

8 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent



TRINITY CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON



TrinityEvents

Join us each Monday at 12:15 pm on Zoom for Advent Prayer Time.

Pray together as part of an Advent discipline of slowing down and making space for God. Scan the QR code or visit trinitychurchboston.org/calendar to join in.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve: Tues., 12/24

- 2 pm Children's Christmas Pageant
- 4:30 pm Christmas Worship
- 8 pm Christmas Worship and livestream
- 11 pm Christmas Worship

Christmas Day: Wed., 12/25

- 10 am Christmas Worship

Visit trinitychurchboston.org/news, or scan the QR code to learn more



LOOKING AHEAD

Holiday Worship Schedule Next Sunday

Please join us in worship at **9 am (livestreamed) and 5 pm** on Sun., Dec. 29. We return to our Program Year Worship Schedule of 8 am, 10 am, and 5 pm worship on Sun., Jan. 5.

Free Emancipation Proclamation Concert on New Year's Eve

Tues., 12/31, 1 pm, Church

Handel and Haydn and the **Museum of African American History** return to Trinity for their free Emancipation Proclamation concert on New Year's Eve.

Epiphany Brunch

Sun., 1/5, 11:15 am, Kitchen & Commons

Come celebrate the feast! Join your Trinity family for our annual Epiphany Brunch, complete with royal visitors, Kings Cakes and special crafts for kids! All skill levels welcome to pitch in (in the kitchen) on Saturday or Sunday. Scan the QR code or visit trinitychurchboston.org/calendar to sign up.



Sacred Ground Antiracism Curriculum

Starting Mon., 1/20, 6:30 pm, on Zoom

Grounded in faith, Sacred Ground curriculum uses films and readings to provide a window into America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. Building on the success of recent offerings, Trinity's Anti-Racism Team will launch a new dialogue circle, meeting every three weeks on Monday evenings on Zoom. Scan the QR code to learn more, and contact Brandon Ashcraft, bashcraft@trinitychurchboston.org, if you are interested.



TODAY

Deck the Halls

Sun., 12/22; Mon., 12/23 & Sat., 12/28, Church

Come "Deck the Halls" and decorate the church for the season (and clean-up too). Scan the QR code to sign up, or visit trinitychurchboston.org/calendar



20s & 30s MINISTRY

Pine Street Inn Volunteer Night

Thurs., 1/16, 5-8 pm, Kitchen and Pine Street Inn

20s and 30s are invited to cook, clean, and serve our neighbors at Pine Street Inn a homecooked meal. We need volunteers across several hours, so sign up for a time that works for you. Email Katrina Leslie, kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org with questions about volunteering, or scan the QR code to sign up.



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Children's Christmas Pageant

Tues., 12.24, 2 pm, Church; early arrival recommended

Our Annual Christmas Pageant tells the story of Angels, Shepherds, and the Magi arriving to the manger scene. The service will begin at 2 pm; **arrive at 1:15 pm** for your children to choose their costumes. Participants will then come forward as part of our re-telling of this story.



Christmas Worship

Eve: 12.24, 4:30 pm

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This service
livestreamed to
**trinitychurchboston.
org/live-worship;**
scan the QR code



Eve: 12.24, 11 pm

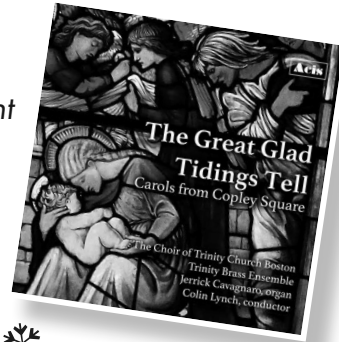
Day: 12.25, 10 am



We are pleased to present
our new Christmas album,

"The Great Glad Tidings Tell".

Purchase your copy now at bit.ly/TRINBOS, or stream the album on
Spotify and Apple Music.



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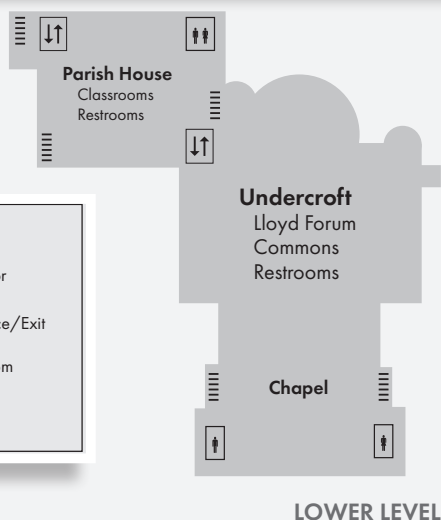
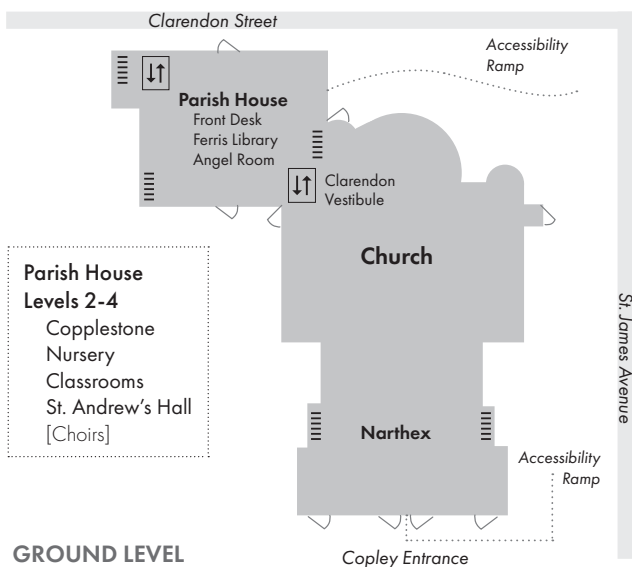
WELCOME



