

Christmas Children's Pageant
4:30 P.M., Thursday, December 24, 2016
Trinity Church in the City of Boston

WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

Merry Christmas to you and welcome! We are delighted to have you with us as we celebrate our Savior's birth, and we hope you will experience the joy and hope of the season in our service this evening.

If you are new to Trinity, we encourage you to return and join us in our year-round exploration of Christian faith and the difference it can make in our lives, and in living out God's love in this community and the world. To learn more about Trinity Church and the many ways to be part of this community, please fill out a welcome card in the pew in front of you or visit our website at trinitychurchboston.org. We look forward to getting to know you and sharing the journey with you.

May you know the blessings of Christmas this night and through the coming year.



The Rev. Samuel T. Lloyd III
Rector

The Christmas Pageant

We are so glad you are with us on this holy night! Our annual Christmas Pageant is designed for children of all ages and for the young at heart. The Pageant loosely follows a service of Christmas Lessons and Carols, and encourages your participation. Please read the information at the top of the next page to help your children take part in this fun celebration of the birth of Christ. We understand you may wish to take photographs or film video of parts of this service. For safety and for the enjoyment of everyone present, we ask that there be **no flash photography** at any time and that no one obscure the view of those sitting behind them. **Please turn off or silence all digital devices.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

Listening devices for the hearing impaired
and large print bulletins are available from an usher.
We look forward to greeting you after the service.

Sanya Malhotra, piano

Gathering

The pageant is designed to include all children present who wish to participate. At specific times, children will be invited to come forward, receive an appropriate headpiece or prop, and take their place at the manger scene. Little ones must be accompanied by parents.

Please enable all children to be a part of this joyous occasion by letting them sit or stand on your lap or on the pew.

Hymn in Procession 83 *All stand and sing.*

O come, all ye faithful (*Adeste fideles*)

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him, born the King of angels;*

Refrain:

*O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest;*

Refrain

*See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;*

Refrain

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;*

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

Remain standing.

Behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which will come to all the people.
For to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
Glory to God for ever and ever! **And peace to God's people on earth.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Good and gracious God, on this holy night you have given us your Son, the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes; the Savior of all, lying in a manger. On this holy night, draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with heaven's angels, that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds, that we may find the one for whom we have waited: Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

Be seated.

Word of God

The congregation is seated for the entire pageant—including hymns, carols, and lessons.

Small children are invited to stand so they can see.

First Reading: The Prophet foretells the birth of Christ

Isaiah 9:2, 6–7

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; a light has dawned on those living in the land of the shadow of death. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and he will be our ruler. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His power will never end, and his peace will last forever. He will rule David's kingdom and make it grow strong. He will rule with honesty and justice forever. The power of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Hymn 79 *Remain seated. All sing.*

O little town of Bethlehem (*St. Louis*)

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

*For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth.*

Words by Phillips Brooks, Rector of Trinity Church, Boston, 1869–1891

Second Reading: The appearance of the Angel

Luke 1:26–33, 38

God sent the angel Gabriel to the village of Nazareth in Galilee. Gabriel spoke to a young woman engaged to be married to a man descended from the ruler, David. His name was Joseph, and the girl's name was Mary. Gabriel said to her, "Greetings, favored one! God be with you!" But Mary was frightened, wondering what was behind a greeting like that. But the angel assured her, "Mary, you have nothing to fear. God has a surprise for you. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son and call his name Jesus. He will be great and be called 'Son of the Highest.' The Lord God will give him the throne of David and he will rule Jacob's house forever and there will be no end to his kingdom." Mary listened to everything the angel told her and she said, "Yes, I see it all now. I am the Lord's servant. Let it be with me just as you say." And the angel left her.

*During the hymn, **stars** proceed to the front.*

Hymn 102 *Remain seated. All sing.*

Once in royal David's city (*Irby*)

*Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.*

*He came down to earth from heaven,
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, the scorned, the lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.*

*Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing round,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
where his saints his throne surround:
Christ, revealed to faithful eye,
set at God's right hand on high.*

Third Reading: The decree of Augustus

Luke 2:1–7

In those days Emperor Augustus gave orders for the names of all the people to be listed in record books. These first records were made when Quirinius was governor of Syria. Everyone had to go to their own hometown to be listed. So Joseph had to leave Nazareth in Galilee and go to Bethlehem in Judea. Long ago Bethlehem had been King David's hometown, and Joseph went there because he was from David's family. Mary was engaged to Joseph and traveled with him to Bethlehem. She was soon going to have a baby, and while they were there, she gave birth to her first-born son. She wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him on a bed of hay, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Hymn 100 *Remain seated. All sing.*

Joy to the world (*Antioch*)

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love.*

Fourth Reading: The Angels announce Jesus' birth

Luke 2:8–14

That night in the fields near Bethlehem some shepherds were guarding their sheep. All at once an angel came down to them from the Lord, and the brightness of the Lord's glory flashed around them. The shepherds were terrified. But the angel said, "Don't be afraid! for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." Suddenly many other angels came down from heaven and joined in praising God. They said, "Glory to God in the highest! And peace on earth to those God has favored!"

