



## CANDLELIGHT CAROLS

Saturday, December 14 | 4 & 7 pm  
& Sunday, December 15 | 2 pm



TRINITY CHURCH  
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

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# TrinityEvents

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



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## 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

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## MUSIC

### Do You Know A Child Who Loves To Sing?

Join the **TRINITY CHORISTERS**

Combining the highest standards of musicianship and performance with leadership and teamwork, Trinity Choristers learn musical skills and theory through the curriculum of the Royal School of Church Music in America and receive

a small stipend for their work. *The chorister program is free and open to all from ages 8-18, regardless of faith background. To learn more about the Chorister program please email Colin Lynch, Director of Music at [clynch@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:clynch@trinitychurchboston.org).*

## 20s & 30s MINISTRY

### Planetarium Afternoon

Sat., 1/25, 12-2 pm, off-site location

20s & 30s are invited us for an afternoon as we explore God's creation beyond our earth at the planetarium.

Tickets can be purchased at the door. Time subject to change due to showings on this day. Email Katrina Leslie, [kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org), with questions about the Planetarium Afternoon, or our regularly-offered 20s & 30s events, (including a **book club**, **volunteering**, **game night**, and more).

### Every Sunday at Trinity

**Nursery Care** 8:30 am- 12:30 pm in the Parish House

**Children's Homily** 10 am downstairs in the Chapel

**Learning for All Ages** Sunday School and Youth Ministry; 20s & 30s Ministry; and Adult Formation

**Discounted parking** ask at the Parish House Front Desk



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## VOLUNTEER



### Trinity Returns to Rosie's Place

Sat., 12/21, 2-5 pm, 889 Harrison Ave

We are thrilled to revive Trinity's partnership with Rosie's Place, the oldest women's shelter in the country, by sponsoring an upcoming dinner for the shelter's guests. Rosie's Place designs the menu and purchases the ingredients—our hands and hearts are needed to prepare and serve the meal. *No kitchen experience necessary. Volunteers must be 16+ years of age. Interested? Contact lay ministry leader Joan by completing the form at [trinitychurchboston.org/calendar](http://trinitychurchboston.org/calendar), or scan the QR code.*

### Sign up to help decorate the church for Christmas on 12/22 and 12/23.

Scan the QR code to sign up, or visit [trinitychurchboston.org/calendar](http://trinitychurchboston.org/calendar)



## BREAK BREAD TOGETHER



### You're Invited to Epiphany Brunch

Sun., 1/5, 11:15 am, Undercroft

Come celebrate the feast! Join Trinity for our annual Epiphany Brunch, complete with royal visitors, Kings Cakes and special crafts for kids. *To pitch in in the kitchen, scan the QR code or visit [trinitychurchboston.org/calendar](http://trinitychurchboston.org/calendar). And, save the date for **Community Breakfast on Sun., 2/2, at 9 am**, and our **63rd Annual Pancake Toss on Sun., 3/2, at 9 am**. All are welcome!*

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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

Eve: 12.24, 8 pm,

This service  
livestreamed to  
[trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship](https://trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship);  
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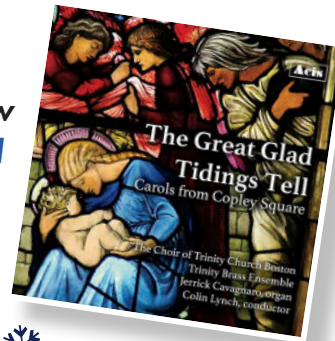


Eve: 12.24, 11 pm

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](https://bit.ly/TRINBOS). Head downstairs to the Undercroft before or after the service to pick up or purchase in-person.



## Holiday Worship Schedule on Sun., Dec. 29

Please join us in **worship at 9 am 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 H + H Concert 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. All are welcome!

