The Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019, 8:00am
Mission

In the spirit of the Gospels, the mission of Trinity Church Wall Street is to build generations of faithful leadership, to build up neighborhoods, and to build financial capacity for holy service in New York City and around the world. Our mission is grounded in our core values.

Vision

We seek to serve and heal the world by building neighborhoods that live gospel truths, generations of faithful leaders, and sustainable communities.

Core Values

Faith
“For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.” —MATTHEW 17:20

Integrity
“Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” —PHILIPPIANS 4:8

Inclusiveness
“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” —GALATIANS 3:28

Compassion
“When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.”
—MATTHEW 14:14

Social Justice
“He has showed you what is good; and what the Lord requires of you: to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.”
—MICAH 6:8

Stewardship
“There will come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt. After them there will arise seven years of famine, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; the famine will consume the world.” —GENESIS 41:29-30

Core Values guide us in carrying out our mission and realizing our vision.

By their nature, core values are touchstones for prayer, discernment, ongoing conversation, and action. We seek a deep understanding and ongoing engagement with Trinity’s Core Values. Over the years, we will continue reflecting on what our Core Values mean in their application; how they challenge and inform decisions and actions in Trinity’s ministries, and how they help our ministries be aligned with our mission and vision.
Welcome to St. Paul's Chapel

Please add your voice and heart to the prayers. Everyone is welcome at Jesus' Table, and everyone's voice is needed to tell the Good News of God's love in Christ. Please help others find a place near you, and greet the person next to you as we prepare to worship together.

If you would like to pray with someone confidentially, for yourself or others, please come forward to the altar rail at the end of the service.

If you would like to learn more about The Episcopal Church, or how you can become a member of Trinity Church, please visit www.trinitywallstreet.org/membership.

About this Service

Advent

In the Episcopal Church, the season of Advent marks the beginning of the new liturgical year. The name of the season originates from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning “coming.” During Advent, Christians joyfully await the coming of Jesus, a celebration commemorated on the feast of the Nativity of Our Lord: an observation more commonly known as Christmas Day. The season is full of expectation and preparation, not only for Christ’s incarnation, but also for his promised “second coming” in majesty.

Unlike the Season after Pentecost, which comprises a variable number of weeks, Advent is always four Sundays in length. You will notice that many of the prayers used during the course of the service have changed; what you may not notice, unless you closely follow the Revised Common Lectionary, is that the appointed scripture readings are now selected according to Year A in the three-year cycle.

Sources: *The Book of Common Prayer*, *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church*, *The Revised Common Lectionary*

The Entrance Rite

**Acclamation**

The altar party is seated informally.
*At the sound of the bell, please stand as you are able.*

**Celebrant** Blessed are you, holy and living One.

**People** You come to your people and set them free.

**Collect for Purity**

*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.*

**All** Amen.
Glory to God

Canticle 20

All

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God’s people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Please be seated.
The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

Reader

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the L ORD, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God’s people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the L ORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 146:4-9

Reader

Let us read from Psalm 146 responsively by half-verse.

People

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, *
whose hope is in their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
whose promise abides for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed *
and food to those who hunger.

God sets the prisoners free
and opens the eyes of the blind; *

God lifts up those who are bowed down;

Reader

God loves the righteous
and cares for the stranger; *

God sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

People

God shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia!
The Second Reading  
*James 5:7-10*

**Reader** A Reading from the Letter of James.

Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People** Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel  
*Matthew 11:2-11*

**Celebrant** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**Celebrant** When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon  
The Rev. C. Alfred Loua

Silence follows the sermon.
The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant  We believe in one God,

All  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

Reader  
Our souls watch for the morning. In joyful expectation, let us pray to Jesus.
Come to your Church as Guide and Guardian. We pray for all the people of God throughout the world: especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop; Andrew, Allen, and Mary our diocesan bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers. Help us to live in the light of your coming, and give us a longing for your kingdom.
In God’s word is our hope.

People  
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Reader  
Come to us as Advocate and Judge. We pray for the wisdom and discernment of those whose decisions affect the welfare of our nation and our world: especially for Donald our President, Andrew our Governor, and Bill our Mayor. Before you, O Lord, the powers of the earth will stand in silence.
In God’s word is our hope.

