. Like all things that age, our building sometimes shows wrinkles or even needs more substantial work. Beneath the greens and poinsettias, a visitor may notice flaking plaster, lights that do not work, or other things in need of repair. Completed in 1899, Holy Trinity is a landmarked building and requires particular care when repairing or renovating. We follow a careful plan for capital repairs and continue to make great progress. If you would like to make a gift to help us age safely and beautifully, please know that we are grateful. Just mark your gift “capital repairs” and we will use it wisely, with good stewardship. Thank you for joining us in worshiping God “in the beauty of holiness” (Psalm 96:9).

The Word of God

Voluntary

Pastoral on "Greensleeves"

arr. Bernard Fitzgerald

Welcome

Hymn

Regent Square

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

Refrain

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
ye have seen his na - tal star:
in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis

Gloria

Glo - ry be to God on high, peace on earth, good will to all.
O Lord God, O Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther:
Thou a - lone art Ho - ly Lord, Je - sus Christ, the Most High,

Bless - ing, thanks and praise to Thee, Heav'n - ly King, al - might - y God.
Thou who tak - est sins a - way, Par - don us, re - ceive our prayer.
With the Spir - it glo - ri - fy God the Fa ther. A - men.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The People are invited to be seated for the lessons.

The First Lesson from Scripture

Isaiah 52:7-10

Lector A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

Cantate Domino

The Psalm will be recited in unison.

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
 for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
 has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
 his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
 and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
 lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
 with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
 shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
 the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
 and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
 and the peoples with equity.

The Second Lesson from Scripture

Hebrews 1:1-4

Lector A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Those who are able, please stand for the hymn and the reading of the Gospel.

The Hymn at the Sequence

Forest Green

Unison or harmony

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,
5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

The Gospel

John 1:1-14

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
 People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
 People **Praise to you, Lord. Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. John F. Beddingfield, *Rector*

The Nicene Creed

Those who are able are invited to stand as we affirm the faith of the Church.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Deacon bids the prayers and the people, which are then led by the lector.

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lector Father, in this holy season your Son, our Savior, was born in human flesh. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ. Holy God,

People **hear our prayer.**

Lector In this holy season there was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty. Holy God,

People **hear our prayer.**

Lector In this holy season, Mary, in the pain of labor, brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand all who are in pain or distress, especially...Holy God,
People **hear our prayer.**

Lector In this holy season your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world. Holy God,
People **hear our prayer.**

Lector In this holy season the angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.' Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in all the world. Holy God,
People **hear our prayer.**

Lector In this holy season shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption. Holy God,
People **hear our prayer.**

Lector In this holy season strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love. Holy God,
People **hear our prayer.**

Lector In this holy season heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand all those who have passed through death in the hope of your coming kingdom. We especially remember... Holy God,
People **hear our prayer.**

Lector In this holy season Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us today. Holy God,
People **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes

Father, in this holy season, angels and shepherds worshiped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph, and the saints through him who is your Word made flesh, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

At the Offertory, Voluntary

As the voluntary is played, a collection is taken for the work and mission of the Church.

As the gifts of bread, wine, and money are brought forward, those who are able are invited to stand and sing.

At the Presentation, Hymn

In dulci jubilo

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - jice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary, his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and will all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

All join in saying

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, 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.**

The people may stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
People **We remember his death,**
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and a moment of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Reception of Communion

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.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People

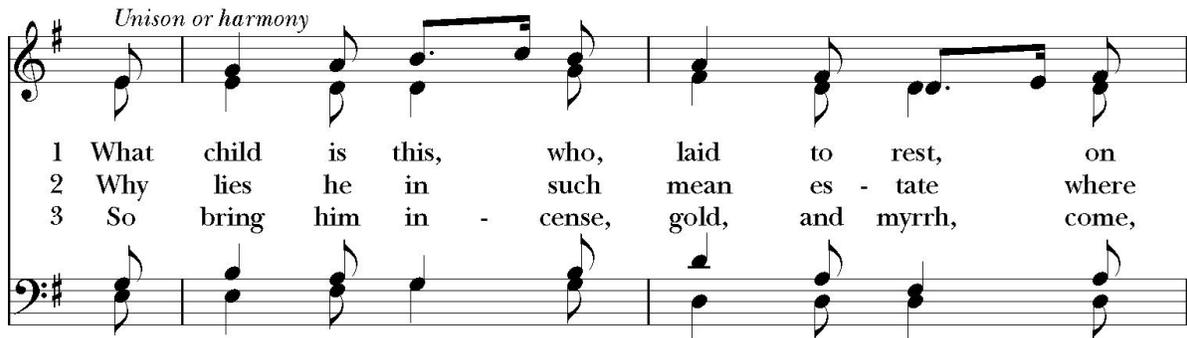
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit. be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

During the hymn, all who are able are invited to move to the Memorial Chapel for the final prayer at the Crèche.

