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CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Saturday, December 24, 2022



TRINITY CHURCH  
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

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# TrinityEvents

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## MUSIC



### Join the Trinity Choristers

Do you know a child, age 8 and up, who loves to sing? The Chorister program offers an opportunity to learn music, singing, leadership, teamwork, responsibility, commitment, and have fun! Choristers learn about the Episcopal faith and engage in the life of the church via their active leadership of worship. Parents often say that the Chorister program is a deeply transformative experience for their children.

Contact Colin Lynch, Interim Director of Music at [clynch@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:clynch@trinitychurchboston.org).

### Emancipation Proclamation Concert

Sat., Dec. 31, 1 pm, Church

Be with us as The Handel and Haydn Society and the Museum of African American History once again present Boston's annual Emancipation Proclamation Concert. A signature event of the First Night Boston celebration, this celebratory hour of music and storytelling commemorates the anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863.



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## LOOKING AHEAD

### One Service on Sun., Jan. 1, 2023

Our Christmas celebrations will continue at 10 am on New Year's Day with readings and music for "Feast of the Holy Name" during our single service on this holiday Sunday.

While there will be no livestream of worship on this Sunday, audio of the sermon will be available later in the week at [trinitychurchboston.org/sermons](http://trinitychurchboston.org/sermons).



### You're Invited to Epiphany Brunch

Sun., Jan. 8, 11:15 am

Come celebrate the feast! For our first, first-Sunday-of-the-month Community Breakfast of the new year, we will celebrate with an Epiphany Brunch, complete with royal visitors bearing treats. All are welcome!

If you would like to lend a hand, we welcome volunteers on both Sat., Jan. 7, and Sun., Jan. 8, to help prepare, serve, or tidy after the events, sign up at [trinitychurchboston.org/calendar](http://trinitychurchboston.org/calendar),

or scan the QR code to go directly to the SignupGenius page.



## LEARNING

### Formation for All Ages Returns on Jan. 15

Sundays, 11:15 am

At Trinity Church Boston, all of us—committed Christians as well as those just beginning to explore—are pilgrims on the way. We offer formation opportunities for learners across the life spectrum. From our youngest in the Nursery to those who are more "experienced learners"—Trinity welcomes all to explore and grow in their faith journey.

To learn more about **Children's Ministries**, for infants through children in fifth grade, contact Cathy Portlock Pacitto, [cportlock@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:cportlock@trinitychurchboston.org).

To learn more about **Youth Ministry**, for those in sixth grade through high school, contact Beth Folsom, [bfolsom@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:bfolsom@trinitychurchboston.org).

To learn more about **Adult Formation**, contact the Rev. Abi Moon, [amoon@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:amoon@trinitychurchboston.org).

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## Children and Youth At Trinity

At Trinity Church Boston, we delight in the presence of children and youth. Children's Ministry is a very big part of what we do. Based on our belief that children are vital members of our community, we include and incorporate children into as many of our special events and services as possible. Their insights and fresh perspectives on Scripture and worship enrich and surprise us. Their sense of wonder delights us. Their searching and sincerity sustain us. From infants to high school youth, Trinity Church Boston thrives and grows because of the contributions and participation of our youngest members.



### Children In Worship

We hope you and your children will sit within the best view of the altar. We also hope that you feel free to encourage your children's curiosity and questions during worship rather than quiet them. We believe that worshiping together as a family is one of the strongest vehicles for Christian formation. It is our desire that children feel as welcome and wanted as adults. To encourage this feeling of belonging, we provide children's bulletins and crayons in the Narthex and in the Clarendon Street vestibule.

To enhance everyone's participation on Sunday mornings, we invite children in K-5th grade to depart before the sermon at the mid-morning service for the Children's Homily and rejoin their families at the Passing of the Peace for the completion of the service. Four-year-olds with attention spans that allow them to participate for 20 minutes are welcome to attend as well.

The Trinity Choristers, made up of boys and girls aged 8 to 18, sing each week for the Sunday mid-morning service, and Wednesday Choral Evensong at 5:45 pm.