People  
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Reader  
Come to the suffering as Savior and Comforter. We pray for all those in need of healing, liberation, encouragement, or accompaniment, and for all those who, in this season, remember and mourn.

Please add your own prayers of petition and intercession, either silently or aloud.

Break into our lives and set us free to serve you for ever.
In God’s word is our hope.

People  
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Reader  
Come to this parish as Living Water and the Bread of Life; inspire us to live our core values of faith, integrity, inclusiveness, compassion, social justice, and stewardship. Nourish us to persevere.
In God’s word is our hope.

People  
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Reader  
Come to us as Shepherd of our souls. Give us, with all the faithful departed, a share in your victory over evil and death.
In God’s word is our hope.

People  
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Reader  
Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory. Lift us up to meet you, that with Blessed Mary and Paul and all your saints and angels we may delight in your new creation.
In God’s word is our hope.

People  
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant  
Come, Lord Jesus; do not delay. Give new courage to your people, who trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom—on earth as in heaven—where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

All  
Amen.
Confession and Absolution  

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence

All God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,

strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All Amen.

The Holy Eucharist

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome

Please be seated.

The Offertory

Please stand as you able and gather around the altar, bringing your bulletin with you.

An usher collects the offering.
The Great Thanksgiving

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  It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

Holy, Holy, Holy

All
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is [he/the one] who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant  We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the woman Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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.”
Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his
descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand,
awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread
and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

_All_ We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

_Celebrant_ Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and
upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people,
the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living
sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of
your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may
find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise
you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God
and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

_All_ AMEN.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

_Celebrant_ As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

_All_ **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.
The Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,

and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All who hunger for God are cordially invited to share the Gifts of God offered at this table, including children.

Whoever you are, wherever you are in your life's journey, you are welcome here.

It is our custom to receive the bread in the upturned palms of our hands, eat the bread immediately, and then take a sip from the chalice. Please grasp the bottom of the chalice to guide it to your lips. You may choose to dip the bread in the wine and then eat it, or you may leave the bread in your palm for the chalice-bearer to dip it in the wine and place on your tongue.

You may receive both the bread and the wine, or only the bread or only the wine, as you choose.

Gluten-free wafers are available; please let the minister know that you need one.

If you do not wish to receive communion you are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, indicating your desire by crossing your arms over your chest.

Concluding Rite

Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the shadows from before your path;
and the blessing of God Almighty—Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life—be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.
Dismissal  

Celebrant  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People  
Thanks be to God.

If you would like to pray with someone confidentially, for yourself or others, please come forward to the altar rail.

This bulletin is yours to keep.
Comfort at Christmas
A SERVICE FOR THOSE IN GRIEF OR LOSS

Tuesday, December 17  6pm
ST. PAUL’S CHAPEL

Not everyone experiences the holidays as a time of joy and cheer.

Join us for meditative music, prayer, and a quiet space for comfort and support.

Music by Anne Damassa Graff.

Refreshments will be served.

Information:
Amiriz at asanchez@trinitywallstreet.org

'Twas The Night Before Christmas
Sunday, December 15, 3pm

Church of the Intercession
550 West 155th Street

Reception at Trinity Church Cemetery and Mausoleum

For more than 100 years, the Church of the Intercession, a former Trinity chapel, has hosted a reading of “A Visit from St. Nicholas,” better known as “‘Twas the Night Before Christmas.” This year, the poem will be read by Kaity Tong, weekend anchor of Emmy Awarding-winning PIX11 News.

The reading will be followed by a procession to the Trinity Cemetery for a short service in memory of Clement Clarke Moore, author of the poem and son of the sixth Trinity Rector Benjamin Moore.

intereccionnyc.org  212.283.6200
FOR VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS

Welcome to Trinity Church and St. Paul’s Chapel. We’re glad you’re here. Come connect with us:

CONNECT Introduce yourself to our clergy, ushers, or greeters. To learn more about membership, baptism, or confirmation, or to receive emails about upcoming Trinity events, fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate. You can access the welcome card digitally by texting “TRINITY” to 28259.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR Visit with fellow worshippers over coffee and small bites after all Sunday services.

