

10 AM

MORNING PRAYER, RITE II

Sunday, January 29

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



TRINITY CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON



TrinityEvents

The 2023 Slate has been posted to the Parish House front desk and to the website.

Scan the QR code to see the Slate or visit trinitychurchboston.org/news.



LOOKING AHEAD



Community Breakfast Next Sunday

Sun., 2/5, 9 am, Commons



Enjoy a hot breakfast with the Trinity community between the morning services. All are welcome!

Many hands make light work. Whether you like to set tables or fry bacon, there is something for you! Scan the QR code to go to the SignUpGenius link or email Paige Fisher to volunteer at pfisher@trinitychurchboston.org.

Join Team Trinity in the Winter Walk

Sun., 2/12, 9 am-12 noon

The Winter Walk raises awareness and funds to help end homelessness in our communities— centering on an annual two mile walk around Boston in February, the coldest month of the year. The Winter Walk is our chance to link arms with those who experience homelessness and to listen to their stories. It is our chance to show that this city cares about the lives of those experiencing homelessness, and affirms our commitment to do all it takes to ease their struggles.

To register and be a part of Team Trinity, email Abi Moon, amoon@trinitychurchboston.org

TODAY

LOOK for LIGHT

Epiphany Formation Series

Sundays, 11:15 am, Church & livestreamed

January and February can feel awfully dark to us in New England, with the street lights lit by mid-afternoon. Even so, the day is at work to overcome the night, even if we can't immediately see it! Join us as we **Look For Light** this Epiphany season. From January 15 through February 12 we will explore stories of dawn – literal and metaphoric – in the Hebrew and Christian Testaments. Find hope in the promise of God, and in community, here at Trinity.

These **lecture-style programs** during our Sunday Formation hour will begin at 11:15 am in the Church, allowing us to livestream and record the presentations. Tune in at trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship.

1.29 • “Jesus’ face shone like the sun ...”

Convert (Matthew 17:1-9), *The Rev. Paige Fisher*

2.5 • “Jesus’ appearance was like lightning ...”

Converge (Matthew 28:1-15), *The Rev. Kit Lonergan*

2.12 • “Look! He is coming with the clouds ...”

Continue (Revelation 1), *The Rev. Abi Moon*

Catch up on recordings of previous **Look for Light** Forums at trinitychurchboston.org/blog



‘Welcomes You’ Afternoon Forum Series

Sundays through 2/5, 4 pm, Forum, refreshments served & childcare available

In Part II of our Forum Series, **today at 4 pm**, we will trace the twists, turns, and affections of our Episcopal tradition, from its Anglican roots to the faithful cohort of nearly 2 million Episcopalians in over 6,000 congregations today. And in Part III on **Feb. 5**, having traced our Christian and Episcopal roots, we will come home to Trinity Church in the City of Boston, exploring from our founding in 1733, to our present-day, Beloved Community.



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Thoughts from the Theologian: Favoring Time and Announcing the ABB Symposium

Dear Trinity Boston,

I pray I find you well in this New Year.

My New Year's resolution has been to favor time and fertilizer over the axe. Let me explain.



I remain struck by a saying from Keith Nelson, one of The Episcopal Church's monks from the Society of Saint John the Evangelist. He writes this about growth: "Jesus's fundamental stance is to wait; to tend; to apply therapeutic rather than punitive measures; **to favor time and fertilizer over the axe.**

This is the love of the gardener."

As we wade into 2023, we do well to listen to Brother Keith's wisdom—especially his insight regarding Jesus's disposition always toward growth and not destruction. Instead of flimsy and often capricious New Year's resolutions, I invite you into the perennial resolution to find health in being God's garden. In short, there is deep wisdom in constantly recognizing how we, the church, are a holy place—God's garden.

As I look back to the summer when I started with you at Trinity Church and forward again to now, I echo Jacob's sentiment about holy places: "Surely the Lord is in this place. . . How awesome is this place!" (Gen. 26:16-17) Trinity is a holy place in which the Holy Spirit both waits upon and tends the fruits of our community together. For me this looks like participating in worship, eating meals with you, celebrating milestones, sensing the increase of Sacred Ground, ART (Anti-Racism Team) and Ubuntu Circles and so much more. All of this makes me join in Jacob's glee for the holy place and Brother Keith's love of the gardener.

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As we grow into the Holy Spirit's garden, a few advertisements of things recently passed and things to come are in order. A pilot team from Trinity joined my Desmond Tutu Travel Seminar this month, January 10-18. I host the program in Cape Town, South Africa in January and August of each year. We focus upon Archbishop Tutu's legacy of restorative justice, *Ubuntu*, and Christian spirituality, and this most recent cohort is still processing our meaningful experience together. We look forward to sharing those reflections with you this spring, hopefully to pique your interest in the next Cape Town Seminar, now set for August 9-16, 2023.