*During the hymn, **shepherds** and **sheep** proceed to the front.*

Hymn 109 *Remain seated. All sing.*

The first Nowell (*The First Nowell*)

*The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

Refrain

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

*They lookèd up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.*

Refrain

Fifth Reading: The Shepherds greet Jesus' birth

Luke 2:15–18

After the angels had left and gone back to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see what the Lord has told us about." They hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and they saw the baby lying on a bed of hay. When the shepherds saw Jesus, they told his parents what the angel had said about him. Everyone listened and was surprised.

During the hymn, **angels** and **all other children** come up to complete the nativity scene.

Hymn 96 *Remain seated. All sing.*

Angels we have heard on high (*Gloria*)

*Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.*

Refrain

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear?*

Refrain

*Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.*

Refrain

During the hymn, children return to their families.

Hymn 99 *Remain seated. All sing.*

Go tell it on the mountain

Refrain:

*Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born!*

*While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light.*

Refrain

*The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth.*

Refrain

*Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessèd Christmas morn.*

Refrain

Reflection

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

Litany for Christmas Eve *Remain standing, or you may kneel.*

Let us pray for the world Jesus Christ was born to save.

Jesus was born homeless with only a manger for his bed, so let us pray for those who have no homes.

Hear our prayer, O God of love.

Jesus was held close by his mother and father, so let us pray for children everywhere who need to be held and loved and celebrated.

Hear our prayer, O God of love.

Jesus depended on others to give him food and clothes, so let us pray for those who need both, and we ask you to help us to care for others when we can.

Hear our prayer, O God of love.

Jesus was born to bring healing to the world, so let us pray for those who are sick or in need.

Hear our prayer, O God of love.

Jesus and his family fled Bethlehem to escape Herod's violence and rage.

Let us pray for lives lost to violence, and for the safety of all in the coming year.

Hear our prayer, O God of love.

Jesus promised eternal life to those who believed he was the Word, so let us pray for those who have died.

Hear our prayer, O God of love.

Jesus shared God's love with all, so let us pray for all the people of the world.

Hear our prayer, O God of love.

O God of love, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of your Love: Let the Light of Christ shine on us and through us, that we and the whole world may be made radiant with your glory.

Amen.

The Peace *All stand.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another with a sign of Christ's Peace.

Announcements *Be seated.*

Holy Communion

The Eucharist is the meal of the family of God. Following the example of Jesus, who opened his arms to all children, Trinity invites and welcomes all those who wish to receive, regardless of age, to the Lord's Table to fully receive the Sacrament.

If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please come to the altar rail and cross your arms over your chest.

Gluten-free wafers are available; simply ask the priest at the altar rail.

A floor-level communion station is located in the Clarendon Street vestibule to the left of the pulpit.

Please take any valuables with you when you leave your seat.

Offertory

The offering received during the anthem is our opportunity to give of ourselves to the glory of God. It supports our parish ministries and service to the community.

Offertory Anthem

Masters in this hall

Masters in this Hall,
Hear ye news to-day
Brought from over sea,
And ever I you pray:

Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!

Nowell, sing we clear

Holpen are all folk on earth,

Born is God's son so dear:

Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!

Nowell, sing we loud!

God to-day hath poor folk raised

And cast a-down the proud.

Going o'er the hills,
Through the milk-white snow,
Heard I ewes bleat
While the wind did blow: *Nowell!*

Shepherds many an one
Sat among the sheep,
No man spake more word
Than they had been asleep: *Nowell!*

Quoth I, "Fellows mine,
Why this guise sit ye?
Making but dull cheer,
Shepherds though ye be? *Nowell!*

"Shepherds should of right
Leap and dance and sing,
Thus to see ye sit,
Is a right strange thing": *Nowell!*

French carol, arr. David Willcocks (b. 1919-2015)

Quoth these fellows then,
"To Bethlem town we go,
To see a mighty lord
Lie in manger low": *Nowell!*

"How name ye this lord,
Shepherds?' then said I,
"Very God," they said,
"Come from Heaven high": *Nowell!*