To learn more or arrange for an audition, contact Interim Director of Music Colin Lynch, [clynch@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:clynch@trinitychurchboston.org)

### Nursery: Infants & Toddlers

Our Church Nursery—available for infants and toddlers up through age four—provides parents the opportunity to worship and attend adult education forums and classes knowing that their young children are in a safe and nurturing place. The Nursery is open Sunday mornings 8:30 am –12:30 pm. No reservations are required for Sunday mornings.

The Nursery is also open for certain special events, such as the Christmas Eve Children's Pageant, as announced.

Please note that there are a minimum of six adult caregivers in the nursery at all times. Only deeply experienced caregivers, all of whom have received CPR training as well as the child protection training required by the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, serve in our Nursery.

### Children's Church School

In Church School, children learn about the Bible and the life of Jesus, as well as how to give and receive the blessings of being in community. Your children's special abilities to transmit God's love and grace are nurtured and supported, making our environment fertile ground for the growth of their gifts as they participate in our parish life.

Our Church School offers age-appropriate classes and activities for three-year-olds through children in

the 5th grade. Trained parishioners act as teachers and mentors. All classes meet in the Parish House on Sunday mornings, September through May, at 11:15 am, during the adult forum or education hour.

For more information, contact Director of Children's Ministries, Cathy Portlock Pacitto, [cportlock@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:cportlock@trinitychurchboston.org), 617-536-0944 x236

### Youth At Trinity

Trinity Church Boston's Youth Ministry—designed for young people in grades 6-12—is grounded in the conviction that faith happens in and through community. We nurture a climate where young people are integrated into the life of the church and empowered to embody the extravagant love of God. We do this by recognizing and amplifying the life-giving talents young people have to offer the Church. We think that an open mind and a healthy skepticism are essential elements of the Christian faith, and that spiritual development is more a process of cultivating a relationship with God than accepting a set of specific beliefs. Youth Ministries at Trinity Church Boston are LGBTQ affirming.

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in the Middle School (grades 6-8) and High School (grades 9-12) Forums, which meet at 11:15 am on Sundays throughout the program year to explore urgent and timeless aspects of Christian faith through discussion and lively activity. Our middle and high school youth also gather throughout the year for fun and fellowship: cooking and sharing meals, going on retreats, and growing in Christian community together.

For more information, contact Youth Minister Beth Folsom, [bfolsom@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:bfolsom@trinitychurchboston.org), 617-536-0944 x924

For the latest information about our programs for children, youth, and families, please visit [trinitychurchboston.org](http://trinitychurchboston.org) or scan the QR code.



