O ROOT OF JESSE’S STEM,
SIGN OF GOD’S LOVE
FOR ALL PEOPLE:
COME TO DELIVER US WITHOUT DELAY!
Welcome to St. Paul’s Chapel

Welcome to Trinity Church Wall Street, a vibrant and growing Episcopal parish of more than 1,500 members. Over the past 325 years, the fabric of Trinity has been woven by the Spirit from the lives and gifts of diverse people; their desire to live their faith through worship, service, study, and stewardship; and the ever-evolving life of New York City itself.

Our parish is guided by its mission to share God’s love for all people. Together, we seek to build relationships with one another and with our neighbors, to cultivate compassion, to deepen our knowledge and spiritual practices, to work for justice rooted in essential human dignity, and to live as conscientious contributors to the life of our city and the Anglican Communion worldwide. As we grow together in service and love, we know ourselves, first and foremost, as followers of Jesus.

We are delighted to welcome you today; thank you for the gift of your participation and prayers. If you are new to Trinity, please introduce yourself to a member of the clergy.

About this Service

The Festival of Lessons and Carols for Advent holds a special place in Anglican and Episcopal traditions. Through song and scripture, it celebrates the beginning of the new Church year, and it leads us through a chronological narrative of readings stretching from ancient prophesies in the Hebrew Scriptures about a future Messiah to the final Gospel account of the angel Gabriel’s annunciation to Mary.

The Advent hymns we sing today have been chosen to complement and illuminate the readings; the texts of many of these hymns speak to the themes of preparation, prophecy, and the promise of Christmas. The anthems performed by our choirs include pieces by British composers familiar to our tradition of Anglican music—Benjamin Britten, Herbert Howells, Gustav Holst, Donald Cashmore, and Sally Beamish—as well as works by Michael Praetorius and American composer Paul Manz.

Source: TCWS liturgical and music staff
Lessons and Carols

Masks are welcome and encouraged but not required.
We have masks available for those who wish to wear one.

Prelude

Bogoroditse Dyevo

Bogoroditse Dyevo, raduisya,
Blagodatnaya Mariye,
Gospod s toboyu.
Blagoslovyena ty v zhenakh,
i blagoslovyen plod chryeva tvoyevo,
yako Spasa rodila yesi dush nashikh.

Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)

Bogoroditse Dyevo, raduisya,
Rejoice, virgin mother of God,
Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blagodatnaya Mariye,
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb,
for you have borne the Savior of our souls.
Gospod s toboyu.
—Luke 1:28

Matin Responsory

At the sound of the bell, please stand.
Sung by the choir.

I look from afar:
and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.
Go ye out to meet him and say:
Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

High and low, rich and poor, one with another,
Go ye out to meet him and say:
Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,
Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Words: translated from an early medieval Roman rite
Music: adapted from a Magnificat by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594);
Processional Hymn

The choir sings verses 1 and 2.
The congregation joins in singing verses 3 and 4.

Choir

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
And manifest thy virgin-birth:
Let ev’ry age adoring fall:
Such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will,
But of the Spirit, Thou art still
The Word of God in flesh arrayed,
The promised Fruit to man displayed.

All

O equal to the Father, Thou!
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
And darkness breathe a newer light,
Where endless faith shall shine serene,
And twilight never intervene.

Words: Ambrose of Milan (c. 339-397); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)
Music: Puer nobis, German traditional melody; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621);
arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)
Officiant

Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go to Bethlehem, to see the infant lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience to the glorious redemption brought to us by God’s holy Child, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died—especially in this country and within this city.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us remember in Christ’s name the poor and the needy; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and unloved; our elders and our young; and all those who do not yet know the love of Jesus.

Lastly, let us remember before God his blessed Mother and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light: that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

All these prayers and praises we humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words that Jesus taught us:

All

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.

Officiant

May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.

All

Amen.

Please be seated.
The First Reading

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.”

The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”
Deo gracias! Deo gracias!
Adam lay ibounden,
Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter
Thought he not to long.

And all was for an appil,
An appil that he tok,
As clerkès finden
Written in their book.

Né had the appil takè ben,
The appil takè ben,
Né haddè never our lady
A ben hevenè quene.

Blessèd be the time
That appil takè was.
Therefore we moun singen:
*Deo gracias!*

—15th-century Christian text
Hymn

Please stand.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
Music: Psalm 42, melody Claude Goudimel (1514-1572)

Please be seated.
The Second Reading

Reader

God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.
Anthem

Here Is the Little Door *from* Three Carol Anthems

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Here is the little door, lift up the latch, O lift!
We need not wander more but enter with our gift;
Our gift of finest gold,
Gold that was never bought nor sold;
Myrrh to be strewn about His bed;
Incense in clouds about His head;
All for the Child that stirs not in His sleep,
But holy slumber holds with ass and sheep.

Bend low about His bed, for each He has a gift;
See how His eyes awake, lift up your hands, O lift!
For gold, He gives a keen-edged sword,
(Defend with it Thy little Lord!)  
For incense, smoke of battle red,  
Myrrh for the honoured happy dead;  
Gifts for his children, terrible and sweet,  
Touched by such tiny hands and oh such tiny feet.

—Frances Chesterton (1869-1938)
Hymn

Please stand.

1 O come, O come, Em-man-uel, and ransom captive Is-ra-el, that mourns in lonely exile all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge here until the Son of God appear. Re-joice! Re-joice!

2 O come, thou Wis-dom from on high, who or-derest show, and teach us in her ways to go. Em-man-uel shall come to thee, O Is-ra-el!

Words: Latin, c. 9th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940, alt.
Music: Veni, veni, Emmanuel, plainsong, Mode 1; Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

Please be seated.
The Third Reading

Baruch 4:36—5:9

Reader

The scribe Baruch urges the people to look east because salvation is at hand.

Look toward the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.

For God will give you evermore the name, “Righteous Peace, Godly Glory.”

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God’s command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Anthem

Ave Maria

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum:
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, pray for us. Amen.

—Antiphon for the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)
1 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding: “Christ is nigh,” it seems to say;
2 Wakened by the solemn warning, from earth’s bondage let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heaven;
4 So when next he comes with glory, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son,

Words: Latin, c. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt.
Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889)
The Fourth Reading

Reader

The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.
Anthem

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen
(Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming)

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen
aus einer Wurzel zart,
wie uns die Alten sungen,
von Jesse kam die Art
und hat ein Blümlein bracht
mitten im kalten Winter,
wohl zu der halben Nacht.

Das Röslein, das ich meine,
davon Jesaia sagt,
hat uns gebracht alleine
Marie, die reine Magd.
Aus Gottes ew’gem Rat
hat sie ein Kind geboren
wohl zu der halben Nacht.

Das Blümlelein so kleine,
das duftet uns so süß,
mit seinem hellen Scheine
vertreibt’s die Finsternis:
Wahr’ Mensch und wahrer Gott,
hilft uns aus allem Leide,
rettet von Sünd und Tod.

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621), v. 1;
Donald Cashmore (1926-2013), vv. 2-3

Lo, how a rose e’er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung.
Of Jesse’s lineage coming,
as men of old have sung.
It came, a floweret bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah ’twas foretold it,
the Rose I had in mind;
with Mary we behold it,
the virgin mother kind.
To show God’s love aright,
she bore to us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.

O flower, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
dispels with glorious splendor
the darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
from sin and death now save us,
and share our every load.

—German, 15th cent.
Hymn

Hymnal 76, vv. 1, 4-5

Please stand.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876), alt.

Please be seated.
The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.
Anthem

Gabriel’s Message    Traditional Basque carol, arr. William Llewellyn (1907-2001)

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
“All hail,” said he, “thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favour’d lady,” Gloria!

“For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honour thee.
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold.
Most highly favour’d lady,” Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said.
“My soul shall laud and magnify his Holy Name.”
Most highly favour’d lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
“Most highly favour’d lady,” Gloria!

—Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

Welcome

The Rev. Michael A. Bird
Vicar
Anthem

E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Peace be to you and grace from him
Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood
That we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord,
The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come;
Sing holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,
For Christ is coming soon!

E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,
For Christ will be their All!

—Ruth Manz (1919-2008), after Revelation 22

Vesper Responsory

Please stand.
Sung by the choir.

Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;
Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.
Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

Words: translated from an early medieval Roman rite
Music: adapted from Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)
Collect

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

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Blessing

Officiant May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.
Recessional Hymn

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Music: Helmsley, melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778)
Postlude

In the Stillness

In the stillness of a church
Where candles glow,
In the softness of a fall
Of fresh white snow,
In the brightness of the stars
That shine this night,
In the calmness of a pool
Of healing light,
In the clearness of a choir
That softly sings,
In the oneness of a hush
Of angels’ wings,
In the mildness of a night
By stable bare,
In the quietness of a lull
Near cradle fair,
There’s a patience as we wait
For a new morn,
And the presence of a child,
Soon to be born.

—Katrina Shepherd (2007)

You are encouraged to take this bulletin with you.
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Welcome! We’re glad you’ve joined us today. To learn more about membership, baptism, or confirmation, or to receive emails about upcoming Trinity events, visit trinitywallstreet.org/connect or text “TRINITY” to 28259.

Nursery Care | Infants and Toddlers | 11am–1pm
The nursery is located across the pedestrian bridge in Trinity Commons. Feel free to ask an usher to show you the way. Register at trinitywallstreet.org/children.

EVERY SUNDAY

Discovery: Hospitality of the Table | 10am; Trinity Commons and Online
How are we physically and spiritually fed? Learn more in this series with Metha Balsavides, Trinity’s Program Coordinator for Outreach, and Regina Jacobs, chairperson of Trinity’s Hospitality committee. Information: trinitywallstreet.org/discovery.

Children’s Time | 10am; Trinity Commons
Children in Pre-K–5th grade are invited to learn and play together Sunday mornings. To register, visit trinitywallstreet.org/children.

The Gospel, Times, Journal, and You | 10am; Online

Trinity Youth Coffee Hour | 10am; Trinity Commons
All youth are invited to meet in the Parish Hall after the 9am service. We’ll head to the Community Kitchen for coffee, tea, and snacks. This is a great way to catch up with each other at the start of a new week. Email Fr. Matt Welsch at MWelsch@trinitywallstreet.org for more information.

EVERY WEEK

Delve Deeper

The Broad Way Bible Study | Mondays, 1pm; Online
Grab your lunch and join Bob Scott online for lively discussion and fellowship. To join, please email TheBroadWay@trinitywallstreet.org.

Expand and Explore Your Spirituality

Scripture, Reflection, and Compline | Tuesdays, 6pm; Online
Gather online for midweek spiritual nourishment and fellowship in gentle community. We’ll read the coming Sunday’s scripture, reflect and share insights, and close in prayer. To join, email PastoralCare@trinitywallstreet.org.

Contemplative Practice with Poetry | Wednesdays, 6:30pm; Online
Join for a practice of guided meditation and contemplative reflection with poets and artists for mutual spiritual support and growth, led by spiritual directors John Deuel and Dr. Kathy Bozzuti-Jones. To sign up, email ChristianFormation@trinitywallstreet.org.

Enjoy the Company of Others

The Sister Is In | Weekdays, 10:30–11:45am; Trinity Church
A Sister of St. Margaret is available for anyone who needs to talk, pray, or just sit quietly with someone.

New Beginnings | Thursdays, 9:30am–2:30pm; Trinity Commons and Online
Trinity’s ministry of seniors meets weekly for chair yoga, Bible study, 12:05pm Holy Eucharist, and lunch. To join, in person or online, email PastoralCare@trinitywallstreet.org.

Trinity Youth Afterschool | Weekdays, 2:30–6pm; Trinity Commons
From basketball and mindfulness to test prep and advocacy, Trinity Youth Afterschool offers sports, arts, academics, and other activities for youth. All activities are free and open to grades 6–12. See the schedule and sign up at trinitywallstreet.org/youth. Questions? Contact SK Doyle at SDoyle@trinitywallstreet.org.
Trinity Youth Group | Wednesdays, 6–8pm; Trinity Commons | Trinity Youth Group meets each Wednesday to take time to eat dinner, play games, and talk about what's on our minds—supported by our beliefs and by one another. Learn more at trinitywallstreet.org/youth.

THIS WEEK

Monday, December 5
When a Loved One Struggles
6:30–7:45pm, Online
Having a loved one who struggles with their mental and emotional health can be lonely and stressful. Caring for oneself is essential to support those you love. On Mondays through December 12, come be in shared company to help dispel the isolation. Dr. Peggy Barnett, psychotherapist at the Psychotherapy & Spirituality Institute, will facilitate. Register at trinitywallstreet.org/struggles. For information, email PastoralCare@trinitywallstreet.org.

Wednesday, December 7
Sacred Ground Information Session
5:30pm, Online
Join Trinity's Sacred Ground group starting in January. Created by The Episcopal Church, Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Through this curriculum, small groups walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism together, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. The curriculum focuses on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories. To learn more and register, contact Ruth Frey at RFrey@trinitywallstreet.org.

Thursday, December 8
Book Launch for Dr. Catherine Meeks
6:30–7:30pm, Online
Join Dr. Catherine Meeks, Executive Director of the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing in Atlanta, as we celebrate the arrival of her new book, The Night is Long but Light Comes in the Morning: Meditations for Racial Healing (Church Publishing, 2022). In conversation with Episcopal leaders, Dr. Meeks will invite us to come together, look inward, and reflect on the meaning of social justice and what it means to love one another. This event is co-sponsored by Church of the Heavenly Rest and Trinity Church Wall Street among other churches and organizations. Register at tinyurl.com/catherinemeeks.

Friday, December 9
Trinity Book Club
6:30–7:30pm, Online
Trinity Book Club meets weekly to discuss the mysteries of the Christian faith through the medium of literature. Past books have included Spirituality of the Psalms by Walter Brueggemann, Mysteries of Faith by Mark McIntosh, and Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again by Rachel Held Evans. On Fridays through December 16, we’ll read Art and Faith: A Theology of Making by Makoto Fujimura. For information about this series, visit trinitywallstreet.org/bookclub.

Handel’s Messiah
December 9–10, 7pm, Trinity Church
Trinity's ensembles are widely regarded as some of the greatest interpreters of the work. Don't miss “the best Messiah in New York” (The New York Times), featuring The Choir of Trinity Wall Street and Trinity Baroque Orchestra with renowned conductor Andrew Megill at the helm. Get tickets or save the date to watch online at trinitywallstreet.org/messiah.

NEXT SUNDAY

Breaking Bread: A Reflective Conversation
Sunday, December 11, 1–3pm, Trinity Commons
The Breaking Bread gatherings use the imagery of table fellowship to explore reflective conversations that nurture our growth in God. Open to all. Capacity is limited; registration is required. RSVP to Kyle Folk-Freund at KFolk-Freund@trinitywallstreet.org.
COMING SOON

Comfort at Christmas Eucharist
Wednesday, December 14, 5:30pm, Trinity Church
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. A light meal will be served. For more information, email PastoralCare@trinitywallstreet.org.

Artist at Advent Retreat
December 16–18, Trinity Retreat Center
Retreat with fellow artists for a weekend of creative expression sponsored by the Congregational Arts Standing Committee & Congregational Life. Join in group arts and crafts or bring your own projects to work on. We’ll watch movies, decorate cookies, make holiday crafts, and more. Space is limited; $100/room (scholarships available); transportation provided. All attendees are expected to participate in art activities. For more information, contact Melissa Mistry at MMistry@trinitywallstreet.org. Register by December 5 at trinitywallstreet.org/artsretreat.

Sunday Suppers
Sunday, December 18, 3pm, St. Paul’s Chapel
Members of the congregation of Trinity Church Wall Street and the neighboring community meet at St. Paul’s Chapel for Sunday Suppers, an opportunity for parishioners and their downtown neighbors to share a family-style hot meal, conversation, fellowship, and fun. If you’d like to help, volunteers are needed to set up, greet, serve, lead tables, and clean up. For more information about volunteering or attending, please email Kyle Folk-Freund at KFolk-Freund@trinitywallstreet.org.

Gingerbread House Workshop
Sunday, December 18, 11am–1pm, Trinity Commons
Join us for a festive workshop where we’ll decorate gingerbread houses. Children in kindergarten–5th grade and their families are invited to fellowship together in the spirit of the Christmas holidays and meet friends new and old. Spots are limited and attendees must be registered for Children & Families programs in advance. Hosted by the Children and Families Education Subcommittee. Register at trinitywallstreet.org/children.

Christmas Worship

Christmas Eve

Family Holy Eucharist
4pm†, Trinity Church
Children’s Christmas pageant and first Eucharist of Christmas with favorite hymns sung by the Trinity Youth Chorus.