This is Christ the Lord,
Masters be ye glad!
Christmas is come in,
And no folk should be sad: *Nowell!*

Presentation Hymn *All stand and sing*

Good Christian friends, rejoice

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

The Great Thanksgiving *Remain standing.*

Eucharistic Prayer for Children, *adapted*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

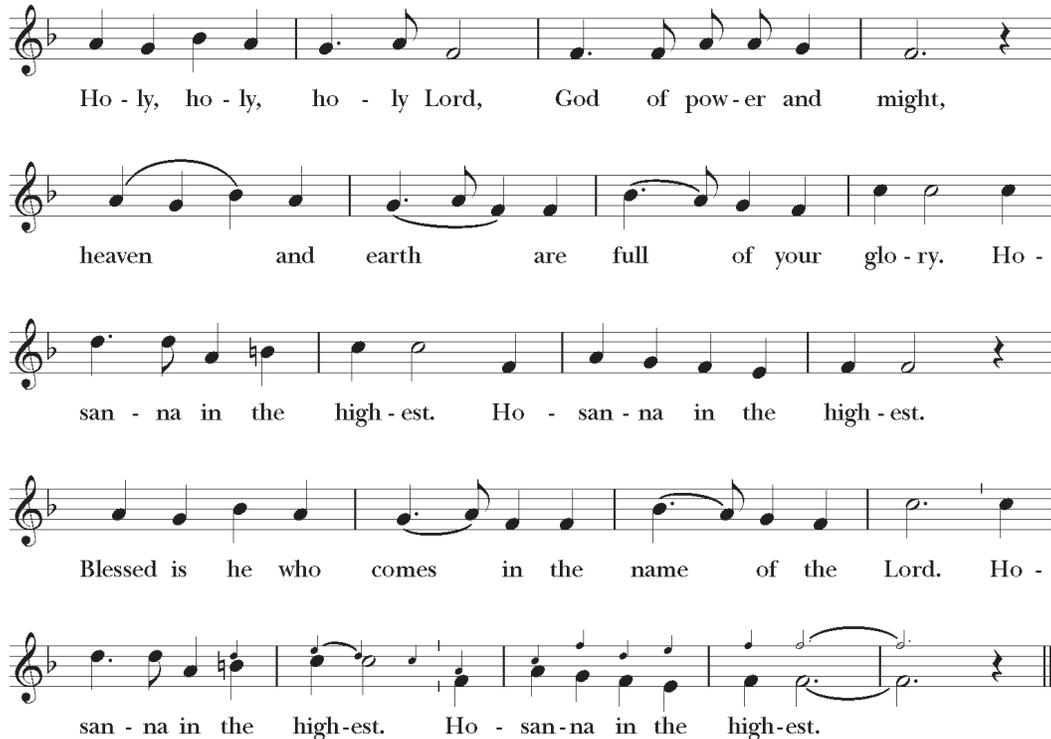
Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

It is right to give thanks to you, Lord God, for you made all things to be very good... And so we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, with Mary and Joseph, shepherds and wise men and women, prophets and saints, beasts and birds, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Remain standing or you may kneel.

Richard Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

... We pray to you in the name of Jesus. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, we give honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

(Greensleeves)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are: "What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav-en? What food of ev-er-last-ing life, what gra-cious gift is giv-en? This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav-en. Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man-na giv-en!"

The gifts of God for the people of God.

You may stand or kneel to receive Communion.

Music During Communion *Communion begins in silence.*

Anthem *In the bleak midwinter* *Sung by members of the Trinity Choristers.*

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty winds made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron
Water like a stone:
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter,
Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him
Nor earth sustain:
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When he comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter
A stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty
Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim
Worship night and day,
A breast-ful of milk
And a manger full of hay:
Enough for him, whom angels
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel
Which adore.

What can I give him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man
I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him
Give my heart.

Christina Rossetti

Hymn 89 *All sing.*

It came upon the midnight clear (Carol)

*It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.*

*Yet with the woes of sin and strife
the world has suffered long;
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled
two thousand years of wrong;
and warring humankind hears not
the tidings which they bring;
O hush the noise and cease your strife
and hear the angels sing!*

*Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel-sounds
the blessed angels sing.*

*For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song
which now the angels sing.*

Hymn 101 *All sing.*

Away in a manger (Cradle Song)

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

Music After Communion

Hymn 111 *Sung by all, kneeling.*

*Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!*

Silent night, holy night (*Stille Nacht*)

*Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand.*

Let us pray.

Loving God,

*we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament
of Christ's Body and Blood.*

*Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior.*

Amen.