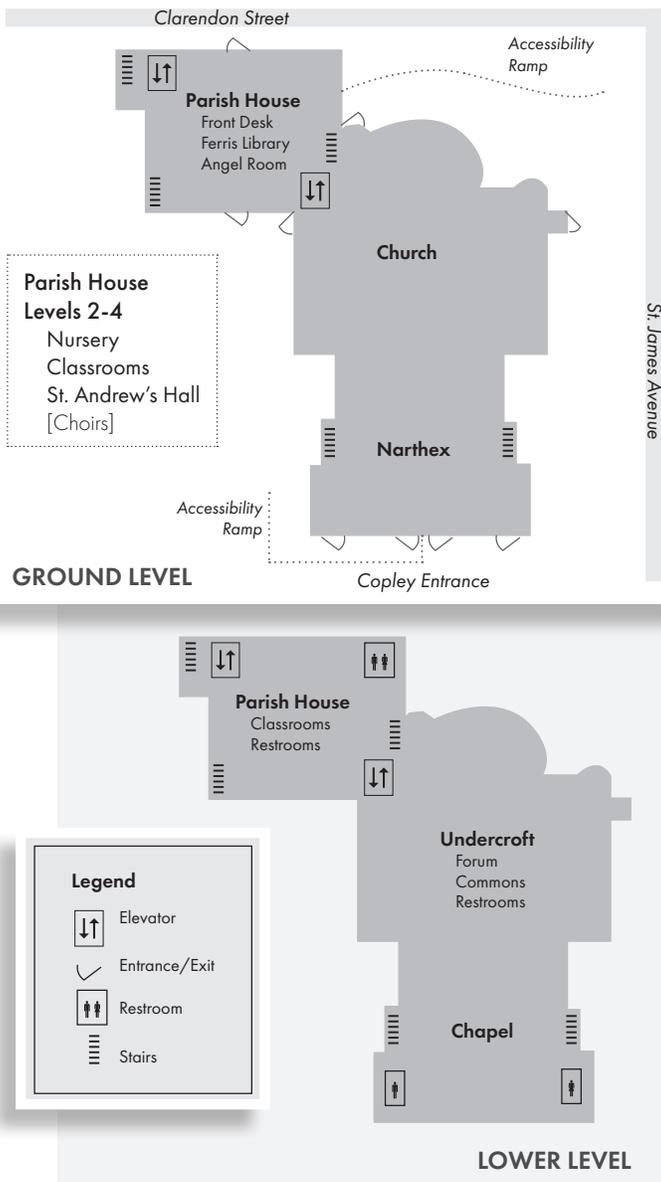
## WELCOME



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## 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 Jan. 8)

- indoor, masks welcomed and encouraged.
- 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 last Sunday of most months. online at [trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship](http://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 Jan. 3)

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

#### Weds. (returns Jan. 4)

- 5:45 pm** Choral Evensong indoor, led by the Trinity Choristers

### Vestry

Chris Allen ('23) • Christine Arcese ('26) • Christopher Atwood ('26) • Barbara Dortch-Okara ('25) • Richard Henderson ('26) • Vincent W. James ('24) • Sarah E. McGinty ('24) • Mark Morrow ('23) • Niven Narain ('26) • Chuku Chijioko Okoli ('25) • Christopher Parris ('23) • Constance Perry ('24) • Peter Renner ('25) • Olaf J. Thorp ('24) • Pam Waterman ('25) • Ania Wiecekowski ('23)

### Clergy

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

Vestry can be reached at [bit.ly/TrinityVestry](https://bit.ly/TrinityVestry)

Clergy and Staff can be reached at [bit.ly/TrinityStaff](https://bit.ly/TrinityStaff)



### Tours

**Tues- Sat**  
**10 am - 4:30 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 12 are free.

Prelude ‘Two settings of *In dulci Jubilo*’  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)  
Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Hymn in Procession 83 ‘O come, all ye faithful’

**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*

Opening Sentences & Collect

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.**

## WORD OF GOD

First Reading Isaiah 9:2, 6–7 • *The Prophet foretells the birth of Christ*

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.

*The pageant welcomes all children present who wish to participate. At specific times, children will be invited to come forward, receive a prop, and take their place at the manger scene. The littlest ones must be accompanied by parents.*

*The congregation remains seated for the entire pageant, including hymns, cards, and readings. We invite small children to stand so they can see.*

Hymn 79 'O little town of Bethlehem'

**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 Luke 1:26-33, 38 • *The appearance of the Angel*

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 this hymn,  
stars proceed to the front.*

Hymn 102 'Once in royal David's city'

**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 Luke 2:1–7 • *The decree of Augustus*

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 101 'Away in a manger'

**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.**

Fourth Reading Luke 2:8–14 • *The Angels announce Jesus' birth*

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!"

Hymn 109 '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*

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

Fifth Reading Luke 2:15–18 • *The Shepherds greet Jesus' birth*

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 were surprised.

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

Hymn 96 'Angels we have heard on high'

**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*

Final Reading Luke 2:22-38 • *Simeon and Anna thank God and share the story of God's Love*

Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to Jerusalem so that they could offer special thanks to God for his birth. When they arrived at the temple, a man named Simeon met them there. Simeon was righteous, faithful, and patient, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. God had promised Simeon that he would see the Lord's Messiah before he died, and, guided by the Spirit, he greeted Mary and Joseph. Simeon believed Jesus fulfilled God's promise to him, and he received the baby into his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, just as you promised, for my eyes have seen your salvation, a sign of your love and a light for all people." And Mary and Joseph were amazed by what Simeon said about their son.

A prophet named Anna, who was the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher, also greeted Mary and Joseph. She was very old, and, like Simeon, very faithful. Anna never left the temple, and, night and day, she worshipped there with fasting and prayer. As Simeon blessed the young parents, Anna, too, began to praise God and to speak about Jesus to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

Hymn 99 '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 blessed Christmas morn.**

*Refrain*

#### Prayers of the People

In peace let us pray for the church and the world.