Whether you're new among us or you've been worshipping here for years, we look forward to helping you make a home for faith at Trinity.

Complete the short Welcome Form at trinitychurchboston.org/welcome (or scan the QR code) so we can get to know you better.

FINDING YOUR WAY



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.

HOURS & INFORMATION

Sunday Schedule (returns 1/5/25)

- 8 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, *spoken*
- 9 am** Coffee & Community Hour, full "Community Breakfast" on the first Sunday of most months
- 10 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with organ, choristers, and choir. Includes Children's Homily & Nursery. Morning Prayer fifth Sunday of the month. at trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship and [facebook.com/trinitychurchboston](https://www.facebook.com/trinitychurchboston)
- 11:15 am** Formation for All Ages
- 5 pm** Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Weekday Worship at Trinity

Tues/Thurs. (returns 1/7/25)

- 8:30 pm** Online Compline
join us on Zoom at bit.ly/tcbTTcompline
or dial in with 1-646-558-8656 and enter Meeting ID 206 654 379

Weds.

- 5:45 pm** Choral Evensong (returns 1/8/25) in the Church, led by the Trinity Choristers

Vestry

- Chris Allen ('27) • Christine Arcese ('26) • Christopher Atwood ('26) • Barbara Dortch-Okara ('25) • Josh Fiala ('27) • Sukaina Garcia ('25) • Richard Henderson ('26) • Tim Kelly ('28) • Tim Martin ('27) • Niven Narain ('26) • Chuks Chijioko Okoli ('25) • Constance Perry ('28) • Peter Renner ('28) • Mary Roetzel ('27) • Pam Waterman ('25) • Katie Wrisley Shelby ('28)



Liturgy

Clergy

- The Rev. Morgan S. Allen, *Rector* • The Rev. Brandon Ashcraft, *Priest for Outreach* • The Very Rev. Dr. Michael Battle, *Theologian-In-Community* • The Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman, *Assisting Priest* • The Rev. Paige Fisher, *Priest for Hospitality and Care* • The Rev. Kit Lonergan, *Priest for Parish Care* • The Rev. Abigail W. Moon, *Senior Associate*

Music

- Jerrick Cavagnaro, *Associate Director of Music* • Colin Lynch, *Director of Music*

Vestry bios can be found at bit.ly/TrinityVestry.

Clergy and Staff can be reached at bit.ly/TrinityStaff

Tours

- Tues - Sat**
10 am - 5 pm

Trinity Church offers self-guided, docent-led, and audio tours. Considered one of ten buildings that changed America, Trinity Church is an architectural masterpiece including its unique collection of stained-glass windows by designers such as Edward Burne-Jones, William Morris, and John La Farge, its murals, wood carvings and more. The price is \$10. Children younger than 14 are free.

GATHERING

Welcome

Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

Amen.

WORD OF GOD

Reading Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Worship at Trinity

Please note that our use of the BCP text may vary slightly to incorporate gender-expansive language when appropriate.

When the text of this worship booklet is in **bold**, it is spoken or sung by all.

Though the Presider's posture (standing, sitting, or kneeling) will cue many in the pews, we invite you to participate as you are able and as your piety prefers.

The service of Holy Eucharist begins on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

Children's Gospel pages and crayons are available in baskets in both the Copley narthex and the Clarendon vestibule.

We will pray the Canticle
responsively, by whole verse.

Canticle 15

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
or he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

**From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

**He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

**He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.**

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

**The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

Gospel Luke 1:39-45

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Kit Lonergan, *Priest for Parish Care*

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

I ask your prayers for the Church: for faithfulness to our Presiding Bishop, Sean; to our bishops, Julia and Carol; to us gathered here; and to all who serve the Church, today remembering ... :

Let us pray for fidelity and flourishing.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the people of the world: for goodwill among nations and integrity among leaders; for healing among those who suffer in places of war and danger, today remembering the people of Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, and Lebanon; and for courage among those offering care to the wounded and reassurance to the frightened.

Let us pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those who feel alone: for connection with those we have ignored for our convenience; with those who have troubled us; and with those we have failed to serve.

Let us pray for companionship and community.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God: for inspiration to those visiting Trinity for the first time today; to those exploring The Episcopal Church; and to all those renewing their faith.