Going into the World

Blessing *After the Blessing, the People respond, "Amen."*

Dismissal

Let us go forth rejoicing in the newborn Prince of Peace. Alleluia. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Hymn in Procession 87 *All stand and sing.*

Hark! the herald angels sing (*Mendelssohn*)

*Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!*

Refrain

*Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!*

*Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with man to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel!*

Refrain

*Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Risen with healing in his wings,
light and life to all he brings,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!*

Refrain

Postlude *Toccata on Antioch*

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

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The Christmas flowers are given to the glory of God and...

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 Herman Bogenshutz
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 Stella Joyce Buck
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Welcome to Trinity Church

Whether you have worshiped here for years or are visiting our Episcopal Church for the first time, we are glad you are with us. We invite all to enter fully into worship and to explore the variety of learning, small group, and service opportunities that are part of our life together. To learn more, visit trinitychurchboston.org and click on **New to Trinity**, or contact Mark Kharas, at mkharas@trinitychurchboston.org, 617-536-0944 x360. We hope to know you better in the time ahead.

New to Trinity?

Join Compass Class: Finding Your Way at Trinity

Sun., Jan. 8 & Feb. 12, 10 a.m.-11 a.m., Angel Room

Join us for this introduction to Trinity. Compass is an opportunity to ask questions about the Parish, meet fellow parishioners, and learn how to get involved in our common life.

For all newcomer's questions, contact:

Mark Kharas, mkharas@trinitychurchboston.org, 617-536-0944 x360

Join the Trinity Choristers

Do you know a child or youth who loves to sing? Trinity Choristers is open to all boys and girls, ages 8 to 18. In the context of superb musical training, this choir fosters personal growth, commitment, teamwork and development of leadership skills. An age-appropriate stipend is offered to choristers.

Contact: Colin Lynch,

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Sunday Services at Trinity (Returning 1/8/2017)

- 7:45 a.m.** Simple, quiet Holy Eucharist
- 9 a.m.** Community Holy Eucharist with youth Choristers & Choir
- 11:15 a.m.** Traditional Morning Prayer with Choir, Holy Eucharist first Sundays
- 6 p.m.** Come as you are Holy Eucharist; with Choir
- 7:15 p.m.** Sacred Silence: Contemplative Prayer
- 8 p.m.** Compline: Choral music, candlelight, plainsong, silence, peace

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Volunteer Opportunities

Prepare & Serve Dinner at Rosie's Place

Wed., Dec. 28, 4 p.m.,
889 Harrison Ave., Boston

Join our team to prepare and serve an evening meal at Rosie's Place, a shelter for women and their children. We serve on the 4th Wednesday and any 5th Tuesday of each month. **RSVP to** Steve Plotner, s.plotner@thegordiangroup.com, 617-852-6906

Make Sandwiches for Homeless Neighbors

Fridays, 10-11:30 a.m., Undercroft Kitchen
Help men and women find respite from the streets for rest, conversation, and snacks. Join other parishioners to prepare bag lunches for guests of Boston Warm, a day shelter at Emmanuel Church.

Contact ministry leader in advance:

Sue Dickinson, sdickinson@trinitychurchboston.org

Pine Street Inn Feeding Team

Tues., Jan. 17, 4:30 p.m.,
444 Harrison Ave., Boston

Join us on the third Tuesday of each month to serve dinner at the Women's Inn and the Men's Inn. **Questions? Contact** Matthew VanWinkle, mvanwinkle88@gmail.com, 617-304-0627

Statement of Affirmation

Trinity Church in the City of Boston is a congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts and welcomes and honors everyone. In accordance with our baptismal covenant, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person. We strive to include all persons without regard to sexual orientation, race, nationality, gender, family configuration, ethnic background, economic circumstances, difference in ability, culture, or age. Our love and acceptance of each other embody our commitment to unity with God and each other in Christ.

See all that we have to offer at trinitychurchboston.org

Looking Ahead

QuickSilvers Twelfth Night Party

Fri., Jan. 6, 6 p.m.; RSVP by Jan. 2 for location

Parishioners Joan and Colin Diver will host a potluck dinner the evening of Twelfth Night at their Back Bay home for the QuickSilvers, Trinity's fellowship group for those recently retired.

RSVP by January 2 to Joan Diver, joanmdiver@gmail.com, for location. To be added to the QuickSilvers e-mail list **contact** Mark Kharas, mkharas@trinitychurchboston.org

Epiphany Yoga Retreats

Sat., Jan. 7, & Sat., Feb. 25, 9-11 a.m., Trinity Undercroft

The season of Epiphany celebrates moments of clarity about God in the world. Come join in a workshop that will use yoga postures as a way to cultivate clarity, light, and vision in our lives. We will use this workshop to begin a season of practice and we will end the season with a second workshop where we will attempt to do a sequence of 108 Sun Salutations. Led by the Rev. Rita Powell. **Contact** rpowell@trinitychurchboston.org with questions.