Creator God, on this holy night your Son our Savior was born.

Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness.

Bring comfort to all who suffer.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

The angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.'

Strengthen our witness in the world.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Strangers found the Holy Family and visited the baby lying in a manger.

Bless our homes and all we love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

On this holy night, heaven comes down to earth.

Hold close all who have passed through death with you as their hope.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Holy God, angels and shepherds worshiped at your manger.

Receive our praises in fellowship with Mary, Joseph, and the saints, through the

One who is your Word made flesh, our Savior Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

#### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

#### Welcome & Announcements.

*Family members may take photographs of the pageant tableau throughout the second refrain of this hymn.*

*During the verse, "the shepherds feared and trembled", all participants and photographers return to their seats.*

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# HOLY COMMUNION

## Offertory

### Anthem 'Sussex Carol'

arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

On Christmas night all Christians sing  
To hear the news the angels bring.  
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To hear the news the angels bring.  
News of great joy, news of great mirth,  
News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad,  
Since our Redeemer made us glad?  
Then why should men on earth be so sad,  
Since our Redeemer made us glad,  
When from our sin he set us free,  
All for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before His grace,  
Then life and health come in its place.  
When sin departs before His grace,  
Then life and health come in its place.  
Angels and men with joy may sing  
All for to see the new-born King.

All out of darkness we have light,  
Which made the angels sing this night.  
All out of darkness we have light,  
Which made the angels sing this night:  
"Glory to God and peace to men,  
Now and for evermore, Amen!"

TEXT: 1684 'SMALL GARLAND OF PIOUS AND GODLY SONGS' BY LUKE WADDING

### Presentation Hymn 107 *All stand and sing*

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice:  
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore.  
Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!**

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.

To make a gift online, please click here or use the QR code below to be taken to the secure form on our website.



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

## 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.**

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

## Sanctus S-125

**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.**

... Therefore, according to his command, O God,

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

... 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.**

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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## Preparation of the Gifts

**What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?**

**What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?**

**This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.**

**Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!**

## 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

Anthem 'What Sweeter Music'

John Rutter (b. 1945)

What sweeter music can we bring  
Than a carol, for to sing  
The birth of this our heavenly King?  
Awake the voice! Awake the string!

Dark and dull night, fly hence away,  
And give the honor to this day,  
That sees December turned to May.  
That sees December turned to May.

Why does the chilling winter's morn  
Smile, like a field beset with corn?  
Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn,  
Thus, on the sudden? Come and see  
The cause, why things thus fragrant be:  
'Tis He is born, whose quickening birth  
Gives life and luster, public mirth,  
To heaven, and the under-earth.

We see him come, and know him ours,  
Who, with his sunshine and his showers,  
Turns all the patient ground to flowers.  
Turns all the patient ground to flowers.  
The darling of the world is come,  
And fit it is, we find a room  
To welcome him. To welcome him.  
The nobler part Of all the house here,  
Is the heart.

Which we will give him; and bequeath  
This holly, and this ivy wreath,  
To do him honour, who's our King,  
And Lord of all this revelling.

What sweeter music can we bring,  
Than a carol for to sing  
The birth of this our heavenly King?

TEXT: ROBERT HERRICK (1591-1674)

Hymn 112 'In the bleak midwinter'

In the bleak midwinter,  
frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron,  
water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter,  
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 midwinter  
a stable-place sufficed  
the Lord God incarnate,  
Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels  
may have gathered there,  
cherubim and seraphim  
throngèd the air;  
but his mother only,  
in her maiden bliss,  
worshiped the beloved  
with a kiss.

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.

Hymn 111 'Silent night, holy night'

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,  
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

Let us pray.  
Eternal God,  
**heavenly Father,**  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with *gladness and singleness of heart*;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Blessing

Hymn 87 ‘Hark! the herald angels sing’

**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 us 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*

Dismissal

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

Postlude ‘Toccata-Gigue on ‘Sussex Carol’  
George Baker (b. 1951)

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costume, please return them to  
the tables on the West Porch.*

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