Holy Eucharist
7pm, Trinity Church
Festival Eucharist with favorite hymns and anthems offered by The Choir of Trinity Wall Street with The Trinity Youth Chorus, St. Paul’s Chapel Choir, and NOVUS NY.

9pm†, 11pm, Trinity Church
Festival Eucharist with favorite hymns and anthems offered by The Choir of Trinity Wall Street and NOVUS NY.

Candlelight Compline
8pm†, Online
Join Trinity Retreat Center for live-streamed Candlelight Compline from the old stone chapel on Facebook Live and Instagram Live. Led by the Rev. Dr. Mark Francisco Bozzuti-Jones and staff, this brief service in the glow of candlelight will feature special prayers of hope, peace, solidarity, unity, and contemplation of God’s everlasting love for the season.

Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist
11:15am†, Trinity Church
The Nativity of Our Lord
Festival Eucharist with favorite hymns and anthems offered by The Choir of Trinity Wall Street.

† Livestreamed

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Hide & Seek Retreat
January 6–8, Trinity Retreat Center
Reading the Song of Songs with Poets
No book of the Bible maps the landscape of love—human and divine—like the Song of Songs. Unsurprisingly, some of the ancient poem’s best interpreters have been poets. Venture into the Song of Songs at this winter retreat and explore the ups and downs of life with a God who comes and goes and comes again. Learn more at trinityretreatcenter.org.

Youth Songwriting Course
Mondays, Jan. 9–Mar. 13, 5–6pm, Trinity Commons
Explore the craft of writing and producing your own music with Trinity’s renowned teaching artists in a songwriting course. Open to enrolled Trinity Youth. Register at trinitywallstreet.org/youth.

Into the Word
Thursdays, January 19–April 13, Trinity Commons
Do you have questions about the Bible? How can today’s reader make sense of these ancient texts, and what does it take to interpret Scriptures responsibly? Join Trinity’s Faith Formation & Education team for an evening discussion series that goes beyond ordinary Bible study. We’ll explore your questions about the Bible and think together about what Scripture has to do with our beliefs, our traditions, and our personal lives. Over 11 sessions, we will be joined by leading clergy, teachers, and scholars representing different perspectives and backgrounds. All sessions will be held both online and in-person, with encouragement to join us at Trinity Commons for food and fellowship. Register at trinitywallstreet.org/word.

Poinsettia Dedications
Due Sunday, December 11
Poinsettias that will decorate Trinity Church for Christmas may be dedicated for a suggested donation of $25 each. Email Flowers@trinitywallstreet.org to submit your name and a dedication to be printed in the bulletin.

Lenten Meditations (Submissions Wanted)
Every spring, Trinity parishioners and staff write reflections or contribute art or a photo for each day in the season of Lent. These are gathered in a small booklet that is mailed to parishioners and made available to friends. If you’d like to contribute a meditation or artwork for 2023, please contact Luke Petrinovic at lukehpetrinovic@gmail.com and LentenMeditations@trinitywallstreet.org.

Trinity Retreat Center
West Cornwall, Connecticut

2023 Retreats
Head to West Cornwall, CT, for in-person retreats on spiritual themes and holidays. From the arts to creation and contemplation, from Celebrating Blackness to Thanksgiving feasts, explore our offerings and book early—or bring your group or plan a personal retreat to enjoy all the retreat center has to offer. Learn more and register at trinityretreatcenter.org.

Select In-Person Retreats
December 22–26 Christmas Retreat
March 3–5 Lenten Retreat

Online Offerings
Join online weekly services streamed live from the retreat center’s Facebook page at facebook.com/trinityretreatcenter:
Weekdays, 8pm Candlelight Compline
Saturdays, 12pm Sacred Pause: Saturday Prayers

See the full schedule and register at trinityretreatcenter.org
Be a Trinity Ambassador!
Share your gift of hospitality and love for Trinity with all who cross our threshold. Ambassadors are needed to welcome guests to Trinity Church, St. Paul's Chapel, and Trinity Commons in two-hour shifts from 10am–4pm on weekdays. Only two shifts every three months are required and training is provided. Learn more by contacting Maggy Laraque at TrinityAmbassadors@trinitywallstreet.org.

