



MASS | TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> 2021**

WELCOME TO  
HOLY TRINITY

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the largest progressive Lutheran body in the United States. As Lutherans, we go about Christianity in a Lutheran way, emphasizing that we are reconciled with God (justified) not by anything we do, but through and because of God's love, freely given (grace). We love questions more than quick fixes (paradox); we read the Bible in a way that honors it as the source and norm of faith, but not as a literal handbook. As Lutherans, we also lift up the gifts and capacity for ministry (vocation) that everyone holds.

Holy Trinity is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation welcoming all persons in Christ's name regardless of sexual orientation, race, ethnic origin, gender, class or other possible exclusionary distinctions. We seek an active commitment to inclusiveness in membership, evangelism, and social outreach. With a heart for the city, a passion for justice, and a commitment to the arts, we seek to be a place where all God's people will know they are loved. Welcome. We've been waiting for you. There is a place for you here.

UPDATED:  
COVID-19  
SAFETY  
INFORMATION

With the delta variant increasing in prevalence across the United States, the CDC and the NYS Department of Health have updated their guidance to advise wearing a mask indoors if you live in a place with substantial or high coronavirus transmission. (The guidance for people who are unvaccinated remains the same: Always mask up indoors in public places.) Despite high levels of vaccination in Manhattan, we remain in a region with substantial transmission.

Since we returned to in-person worship, the leadership at Holy Trinity has strived to keep you both healthy and at ease while in this sanctuary. In accordance with the latest CDC guidelines, we recommend that you continue to wear a mask at all times inside the building. Yes, we trust the science, and we want the gathered assembly to feel safe and loved. We appreciate your patience and understanding over the weeks and months ahead, as we continue to assure one another and our neighbors that Holy Trinity is a safe place to celebrate our community of faith in Jesus Christ.

A WORD ON  
RECEIVING THE  
EUCCHARIST

All are welcome at this table. Holy Trinity celebrates the Eucharist in both kinds. Pastor Weisman will distribute the bread, and the assisting ministers will distribute small cups containing white wine and red grape juice. **If we are communing with wafers this morning, gluten-free wafers are always available, just ask; if we are using homemade bread, our recipe at Holy Trinity is always gluten-free, dairy-free, and vegan.** After receiving the bread, move to the side before removing your mask to partake; do the same after receiving the cup. Then leave your empty cup on the small table near the side aisle.

If you do not yet feel at ease receiving the cup, take the bread alone, confident that Christ is fully present in only one element. If you do not yet feel at ease receiving either the bread or the cup, you may remain in your seat during distribution, knowing that this table is prepared for you and will continue to be open to you when you are ready. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

LIVE  
STREAMING AT  
HOLY TRINITY

Please be aware that worship this morning is being filmed, photographed, and live streamed on our YouTube channel. Your likeness and/or voice may be captured by our equipment. Please alert an usher at the entrance if you have any concerns. Selections from this live stream may be used on our website and/or in outreach messaging.

## GATHERING

*At the sound of the bell, we gather quietly.*

prelude

*When invited to stand, at this or at any time during this liturgy, please rise either in body or in spirit, as you are able and comfortable.*

*The presider announces the day. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

welcome

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*During the gathering hymn, the assembly turns to face the cross in procession.*

“Blessing and Honor”

1 Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r, wis - dom and  
2 Let all the heav - ens sound forth Je - sus' name; let all the  
3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy, ev - er de -  
4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb! Take we the

rich - es and strength ev - er - more, be to the Lamb who our  
earth sing his glo - ry and fame. O - cean and moun - tain, stream,  
scend - ing the love from on high; bless - ing and hon - or and  
robe and the harp and the palm; sing we the song of the

bat - tle has won, whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the  
for - est, and flow'r ech - o his prais - es and tell of his  
glo - ry and praise— this is the theme of the hymns that we  
Lamb who was slain, dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to

throne; whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne!  
pow'r; ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.  
raise; this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.  
reign; dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to reign!

*All may bow during the response, mirroring the presider.*

greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

prayer of the day

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly sits.*

## WORD

from the hebrew  
scriptures

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

<sup>1</sup>Naomi said to [Ruth,] “My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. <sup>2</sup>Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. <sup>3</sup>Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. <sup>4</sup>When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.” <sup>5</sup>She said to her, “All that you tell me I will do.”

<sup>4:13</sup>So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. <sup>14</sup>Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! <sup>15</sup>He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” <sup>16</sup>Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse.

<sup>17</sup>The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

*Silence is kept.*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

psalm 127

<sup>1</sup>Unless the Lord builds the house, their labor is in | vain who build it.  
Unless the Lord watches over the city, in vain the senti- | nel keeps  
vigil.

<sup>2</sup>It is in vain to rise so early and go to | bed so late;  
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil; for you, Lord, give sleep to |  
your beloved.

<sup>3</sup>Children are a heritage | from the Lord,  
and the fruit of the womb | is a gift.

<sup>4</sup>Like arrows in the hand | of a warrior  
are the children | of one’s youth.

<sup>†5</sup>Happy is the one whose quiver is | full of them!  
Such a one will not be put to shame when contending with  
enemies | in the gate.

*Silence is kept.*

from the christian  
scriptures

Hebrews 9:24-28

<sup>24</sup>Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup>Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; <sup>26</sup>for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup>And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, <sup>28</sup>so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

*Silence is kept.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*As the Gospel book is brought into the assembly, you are invited to turn to face the procession.*

from the  
holy gospel

Mark 12:38-44

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup>As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup>and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup>They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

<sup>41</sup>He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup>Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup>For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

*Silence is kept.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

sermon

The Reverend Nancy Rakoczy

*Silence is kept following the sermon. The assembly stands to sing.*



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.



5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

the apostle's creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the + resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

prayers of the  
people

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church,  
those in need, and all of God's creation.

*The assembly responds to each petition.*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

prayer for racial  
justice

Save us, O God, from ourselves, from racism often cloaked in pious words,  
from the machinations of white supremacy hidden in calls for civility, from  
microaggressions thinly veiled in arrogance, from apologies when they don't  
give way to action, from forgiveness without facing the truth, from  
reconciliation without reparation.

Deliver us, O God, from expecting siblings of color  
to continue to bear this emotional work, which is not theirs to do.  
Grateful for the long arc that bends toward justice, we pray: Grant us  
wisdom, give us courage for the facing of these days, by the power of the  
Spirit, in the name of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

the peace

*The assembly may bow, mirroring the presider.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Following the peace, the assembly sits.*

## MEAL

*To give towards the ministry of Holy Trinity, go to [tinyurl.com/giveHT](https://tinyurl.com/giveHT), scan the QR code to the right, or there's an offering receptacle near the entrance.*



## offertory

*When all is ready, the presider greets us and calls us to prayer.*

## offertory prayer

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*The assembly may bow, mirroring the presider.*

## the great thanksgiving

The lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

the proper  
preface

*The presider says: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, though our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

sanctus

**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 assembly participates in the words printed in bold.*

the eucharistic  
prayer

O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child. When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**  
Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen!**  
Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.  
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.  
O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one.  
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song,  
you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the  
nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit  
of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever, and let the church say, **Amen!**

*The presider introduces the prayer.*

the lord's prayer

**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 king, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.**

the invitation

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Taste and see that the Lord is  
good. **Thanks be to God!**

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*The assembly stands.*

blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

prayer after  
 communion

Let us pray. **We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING

final blessing  
(1 Thessalonians 5)

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold onto what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted. Support the weak. Help the suffering. Honor everyone. Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And may the blessing of almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*During the sending hymn, the assembly turns to face the cross in procession, as we physically orient ourselves towards the street and world in which we now take the Gospel.*



1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who  
2 In your day of loss and sor - row, in your  
3 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed  
4 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the  
5 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the



bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for peace and  
day of help - less strife, hon - or, peace, and love re -  
work and wast - ed play, call to mind the word of  
Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a world that  
cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our judge, our



jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless,  
treat - ing, seek the Lord, who is your life.  
Je - sus, “You must work while it is day.”  
spurns him, of - f’ring peace from Cal - v’ry’s hill.  
glo - ry. Be its name “The Lord is there!”

*The assembly sits for the postlude.*

postlude

dismissal                   The Mass is ended.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

SPECIAL THANKS TO

LECTOR	<b>Diane Belcher</b>
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## WELCOME

Please remember  
in your prayers

Ed Hannah  
Erin Roben  
Ahmad Haroon  
Dorothy Barritt  
Dolores Fernandez  
Betty & Duane  
Jennie  
Stephen Shea  
Joyce  
Marie Mutz  
Megan McCloskey  
Sawyer Bartell  
Jan Lindemann  
Barbara French  
Maria Jacobson  
Lory Larsen  
Leo Wright

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**If you would like to  
give altar flowers** in  
memory of a loved one  
or in commemoration  
of an event, contact  
Tommy Bricco at  
[tommy@holytrinitynyc.org](mailto:tommy@holytrinitynyc.org).

**If you are new to Holy Trinity**, we are glad you're here. Whether you've worshipped at Holy Trinity a thousand times or are here today for the first time, there will always be a place for you here.

## WORSHIP

**Welcome Pastor Nancy Rakoczy** who is preaching and presiding this morning while Pastor Tim Weisman is on vacation.

**Bach Vespers is back in person and online! We began the season last Sunday with the Mass in F, BWV 233. The next Bach Vespers will be Sunday, November 14th at 5pm with Bach's cantata 60 "O Ewigkeit, du Donnerwort"**

To view the announcement letter and Autumn/Advent calendar, visit <https://tinyurl.com/bb3asc98>.

The NYC Marathon is on November 7, which makes it somewhat difficult to get to Holy Trinity (thanks for being here!) **With that in mind, Holy Trinity will celebrate All Saints on November 14 instead of today.** On All Saints Sunday, we will remember all those who have gone before us, and we want to make sure as many as possible can participate. If you would like the name of a loved one(s) who died in the last year read during the service, please email their name(s) to [pastortim@holytrinitynyc.org](mailto:pastortim@holytrinitynyc.org).

Additionally, during Coffee Hour on November 14, **we will hold a special reception in memory of Bill Lutz**, a special saint of Holy Trinity who died last year. There will be cake :)

An in-person mid-week **Mass is back at Holy Trinity on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.** Wednesday Mass is live streamed on our YouTube channel and Facebook page as well, which you can access from our website: [holytrinitynyc.org/live](https://holytrinitynyc.org/live).

Coffee Hour continues in our Community Room. Out of love for our neighbors and for the health of this community, **we ask that only persons fully vaccinated against COVID-19 participate in Coffee Hour at this time.** The Community Room is located in the basement; stairs are located on either side of the doors that lead to Central Park West.

**Not getting Holy Trinity emails?** Sign up at [tinyurl.com/signupHT](https://tinyurl.com/signupHT).

## At a Glance

### Sunday Mass

Sundays at  
11:00 a.m.

*in-person and online*

### Mid-week Mass

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Sunday, 11/14  
5:00 p.m.

*Holy Trinity Nave*

### NYC Marathon Sunday

Sunday, 11/7

### All Saints Sunday observed with

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## COMMUNITY

**The Gifts of God for the People of God is our theme for our 2022 Annual Giving Campaign at Holy Trinity.** Co-chairing the Generosity Committee with Suzanne Hoglund offers me a bird's eye view of our congregation's overall generosity when it comes to opening wallets, writing checks, or using Tithe.ly to support our Faith Fellowship at the corner of 65th and Central Park West. Despite all the challenges experienced in 2021, the people of Holy Trinity gave gladly, loudly, and with generous hearts.

Though Giving Sunday has passed, we still invite you to turn in your Estimate of Giving form. **If you didn't received a letter, commitment form, and impact statement in the mail,** we need your address! Please send your address to [austin@holytrinitynyc.org](mailto:austin@holytrinitynyc.org). Thank you for your past generosity, and our gratitude for considering your commitment for 2022. Join us for a potluck luncheon after Mass! - *Michelle Peranteau, Generosity co-chair*

**Are you considering membership at Holy Trinity?** From time to time, Pastor Tim puts together an orientation for new members. In addition to participating in the life of the congregation, members of Holy Trinity are given opportunities for leadership in this church. If you're interested in more information about what membership means here, email [pastortim@holytrinitynyc.org](mailto:pastortim@holytrinitynyc.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS • • >

There is nothing like the power of strong female representation on the stage. The Open Gates Project presents its inaugural concert, "The Divine Feminine: Centering Women of Color in Early Music" on November 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity, **featuring an all women of color roster of artists.** Additional concerts will occur on November 13 and 14 in Queens and the Bronx. Tickets: \$15-\$30. Learn more: <https://www.holytrinitynyc.org/opengates>.



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