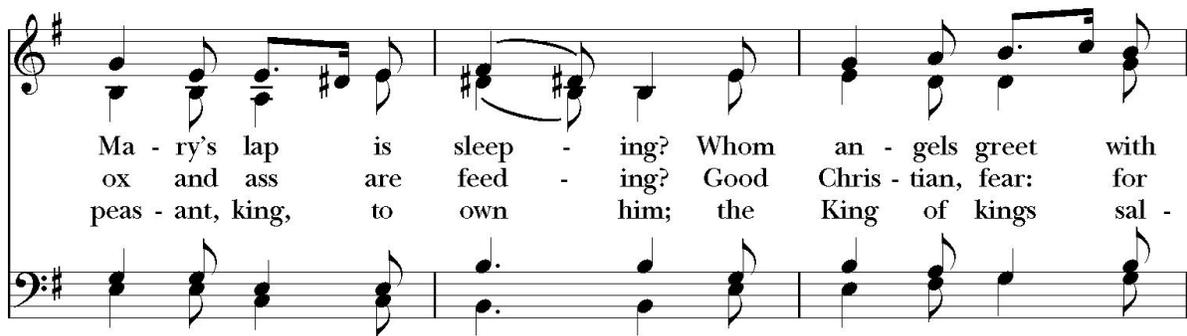
Hymn

Greensleeves

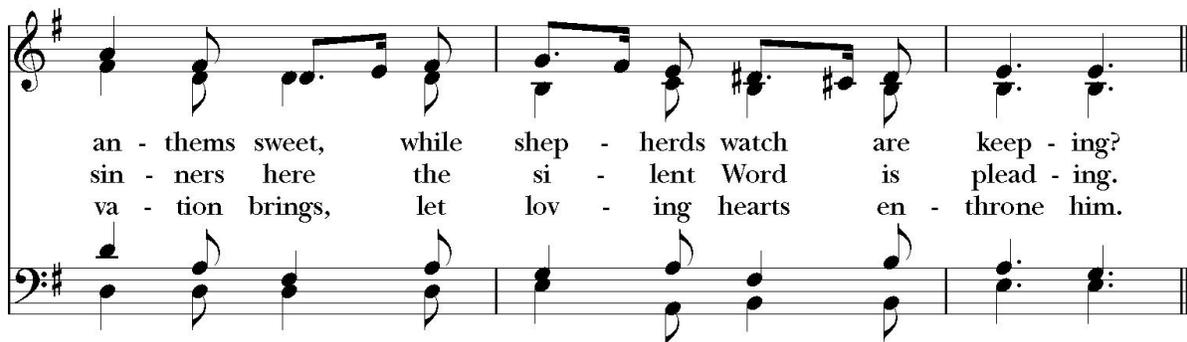
Unison or harmony



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,



Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -



an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to
bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

At the Crèche

Celebrant The glory of the Lord has been revealed.
 People **And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.**
 Celebrant Let us pray.

Most merciful and loving God, you have made this day holy by the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, and by the child-bearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Grant that we your people may enter with joy into the celebration of this day, and may also rejoice for ever as your adopted sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Christmas Blessing

- Celebrant May Almighty God, who sent the Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.
- People **Amen.**
- Celebrant May God, who sent angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.
- People **Amen.**
- Celebrant May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you peace and favor.
- People **Amen.**
- Celebrant And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.
- People **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the people.

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Voluntary

March of the Three Kings

Georges Bizet

Charles E. Johnson, III, *trumpet*

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All former CHT parishioners who have gone to Glory.

and

In thanksgiving for the CHT choir and Adam Koch

SERVING TODAY

Ushers: Jackie Price

Lectors: Christina Dhanaraj

Officiant & Preacher: The Rev. John Beddingfield

Deacon: The Rev. Pamela Tang

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Praying with our Link Parish in London of St. Stephen with St. John. We especially pray for SSSJ as they celebrate Christmastide and begin a new year in mission and ministry.

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

Please notice that there will be no in-person services at Holy Trinity from December 26 through December 30. Our regular Morning Prayer participants will be joining the Diocese of New York's Morning Prayer online. Details can be found on the church website or the Diocesan website at <https://dioceseny.org/>

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!

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 83 pledges totaling \$328,560.58 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. We will not meet for yoga on December 26, but will resume 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.

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Christine du Toit, treasurer (2023)

A Brief but Complicated History of The Church of the Holy Trinity



The original Church of the Holy Trinity stood at 42nd Street and Madison Avenue, founded by the Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, Jr. in 1864. 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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