TAKE A TOUR Learn more about St. Paul’s Chapel following the 11:15am service. Gather by the pulpit where a docent will guide you around our historic building.

NURSERY CARE (six months through age 5)
11am–1pm, St. Paul’s Chapel
The nursery is found in the Chapel of Remembrance, the small room in the southwest corner of the Chapel.

TODAY

Farewell to Daniel Simons
10am, 14 Vesey St.
Come spend some time with Father Daniel Simons as he prepares to begin a new chapter as priest-in-charge of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Norwalk, Connecticut. There will be light food, coffee, and a special card-making station for writing notes of blessing and farewell as Father Daniel concludes his 11-year ministry with us.

Whole Community Learning
10am, 14 Vesey St.
Guided by young storytellers and Fr. Daniel Simons, participants will gather to remember and celebrate their family cultures, homes, and backgrounds, naming the things that stood out from their diverse childhoods. Journey with fellow parishioners of all ages in a pilgrimage through seasons of growth and change.

Pre-K–1st grade in Godly Play, 4th floor at 14 Vesey St.; 2nd–5th grades on 2nd floor at 14 Vesey St.; toddlers–young threes in the St. Paul’s Chapel Nursery. Information: trinitywallstreet.org/wholecommunity.

Trinity Men: Brown Bag Volunteering
12:30pm, St. Paul’s Chapel
Trinity Men build fellowship through social events, service opportunities, and breaking bread together. Today, gather to pack Brown Bag lunches. You’re also invited to stay longer to help set up distribution and serve lunch at 2:15pm. Information: TrinityChurchMen@gmail.com.

Visit to the Museum of Jewish Heritage
1pm, 36 Battery Place
Auschwitz: Not Long Ago, Not Far Away is the most comprehensive exhibition dedicated to the history of Auschwitz and its role in the Holocaust ever presented in North America, and an unparalleled opportunity to confront the singular face of human evil—one that arose not long ago and not far away. Sponsored by Trinity’s Visual Arts committee. A $5 donation for tickets is required. Details: Melissa Hayes at mhayes@trinitywallstreet.org.

Festival of Lessons and Carols for Advent
3pm, St. Paul’s Chapel
A cherished holiday tradition for congregations around the world, the service of Lessons and Carols for Advent tells the Christmas story through readings and musical illuminations, with Downtown Voices, St. Paul’s Chapel Choir, and the Trinity Youth Chorus; and Stephen Sands, Melissa Attebury, Janet Yieh, and Anne Damassa Graff, conductors. Prelude begins at 2:45pm.

’Twas the Night Before Christmas Reading
3pm, Church of the Intercession
A holiday reading of the beloved Clement Clarke Moore poem with Kaity Tong, Emmy Award-winning weekend anchor of PIX11 News. After the reading, join St. Nicholas in a lantern procession and wreath-laying at Moore’s tomb at Trinity Church Cemetery and Mausoleum, followed by a festive reception. Information: 212.283.6200 or intercessionnyc.org.
Last Day to Register: Family Retreat
Register today, Dec. 27–Jan. 1, Trinity Retreat Center
Register today for our Family New Year's Retreat in Connecticut. Enjoy walks in the woods, cocoa by the fireplace, arts and crafts, live music, and snow on nearby Mohawk Mountain. Meet wild animals native to Trinity Forest when the White Memorial Nature Conservancy visits, and watch a movie in your pajamas. We’ll ring in the New Year with a sparkling toast! Please feel free to invite your friends. Recommended for families with children through high school. Register: trinitywallstreet.org/familyretreats.

The Giving Tree
There’s still time to give back this holiday season—help us ensure all our mission partners receive gifts in time for Christmas! Select a digital gift tag today at trinitywallstreet.org/givingtree.

EVERY SUNDAY
The Gospel, Times, Journal, and You
10am, 14 Vesey St., 4th Floor

ParentSpace
10am, 14 Vesey St., 4th Floor
Parents are invited to gather for a time of sharing and support facilitated by Julia Kristeller from the Psychotherapy & Spirituality Institute. Information: Ellen Andrews at eandrews@trinitywallstreet.org.

Trinity Youth Meet-Up
After the 9:15am service, St. Paul's Chapel
All 6th–12th graders are invited to meet at the back of St. Paul’s Chapel. At 10am, we’ll make our way to a local coffee shop to grab a coffee (or tea, juice—whatever!) and talk about whatever is on our minds and hearts.

Compline by Candlelight
8pm, St. Paul's Chapel
Find peace and stillness as you end one week and begin the next. Come as you are, find a seat, and hold a candle. For thirty minutes, let mantra-like, chant-based improvised music by The Choir of Trinity Wall Street wash over you.

BROWN BAG LUNCH MINISTRY
Available to All, Served Daily
Sundays, 2pm; Monday–Saturday, 12:45pm
breakfast: Friday and Saturday, 8:30am
St. Paul's Chapel
Volunteer at trinitywallstreet.org/brownbag.

EVERY WEEK
Serve Others
Brown Bag Lunch Packing | Sundays, 12:30pm; Wednesdays, 11:15am; Fridays, 10am; St. Paul’s Chapel
To volunteer, visit trinitywallstreet.org/brownbag.

Reading Night at Family Shelter | Tuesdays, 6:15pm; Brooklyn | Read aloud to young children at a shelter for women and babies. Background check required. Information: trinity.kianga@gmail.com.

Delve Deeper
The Broad Way Bible Study | Mondays, 1pm, through Dec. 16; Trinity Church, Chapel of All Saints | Bring your lunch and join Bob Scott for lively discussion and fellowship. Information: bscott@trinitywallstreet.org.

Expand and Explore Your Spirituality
Catch Your Breath | Wednesdays, 1pm; Trinity Church, Chapel of All Saints | Stop by for a time of stillness and centering and a brief meditation. Information: Ellen Andrews at eandrews@trinitywallstreet.org.

Meditation and The Universal Christ | Wednesdays, 6:30pm, through Dec. 18; Online | Join our online meditation group. Practice consists of 30 minutes of guided meditation and 30 minutes of contemplative reflection exploring our common identity in a Christ-infused world. Register: ChristianFormation@trinitywallstreet.org.

Scripture, Reflection, & Compline | Tuesdays, 6pm; Trinity Church, Chapel of All Saints | Gather for spiritual nourishment and fellowship. NOTE: No gathering December 17, 24, and 31.

Trinity Book Club | Fridays, 6pm; Trinity Church, Chapel of All Saints | Discuss the mysteries of the Christian faith through the medium of
literature. Information: Yunjeong Seol at yseol@trinitywallstreet.org. **READING:** 30-Day Journey with St. Hildegard of Bingen.

**Enjoy the Company of Others**

**New Beginnings | Thursdays, 10am; New Location:** 76 Trinity Place, 6th Floor | Trinity’s ministry of seniors meets for gentle yoga, Bible study, and participation in the noonday service. We also exchange news, sponsor programs and excursions of interest to those 60 and over and their friends of all ages, and encourage participation in all phases of Trinity life. RSVP to Amiriz Sanchez at asanchez@trinitywallstreet.org.

**THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday, December 17**

**Comfort at Christmas**
6pm, St. Paul’s Chapel
A service for those in grief or loss. Not everyone experiences the holidays as a time of joy and cheer. Join us for meditative music, prayer, and a quiet space for comfort and support. Led by the Rev. Alfred Loua and the Rev. Kristin Miles. Music by Anne Damassa Graff. Refreshments will be served. Information: Amiriz Sanchez at asanchez@trinitywallstreet.org.

**Thursday, December 19**

**Pipes at One**
1pm, St. Paul’s Chapel
This series showcases leading organists and rising stars from around the country and highlights the celebrated three-manual Noack organ at St. Paul’s Chapel. **THIS WEEK:** Karen Christianson, organ.

**Trinity Men: Core Planning Meetings**
6:30pm, Offsite
Join Kevin Grant, the Rev. Alfred Loua, and other men from Trinity as they plan ongoing and upcoming events for the men of the church. Refreshments served. RSVP: TrinityChurchMen@gmail.com.

**Saturday, December 21**

**Messiah Webcast**
7:30pm, Online
Experience “the essential New York Messiah” (*The New York Times*) from the comfort of home. Trinity’s presentation, featuring The Choir of Trinity Wall Street and Trinity Baroque Orchestra, will be livestreamed on Facebook and trinitywallstreet.org.