I also enjoyed teaching this last Sunday as part of our Epiphany, "Look For Light" series. If you missed either of the first two lectures, you can find them on our parish website at trinitychurchboston.org/blog. I hope you will join us for the final three installments.



Finally, mark your calendars for our Trinity Lenten Series, entitled "**Romans and Righteousness.**" Slightly adapting the lectionary (with Bishop Gates' permission), Morgan and I will tether the series to each Sunday's lesson from Paul's letter to Rome. As part of the series, we will host the Anne Berry Bonnyman Symposium the weekend of March 19. Drawing on Romans 5:12-19, those sessions will explore the intersection of climate, race and justice.

The Symposium will welcome Dr. Kent A. McConnell, History Chair at Phillips Exeter Academy. Dr. McConnell's dissertation explored religiosity following the Civil War, he has contributed to Oxford University's Encyclopedia of African American History: 1896 to the Present, and he recently addressed the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of American History and the National Park Service's academic symposium on John Brown. We look forward to welcoming Dr. McConnell and will share more details in the weeks ahead.

Always Peace,
Michael

The Rev. Michael Battle, Ph.D.
Trinity Church Theologian-in-Community

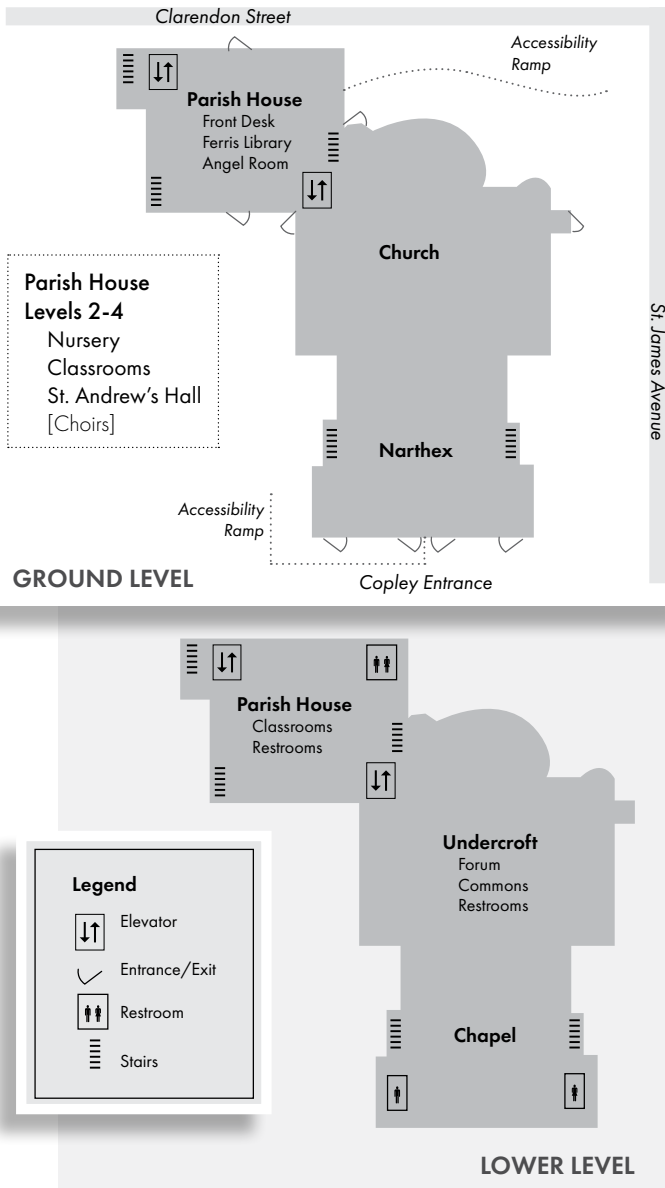
WELCOME



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

- 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 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.**
- 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 in the Church, 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 Chijioke 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

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



Tours

Weds - 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.

OPENING RITE

Prelude ‘*Cortège et Litanie*, Op. 19 No. 12’
Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Hymn 665 ‘All my hope on God is founded’

Sentences of Scripture

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.