Epiphanytide Brunch with Children's Ministries

Sun., Jan. 8, 10 a.m., Commons

Come celebrate the feast! Join Children's Ministries for our annual potluck Epiphany Brunch, complete with royal visitors. Please bring your favorite side items (e.g., muffins, bagels, Munchkins, sausages), or contact us for an assignment.

Contact: Anna Katherine Montgomery, amontgomery@trinitychurchboston.org; Pam Lawrence, plawrence1@verizon.net; Laurie Buchta, lauriebuchta@cs.com

Sunday Evenings at Trinity

Sun., Jan. 8-Sun., June 27

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist • **7 p.m.** Simple Supper (Commons) & Sacred Silence (Sanctuary)

8 p.m. Choral Compline

Join us on Sunday evenings for worship, fellowship, prayer, and stunning choral music.

The Play of Daniel

Sunday, Jan. 29, 3 p.m., Church

Boston Camerata returns to Trinity Church for a reprised performance of *The Play of Daniel*. Featuring Boston Camerata soloists and the Trinity Choristers, this exciting and ambitious interpretation brings a modern perspective to the medieval work. This concert begins Camerata's national tour of the play.

Tickets: \$25-\$55, bostoncamerata.com

New Chapel Dedication & All Parish Celebration!

Sunday, February 12, 4-10 p.m., Church, Chapel, and Undercroft

Bishop Alan Gates will join us for a Service and Consecration of the New Chapel, followed by an all-parish party to celebrate the 140th Anniversary of Trinity Church in Copley Square.

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Supper of the Lamb: Cooking and Theology Class Series

Sunday afternoons in Lent, March 5-April 2. 3:30-5:30 p.m., Trinity Undercroft; RSVP requested
This Lent we will explore how food, cooking, and eating can illuminate our Christian story in our daily lives. We will be preparing food for the Sunday Simple Suppers in Lent. Inspired by Father Robert Capon's *Supper of the Lamb*, this will prepare our community to deeply enter into a new way of experiencing communion and dinner! **Please RSVP** to rpowell@trinitychurchboston.org

Upcoming Holidays

Ash Wednesday

Weds., March 1

Holy Eucharist &

Imposition of Ashes at

7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 7 p.m., Church

Palm Sunday Worship

Sun., April 9,

9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m., Church

Maundy Thursday

Thurs., April 13, 6 p.m.

Good Friday

Three-Hour Devotion

Fri., April 14, 12 p.m.-3 p.m., Church

Good Friday Concert

Fri., April 14, 5:30 p.m., Church, Free

The LaFarge Ensemble offers a concert of choral masterpieces for Holy Week.

\$20 suggested donation at the door

Easter Vigil: Bring Bells!

Sat., April 15, 8 p.m., Church

Please join us for Holy Eucharist, followed by a festive reception.

Easter Day

Sun., April 16

8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 6 p.m., Church

Stewardship

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Every pledge counts! As we look to 2017, we hope to carry the spirit of the Advent and Christmas seasons forward throughout the year. Trinity's ministries are an important way for us to do that, and each person's pledge and gifts make those ministries possible. If you haven't pledged yet, please consider pledging to support our community and ministries in the New Year. To pledge, visit trinitychurchboston.org/pledge or grab a pledge card from the pews or Front Desk.

December 31 – Tax-Deductible Gifts

December 31 at 11:59 p.m. is the deadline for making a 2016 tax-deductible gift to Trinity Church.

You can give online by visiting trinitychurchboston.org/contribute. Gifts sent by mail must be postmarked by December 31, 2016.

Thank you for joining us for our Christmas Children's Pageant. We invite you to color in cover image, sourced from one of our own stained glass windows. "The Journey into Egypt," designed and manufactured by Edward Burne-Jones and William Morris & Co. of London in 1882, is a detail from one of the three upper windows in the north transept depicting scenes during the birth of Christ. Pre-Raphaelites Burne-Jones and Morris collaborated on numerous stained glass projects including the three windows in Trinity's north transept and "David's Charge to Solomon" located in the baptistery. When you're done creating your own work of art, we encourage you to hang it in a window to let the winter light shine through. If you like, please share a photo of your creation with us on Facebook or Instagram, tagging [@TrinityChurchBoston](#) and [#trinitychurchboston](#)



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