**LIVING YOUR VALUES RETREATS**

Take some time away from the daily busymessy to contemplate Trinity’s core values—faith, integrity, inclusiveness, compassion, social justice, and stewardship—and how you express these values in your everyday living. We’ll begin with thought-provoking teaching, then spend time in prayerful introspection and quiet exercises with poetry and art, meditation, and natural woodland beauty, all fueled by delicious, wholesome farm-to-table meals. You’ll come away renewed and inspired, and ready to live your values more fully in the world.

**January 10–12**
FAITH with Nancy Haught, Joseph Rose, and Heidi Rose

**March 13–15**
INTEGRITY with Diana Butler Bass and Kathy Bozzuti-Jones

**July 17–19**
INCLUSIVENESS with Janet Yieh

**August 21–23**
COMPASSION with Sr. Promise Atelon, SSM

**October 30–November 1**
SOCIAL JUSTICE with Pádraig Ó Tuama

**November 13–15**
STEWARDSHIP with Wendy Claire Barrie

trinityretreatcenter.org

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**Family Eucharist with Christmas Pageant**
December 22, 9:15am, St. Paul’s Chapel
A 45-minute service for families and children of all ages, featuring a Christmas pageant, hymns, and the Trinity Youth Chorus. Want to be part of the pageant? Find details under Bulletin Board.

**Compline: A Ceremony of Carols**
December 22, 8pm, St. Paul’s Chapel
The Trinity Youth Chorus presents *A Ceremony of Carols*, Britten’s marvelous setting of ancient Christmas texts that sparkles with the wonder of the season.
BOOK A RETREAT
Trinity Retreat Center in West Cornwall, Connecticut, is a place of spiritual growth for all of God's people, dedicated to forming community, fostering wellness, and celebrating Creation. As a mission of Trinity, we offer affordable rates.

Rest and Renewal
February 14–17, April 9–12, July 3–6

Love is the Meaning
Weekend Lenten Retreat
March 15–17

Birds of the Air:
A Spiritual Birdwatching Retreat
May 8–10

Parish Group Retreat
Pick your own 2021 dates
And many more!
Book at trinityretreatcenter.org.

COMING SOON
Finding the Right School
January 4, 11am, St. Paul's Chapel
Do you need help finding the right public school for your child? In this workshop, Pamela Wheaton, an expert on New York City public schools, founder of School Scout NYC, and co-founder of InsideSchools, helps families understand and navigate the application process for 3-K, Pre-K, kindergarten, and gifted and talented programs. Free. Sponsored by Trinity's Families and Children subcommittee. Child care is available with a reservation by Jan. 2. Reserve childcare or RSVP: kcarroll@trinitywallstreet.org.

Sunday Afternoon Music
January 5, 3pm, St. Paul's Chapel
This afternoon’s music recital features bassist Jeremy McCoy and pianist Aurelia Mika Chang performing works by Domenico Dragonetti, Reinhold Gliere, Arni Egilsson, and Vilmos Montag. Reception follows. Admission is free. All are welcome. Sponsored by Trinity Congregational Arts Allegro. Information: Deborah Hope at dehope@ix.netcom.com or Mikako Kumagai at mikako.kumagai@gmail.com.

Retreat: Walking with Sacred Strangers
January 10–12, Trinity Retreat Center
Jesus taught us that hospitality—especially how we welcome the stranger—is at the heart of how we practice our faith. Trinity Retreat Center executive directors Joseph and Heidi Rose will be joined by Nancy Haught, the acclaimed author of Sacred Strangers: What the Bible's Outsiders Can Teach Christians, to lead a weekend focusing on faith, one of Trinity Church Wall Street's core values. The retreat will incorporate contemplative prayer, food, art, writing, and music as invitations to the Holy Spirit to walk with us in making our personal encounters meaningful acts of hope and faith. Details and registration at trinityretreatcenter.org.

REV. 23 at the Prototype Festival
January 17 and 18, Gerald W. Lynch Theater
Lauded as an “an endlessly unfolding chain of highly controlled polystylism” (Boston Musical Intelligencer), Julian Wachner’s opera REV. 23 is an exploration of an “unpublished” new chapter of the Book of Revelation. With an audacious libretto by Cerise Lim Jacobs, this new striking production by director James Darrah takes us on a fantastical journey through the myths of our collective unconscious. Tickets at prototypefestival.org.

BULLETIN BOARD
Last Call: Christmas Pageant Casting
Last call for all angels, shepherds, magi, and assorted barnyard animals! This year’s Christmas Pageant will be held during the 9:15am service on Sunday, December 22. There is one mandatory rehearsal on Saturday, December 21, 9:30am–12pm, at St. Paul’s Chapel. To sign up, email Wendy Barrie at wbarrie@trinitywallstreet.org with your child’s name, age, and preferred role.

Nativity Puppeteers Needed
Teens and adults are needed to operate the 16 giant puppets for the Nativity at the 3pm Christmas Eve Family Eucharist. Two narrators are also needed. Rehearsal is on Tuesday, December 24, 11am–1pm, at St. Paul’s Chapel, and will be followed by lunch. If you would like to be a puppeteer or narrator, email Wendy Barrie today at wbarrie@trinitywallstreet.org.

You're Invited: Tour Trinity Commons
Guided tours of Trinity Commons will be open to adult parishioners beginning winter 2020. For information or to reserve space on a tour, email TrinityCommons@trinitywallstreet.org.
Celebrate Christmas and Epiphany at Trinity Church Wall Street

Christmas Eve
There will be morning prayer at 8:15am and 9am at Trinity’s Chapel of All Saints on Christmas Eve, but no 12:05pm service.

Christmas Eve Family Eucharist
3pm, St. Paul’s Chapel
A simple service with families in mind, featuring traditional Christmas carols, children’s sermon, giant puppets telling the story of the Nativity, and the Trinity Youth Chorus. There is no incense at this service.

Christmas Eve Choral Prelude and Festive Eucharist
6pm, Trinity Church
This traditional celebration begins at 5:20pm with a 40-minute prelude of Bach’s Christmas Oratorio: Part 1, BWV 248 and congregational carols, followed by Festive Eucharist (beginning at 6pm). Music is provided by The Choir of Trinity Wall Street, the St. Paul’s Chapel Choir, the Trinity Youth Chorus, and the Trinity Baroque Orchestra, with Christmas carols and hymns sung by the congregation. Please note: There will be incense at this service. Nursery care and stroller parking will be provided.

Christmas Eve Choral Prelude and Festive Eucharist
9pm, Trinity Church
This traditional celebration begins at 8:20pm with a 40-minute prelude of Bach’s Christmas Oratorio: Part 1, BWV 248 and congregational carols, followed by Festive Eucharist (beginning at 9pm). Music is provided by The Choir of Trinity Wall Street, the St. Paul’s Chapel Choir, the Trinity Youth Chorus, and the Trinity Baroque Orchestra, with Christmas carols and hymns sung by the congregation. Please note: There will be incense at this service; a quiet room will be available.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Midnight Mass
12am, St. Paul’s Chapel
Trinity Wall Street’s annual candlelight Christmas Eve Eucharist, with congregational carol singing, and special music by The Choir of Trinity Wall Street. Please note: There will be incense at this service.

Christmas Day
There will be no 12:05pm service on Christmas Day. Churchyards will be open 8am–4pm.

Christmas Day Festive Eucharist: The Nativity of Our Lord
11:15am, Trinity Church
A Eucharist in celebration of Christmas with music provided by The Choir of Trinity Wall Street and congregational hymns and carols.

Feast of the Epiphany
Epiphany Family Eucharist
January 6, 6pm, Trinity Church
An intergenerational family-friendly Eucharist with music from The Choir of Trinity Wall Street and a procession of giant puppets to help tell the Epiphany story.

For more information, visit trinitywallstreet.org/christmas.
Parish Center Closing and Meeting Location Changes

In October, Trinity’s lease for the Parish Center expired and the Parish Center closed. Until Trinity Commons opens, regular congregation meetings will change locations, meet less frequently, or go on hiatus. Trinity clergy and staff have held in-depth planning meetings to determine the impact on each program previously hosted at the Parish Center and have determined the following schedules.

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SUNDAY GROUPS
- Whole Community Learning will be held at 14 Vesey St. through December 22.
- The Gospel, Times, Journal, and You will meet at 14 Vesey St. through December 22.
- On hiatus: Breaking Bread

WEEKDAY GROUPS
- The Broad Way Bible Study will meet in the Chapel of All Saints through December 16.
- New Beginnings meets at 76 Trinity Place, 6th Floor.
- Scripture, Reflection, & Compline Bible Study will be held in Chapel of All Saints until December 31.
- Resource Open Hours (Wednesday afternoons) and SNAP sign-up (Friday afternoons) will be held at St. Paul’s Chapel in the 9/11 Chapel of Remembrance.
- Online: Meditation and The Universal Christ
- On hiatus: The Family Table; Married Life; Trinity Cares

OPTIONAL MEETING SPACES
To provide meeting times for various congregational groups and committees not listed above, St. Paul’s Chapel is being reserved for congregational use from 6–9 pm on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. The dates are as follows:

- January 13
- February 10
- March 9
- January 27
- February 24
- March 23

Groups meeting on these dates include:
Trinity Knitters; Achieving Racial Equity; Poets’ Corner; Task Force Against Racism/Prison Ministry; Kianga House Project; LGBT Concerns; Environmental Justice Group; Congregational Arts Leaders; Education Standing Committee and Subcommittees; Hospitality & Community Committee.

If you have questions about these arrangements, see your staff representative, your group leader, members of the Congregational Council, or contact Lynn in the communications office: lgoswick@trinitywallstreet.org.
Trinity Church Rejuvenation Update
Trinity Church has embarked on a rejuvenation project to enhance the overall worship experience, make spaces accessible and welcoming, upgrade technology and infrastructure, and address deferred maintenance. To allow the work to proceed as efficiently as possible, the nave, or main body, of Trinity Church is closed until the work is substantially complete, in the spring of 2020 or possibly sooner. Update: Scaffolding has been deconstructed and removed; stained glass windows, pendant lights, the altar, and mosaics in the reredos have been installed. The pews are scheduled to be installed beginning December 16 and flooring is being completed. Want to see the rejuvenation up close? You can follow the work at trinitywallstreet.org/rejuvenation.

Emails from the Rector, Vicar, or Staff
Recently several parishioners have received fraudulent emails from senders claiming to be the Rector, the Vicar, or another member of Trinity’s staff. If you receive an email from anyone asking you to listen to a forwarded voice mail, do a favor (e.g., buy a gift card), or otherwise engage in an activity that sounds suspicious, please delete the email. You can report the incident to lgoswick@trinitywallstreet.org.

The Sisters are In
10:30–11:45am, Weekdays, Chapel of All Saints
A Sister of St. Margaret is available for anyone who needs to talk, pray, or just sit with someone.

Flower Donations
Have flowers dedicated in honor or memory of a loved one or in celebration of a life event. A suggested donation of $150 to the Trinity Flower Fund begins the process. Information: flowers@trinitywallstreet.org.

Trinity’s Online Gift Shop
The online Trinity Gift Shop is a great place to purchase gifts, books, music by Trinity ensembles, jewelry, devotional items, and pieces pertaining to Trinity’s history and 9/11 ministry. Parishioners always receive 20% off at the Trinity gift shop with the code PARISH20. Free shipping is always included with your order. Visit trinitygiftshopnyc.com.

IN OUR PRAYERS
This prayer list is cleared at the end of each month. To add names to the list, email worshipbulletin@trinitywallstreet.org or call 212.602.0800.