IN OUR PRAYERS
To add names to the list, email WorshipBulletin@trinitywallstreet.org or call 212.602.0800. Names are kept on the list for a month and can be added again upon request.

WE PRAY FOR
Cynthia Cartwright; Norma Rogers; Drew Pardus; Evadné Hodge; Erin Kerr; Goldbourne Browne; Susie Edwards; Ivy Gheler; Valerie Thurab; Eileen Hope; Jack Moody; Roland Stewart; Elizabeth Melillo; Roslyn Williams; Patti Bovers; Irene Horvath; Nola Mayers; Diana Foote; Candida Rodriguez (mother of Lillian Martir); Kris Seeram (father of Mintrani Seeram); Filomena Grijalvo (mother-in-law of Cora Grijalvo); Virginia “Ginny” Frey (mother of Ruth Frey); Melba Duncan; Michelle Oosterwal (daughter of Melba Duncan); Francesca Ciuffo and Angelica Ciuffo (granddaughters of Melba Duncan); Dale Baugh (brother of Gerald Baugh); Adrianna LaFia (grandniece of Al DiRaffaele); family of Joan Ffolkes; Melissa Attebury; Allison Cosentino, Andrew Sokolowski, and Robert Sokolowski (children of Ruth Cosentino); Claire; Scott Tallent (brother of Andrea Tallent); Mark Addison; Allison Smith and Alix Smith (stepsister of Mark Alvino and her daughter); Eduardo Richards (brother of Carla Richards); Sylvester Braithwaite (cousin of Carla Richards); Julia Gittens (friend of Carla Richards); Sue Groesbeck; Ezra Trombley (nephew of Julie Shahroudi); Julia Miller; Cynthia Layne and family (sister of Mildred Chandler); Philip; Sr. Ann Whittaker, SSM, and her family; Juan George and Joy George (brother and sister-in-law of Oliva George); Francis O’Connor, Blanche Wade, Pongjuntara Boonma, and Peter Goldstein (friends of Bill McCue); Deanna Logan and Walter Logan (mother and brother of Elijah Logan); Tanya Cumberbatch; Toni Foy and Jonathan Foy; Emily Presley (friend of Julie Shahroudi); family of Tracey Edwards Turner (cousin of Emory Edwards); Sammartano and Cipriano families (friends of Madeline Long); Polly Yee (friend of Sovannya Tan); the Rev. Mark Nestlehutt; Pattyrovato (mother of Adriana Ortiz); Brian Pottinger and Shirley Jackson (relatives of Beverly Ffolkes-Bryant).

IN THE MILITARY
Oliver Barnjak (Alex Burns’ friend); Randall Middleton, Christine and Sean Reardon (Evadné Hodge’s friends); Paul Watson; Peter Martinez (Beverly Ffolkes-Bryant’s friend); Michael Dunn;
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Zane Kupper; Margo Protain (Anesia Protain’s sister); Col. Stephen Ryan (friend of Bob Zito); Rob Jones (Megan Jones’ brother); Graham Scarbro, USN (nephew of Amy Roy); Helen Guittard (Stephen Guittard’s wife); Perry Brock.

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER
Pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Congregational Voice
“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV). Lord, we need you!

Please sweep across this nation and heal this land. Restore our strength, renew our minds, and banish everything that is not of you. In Jesus’s name we pray, Amen. —Nora Ervin

To submit a brief reflection to be featured in Congregational Voice, please email Beverly Ffolkes-Bryant at esmiechild@aol.com.

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 Care Team. For other pastoral needs, call 212.602.0800 and leave a detailed message. Someone will reach out as soon as possible.

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FLOWERS
Greenery will decorate the church during Advent.
To donate Christmas poinsettias, email Flowers@trinitywallstreet.org by Sunday, December 11.

This service is based on an Advent Festival of Lessons and Music, which begins on page 31 of the Book of Occasional Services 2003 (BOS), and features liturgical elements from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Scripture readings are excerpted from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Other liturgical elements may include materials compiled by Trinity Church staff (TCWS) from Common Worship: Times and Seasons (CW:TS) and other contemporary liturgical resources. An asterisk (*) denotes that the text is adapted from the original source material. Hymns come from The Hymnal 1982 and Carols for Choirs. Cover image: TCWS Creative Services staff.

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