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 INVITATORY & PSALTER

Invitatory

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Worship at Trinity

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

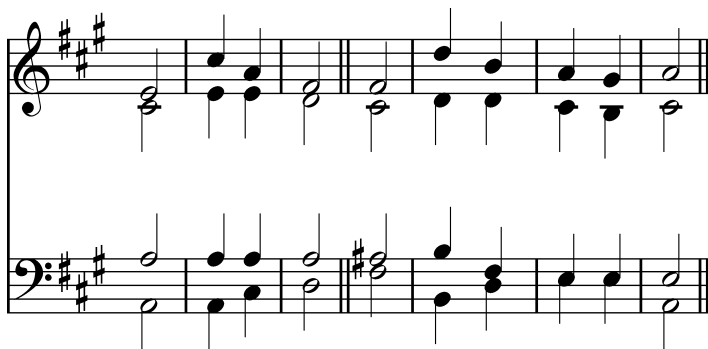
*When the text of this worship booklet is in **bold**, it is spoken or sung by all.*

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 liturgy for Morning Prayer begins on p. 75 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. Kindly return crayons at the end of the service.

Venite S-37



- 1 Come, let us ^{sing} to the ^{Lord}; *
let us shout for joy to the ^{Rock} of ^{our} sal^{va}tion.
 - 2 Let us come before his ^{presence} with thanks^{giving} *
and raise a loud^{shout} to ^{him} with ^{psalms}. [Ant.]
 - 3 For the Lord is a ^{great} ^{God}, *
and a great ^{King} a^{bove} all ^{gods}.
 - 4 In his hand are the ^{caverns} of the ^{earth}, *
and the heights of the ^{hills} are ^{his} also.
 - 5 The sea is ^{his}, for he ^{made} it, *
and his hands have ^{molded} the ^{dry} ^{land}. [Ant.]
 - 6 Come, let us bow down, and ^{bend} the ^{knee}, *
and ^{kneel} before the ^{Lord} our ^{Maker}.
 - 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his ^{pasture} and the ^{sheep} of his ^{hand}. *
Oh, that to ^{day} you would ^{hearken} to his ^{voice}! [Ant.]
- Glory to the Father, and ^{to} the ^{Son}, *
and ^{to} the ^{Holy} ^{Spirit}:
As it was in the be^{ginning}, is ^{now}, *
and ^{will} be for ^{ever}. A^{men}. [Ant.]



Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.

There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord. **Antiphon**

He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen. **Antiphon**

THE LESSONS

Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn 366 'Holy God, we praise thy Name'

Reading Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

During this canticle, preschool and elementary-aged children may meet members of our Children's Ministries staff beneath the pulpit to travel to the Forum for an age-appropriate children's homily. Our Director of Children's Ministries, Cathy Portlock Pacitto, will then lead the children's return to the sanctuary during The Presentation.

Canticle '*Jubilate Deo* in B flat' at 10 am
Charles V. Stanford (1852-1924)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
Serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before His presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord He is God:
it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise:
be thankful until Him, and speak good of His Name.
For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting,
and His truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen.

TEXT: PSALM 100

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Prayers of the People

For peace, for courage, and for your presence, we pray to you, Lord God:

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For our local communities, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For those who live in danger, sorrow, or fear;

For all who labor to end tyranny, bigotry, and violence.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For those who suffer for the sake of our comfort.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For the ministries of all the baptized;

For all who serve God in the Church.

Collects are prayers that "collect" our intentions for any given occasion. In addition to the "Collect of the Day," additional collects appropriate for this Sunday may be offered.

Collects & Intercessions

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn 656 'Blest are the pure in heart'

Sermon The Rev. Kit Lonergan, *Priest for Welcome & Care*

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Offertory

Anthem 'Geistliches Lied Op. 30'
Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

*Lass dich nur nichts nicht dauren
mit Trauren, sei stille, wie Gott es fügt,
so sei vergnügt mein Wille!
Was willst du heute sorgen
auf Morgen? Der Eine steht allem für,
der gibt auch dir das Deine.
Sei nur in allem Handel ohn' Wandel,
steh' feste, was Gott beschlusst,
das ist und heisst das Beste. Amen.*

Let no sad thought oppress or
distress you. Be still, my soul, and delight
in the ways of God!
Why worry today about tomorrow?
The all-providing One will see
to your portion.
Be steadfast in all your doings,
wandering not away from God's designs,
the best and most trustworthy. Amen.

TEXT: PAUL FLEMING, TRANS. MICHAEL KLEINSCHMIDT

The Presentation

The musical score for 'The Presentation' is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The lyrics are: 'To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re - vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.'

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.

A General Thanksgiving

Accept, O Lord,

our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things.

Amen.

Blessing

Hymn 371 'Thou, whose almighty word'

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude 'Toccata in B Minor'

Eugène Gigout (1844-1925)