WE PRAY FOR
Cynthia Cartwright; Norma Rogers; Cynthia Smith; Maria George; Pearl Grady; Drew Pardus; Evadné Hodge; Adrian Prisecaru (husband of Donna Prisecaru); David Henry; Darlene Colon (cousin of Lenore Rivera); Michelle Oosterwal (daughter of Melba Duncan); Candida Rodriguez (mother of Lillian Martir); Maisy Curry; Kris Seeram (father of Mintrani Seeram); Michael Greer (cousin of Summerlee Staten); Ann Ajana; Celine Azoulay; Monique Berdugo; Siobhan Camas (friend of Caterina Borzomi-Ray); Christie Jeffers; Filomena Grijalvo (mother-in-law of Cora Grijalvo); But Ko Lo (father of Cora Grijalvo); Janice Carrero-Mosley (cousin of Pamela Mosley); Timmy Shiola and family; Erin Flynn Jay (daughter-in-law of Cindy Jay); Molly Quinn and family; Anna Bulgari (friend of Bill McCue); Matt O’Dell (friend of Bill McCue); Iya Antoinette M. Emers, Ayinde S. Emers-George, Michelle J. Hudson, Tiola Baker, and Stephanie Bernard; Karen Baumgartner (friend of Catherine Stanke); Janitz Valerio; Journalen, Lyndonna, and Vener Valerio (children of Janitz Valerio); Virginia and Alejandro Valerio (siblings of Janitz Valerio); Thomas Clark James and Barbara Jones (friends of Janitz Valerio); Carolyn Marie Parker; Ayinde S. Emers; Norma Diaz; Micheal Allwood; Tiola Baker; Catherine Stanke.

IN THE MILITARY
Oliver Barnyak (Alex Burns’ friend); Randall Middleton, Christine, and Sean Reardon (Evadné Hodge’s friends); Paul Watson; Peter Martinez (Beverly Ffolkes-Bryant’s friend); Michael Dunn; Gen. Cameron Holt (Katie Basquin’s friend); Zane Kupper; Margo Protain (Anesia Protain’s sister); Col. Stephen Ryan (friend of Bob Zito); Rob Jones (Megan Jones’ brother); SOC Ajay James, USN (friend of Bill McCue); Graham Scarbro, USN (nephew of Amy Roy); Wonjun Seol (Yunjeong Seol’s brother); Helen Guittard (Stephen Guittard’s wife).

ANGLOICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER
Pastoral Care
In case of illness, a death in the family, or other pastoral emergencies, call 917.488.0717 to reach a member of the Pastoral Team. For other pastoral needs, call 212.602.0800 and ask for Pastoral Care.

Congregational Voice
“And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day” (2 Timothy 1:11-12 NIV). God is stretching me, in good ways yet new ways. He asked, “Whom shall I send?” and I answered, “Me,” a long time ago. I shall not be moved. I’m trusting God because of what I know and believe. I’ve prayed the secret petitions of my heart. I refuse to let fear back in. I’m not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ. —Adrienne Gardner

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAYS
Holy Eucharist
8am | St. Paul's Chapel
9am | Chapel of All Saints, Trinity Church
Family Eucharist
9:15am | St. Paul's Chapel
Holy Eucharist
11:15am | St. Paul's Chapel
Compline by Candlelight
8pm | St. Paul's Chapel

WEEKDAYS
8:15am, 9am Monday–Friday | Morning Prayer
Chapel of All Saints, Trinity Church
12:05pm Monday–Friday | Holy Eucharist
followed by Healing Prayer
Chapel of All Saints, Trinity Church
5:15pm Monday–Friday (except Thursdays) | Evening Prayer
Chapel of All Saints, Trinity Church
5:15pm Thursdays | Evensong
Chapel of All Saints, Trinity Church

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL
congregationalcouncil@trinitywallstreet.org.
Meets 6–8pm, the third Tuesday of the month.
The next meeting is December 17 in the Chapel of All Saints.
RSVP: Summerlee Staten at sstaten@trinitywallstreet.org.

Ministry Night will be held at 6pm, the fourth Tuesdays in September and January.
The next ministry night will be January 28 at St. Paul’s Chapel.
RSVP: Summerlee Staten at sstaten@trinitywallstreet.org.

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All are welcome to attend these meetings.

To submit an item for publication, please email lgoswick@trinitywallstreet.org at least 10 days before you would like the announcement to appear.
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This service conforms to The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two, which begins on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Scripture readings are appointed by the Revised Common Lectionary (Episcopal) and are excerpted from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Psalm texts are taken from the St. Helena Psalter. Other liturgical elements may include materials compiled by Trinity Church staff from publications including Enriching Our Worship (EOW), Common Worship: Times and Seasons (CW/TS), the Book of Occasional Services (BOS), the prayer books of other member churches of the Anglican Communion, and other contemporary liturgical resources.

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