Let us pray for wonder and hope.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, today remembering ... :

Let us pray for God's comfort and presence.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those who have died, today remembering ... :

Let us pray for the communion of the saints in light and the consolation of all those who grieve.

Silence

I ask your thanksgivings for all the blessings of our common life: for the marvel of the cosmos; for the beauty of the world; and for the gift of this parish family ... :

Let us pray for grateful hearts and gracious lives.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

May we have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Concluding Collect

Confession & Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name.

Amen.

Whether you are here for the day or a long-time member, we invite everyone who has recently or will soon celebrate a birthday or the anniversary of a marriage or union to come forward for a prayer.

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace

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

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

The Presentation

All things come of thee, O Lord.
And of thine own have we given thee.

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 God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, the Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent your Christ to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the

All we have and all we are is of God, and everyone has a faithful offering to make. All gifts received today will support Trinity's ministry, empower our service to the community, and sustain our historic buildings.

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Alternatively, you may also give in-person via the basket passed during the Offertory.

Eucharistic Prayer B from the Book of Common Prayer, p. 367.

remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and the Blood of your new Covenant. Unite us in this sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through Christ, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Trinity Church and The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts welcome all to Holy Communion. If instead of the sacrament in either kind you prefer to receive a blessing in the name of God, cross your arms over your chest. With that cue, a priest will offer a short prayer.

To receive the sacrament, come to the altar rail; stand or kneel (as you are able or as your piety prefers); and extend your hands, one inside the other. In turn, the priest will place a consecrated wafer in your open palm. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please request one from the priest offering Communion.

A Eucharistic Minister will follow with the wine; to receive, help guide the chalice to your lips. The server wipes the chalice's rim after every sip.

For those who find it easier to remain in their pew, please signal an Usher, and a priest will bring the sacrament to you.

Communion of the People

SENDING

Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,

we thank you

for feeding us with the spiritual food

of our Savior, Jesus Christ,

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries

that we are living members of Christ's Body –

heirs of your eternal kingdom.

Now, send us out

to do the work you have given us to do,

to love and serve you

as faithful witnesses of your Good News.

To Christ, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

When Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take Communion to the sick or homebound, the following is offered:

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts,

that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ.

We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.


Thanks be to God.



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LOOKING AHEAD

- Sun., 12/22** 1 pm Deck the Halls contact amoon@trinitychurchboston.org
- Mon., 12/23 10 am Deck the Halls contact amoon@trinitychurchboston.org
12:15 pm Advent Prayer Time on Zoom visit trinitychurchboston.org/calendar
- Tues., 12/24 2 pm Children's Christmas Pageant 1:15 pm arrival recommended
4:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship
8 pm Christmas Eve Worship with Livestream
11 pm Christmas Eve Worship
- Wed., 12/25 10 am Christmas Day Worship; No Weekly Choral Evensong on Christmas Day
- Thurs., 12/26 Closed
- Sat., 12/28 10 am Un-Deck the Halls contact amoon@trinitychurchboston.org
- Sun., 12/29**  9 am (livestreamed) & 5 pm Holiday Worship Service Schedule
- Tues., 12/31 1 pm Free Handel and Haydn/Museum of African American History Emancipation Proclamation Concert
Closed; No Choral Evensong
- Wed., 1/1 Epiphany Brunch Preparation contact pfisher@trinitychurchboston.org
- Sat., 1/4 11:15 am Epiphany Brunch
- Sun., 1/5** 7:30 am Weekly Women's & Men's Zoom Bible Studies Return visit trinitychurchboston.org/calendar
- Wed., 1/8 5:45 pm Weekly Choral Evensong returns
- Fri., 1/10 12:15 pm Weekly Free Fridays at Trinity Organ Recital returns
- Tues., 1/14 1 pm Monthly PartnerCare Pastoral Circle
6:30 pm Monthly Bereavement and Beyond Pastoral Circle
for Pastoral Circles info, contact klongergan@trinitychurchboston.org
- Thurs., 1/16 5-8 pm 20s & 30s Pine Street Inn Volunteer Night contact kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org
- Sat., 1/18 9:30 am Monthly Stitching in the Spirit
- Sun., 1/19** 9:30 am All-Youth Donut Breakfast
2 pm *The Play of Daniel* with The Boston Camerata visit bostoncamerata.org
- Mon., 1/20 Closed
Sacred Ground Anti-Racism Curriculum begins on Zoom contact bashcraft@trinitychurchboston.org
- Tues., 1/21 6:30 pm Monthly Cancer Journey Pastoral Circle
for Pastoral Circles info, contact klongergan@trinitychurchboston.org
- Sat., 1/25 12-2 pm 20s & 30s Planetarium Afternoon contact kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org
- Tues., 1/28 6:30 pm 20s & 30s In-Person Book Club contact kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org
- Sun., 2/2** 9 am Monthly Community Breakfast contact pfisher@trinitychurchboston.org
2 pm Monthly First Sunday Choral Evensong begins

Our 10 am Sunday worship service is livestreamed to trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship