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Church Visit: Trinity Church

Due to its proximity to the university, I visited Trinity Wall Street Church, Trinity Church is a prominent ward church in the Episcopal See of New York. It is located in the Lower Manhattan financial district of New York City. It is at the Money Road and Broadway intersection. Trinity is a notable conventional high church for its set of experiences, setting, engineering, and assets. Concerning preachers, effort, and cooperation, it has a functioning area that is focused on the Episcopal Church and the worldwide Anglican Fellowship. Trinity has two chapels in addition to its main facility: Principal representatives Trinity once included the Congregation of the Mediation, Trinity Church Complex, and a variety of other Manhattan Anglican gatherings, as did the Island's St. Cornelius the Centurion House of Prayer and St. Paul's House of Prayer.

Richard Upjohn created the current structure, Trinity Church's third to be constructed, in the Neo-Gothic architectural style. Built in 1698 and destroyed in the Great New York City Fire of 1776, the first Trinity Church edifice was a rectangular, one-story church overlooking the Hudson River. Building the second Trinity Church, which was dedicated in 1790, involved crossing Wall Street. The current church structure was constructed between 1839 and 1846, and it stood as the tallest structure in both New York City and the United States until 1869 and 1890, respectively. Following the plans of architect Frederick Clarke Withers, a memorial altar and altarpiece were built in 1876–1877 in honor of William Backhouse Astor Sr. The church

structure is close to one of three utilized by the congregation. Trinity manages real estate properties with a combined value of more than \$6 billion as of 2019 in addition to its building. The main building of Trinity is both a New York City landmark and a National Historic Landmark. Additionally, it is a contributing property to the 2007 NRHP Wall Street Historic District.

My visit to this church made me understand that it was more of a destination for tourists than a place of worship. Only a small number of the persons I spoke to said they traveled there for religious reasons; most went for the church's beauty and the tourism. I was particularly pleased by the older man's history lesson when we spoke about the church. He was one of the few faithful members of that church. He told me that Governor Benjamin Fletcher gave the Church of England community permission to purchase land in Lower Manhattan in 1696 so that a new church could be built there. On May 6, 1697, King William III granted the parish a charter. 60 bushels of wheat were designated as the yearly rent.