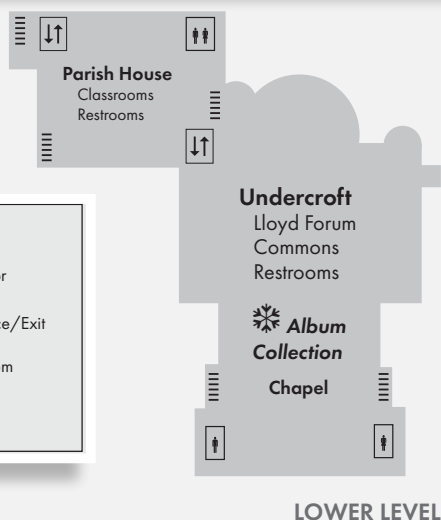
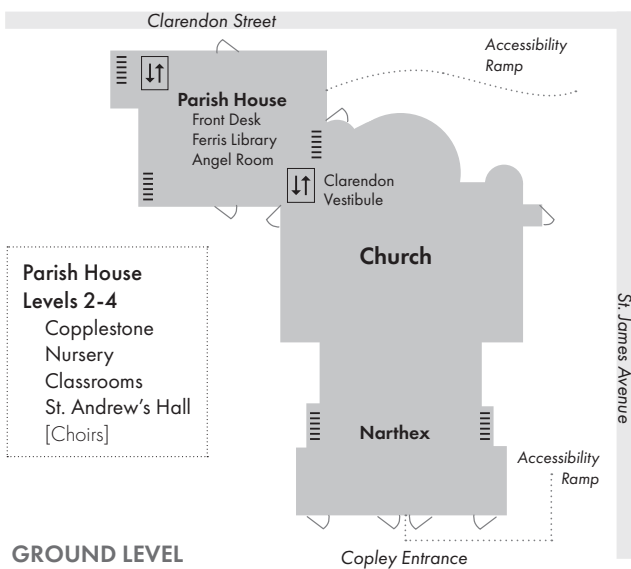
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## FINDING YOUR WAY



## 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

- 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](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.

- 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.

- 5:45 pm** Choral Evensong  
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)



### Liturg

#### 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](https://bit.ly/TrinityVestry).

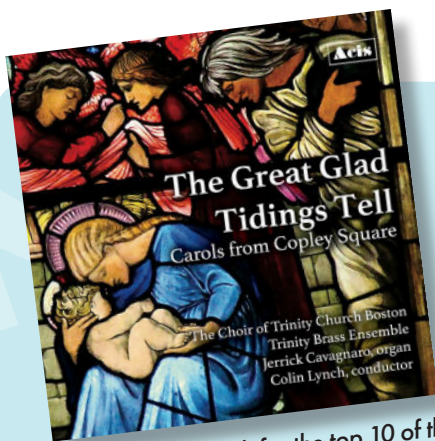
Clergy and Staff can be reached at [bit.ly/TrinityStaff](https://bit.ly/TrinityStaff)

### 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.

# TRINITY'S NEW CHRISTMAS ALBUM



Help Trinity reach for the top 10 of the Classical Billboard chart with this album.

“... here is your must-have Christmas album for 2024! Along with the excellent recorded sound, capturing all the grandeur of the space, the immaculate performances and sparkling repertoire will delight and inspire you, filling your yuletide with seasonal joy.”

‘THE AMERICAN ORGANIST’



Look for the snowflake icon throughout this leaflet to recognize music featured on Trinity’s new Christmas album, *The Great Glad Tidings Tell*.

The choir is proud to prioritize the music of historically underrepresented composers, making room for new voices to share their perspectives on our Christian faith—helping us create an album brimming with 20 timeless carols in a fresh retelling of the Christmas story.

Buy your copy or copies at [bit.ly/TRINBOS](https://bit.ly/TRINBOS) or scan the QR code. You can also pay in-person downstairs before or after the service.

There is a free shipping option and gift-wrap is available.

**To pick up your CD or CDs before or after the service, head downstairs to the Undercroft via the stairwells on either side of the Copley Square entrance.**



An elevator is located in the Clarendon Street Vestibule.

## Prelude

'Contrapunctus 9'

'*Livres de Noël*'  
VIII. Noël Étranger

'Dances from *Danserye*'  
*Quatre Branles*  
*Basse Danse Bergerette*

'Prelude on *Greensleeves*'

'*Trois Chansons*'  
*Dieu! qu'il la fait bon regarder!*  
*Quand j'ay ouy le tabourin*  
*Yver, vous n'estes qu'un vilain*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)  
arr. J. Glasel

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

Tylman Susato (c.1510-1570)  
arr. J. Iveson

Richard Purvis (1913-1994)

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)  
arr. B. Nicholson

## About Candlelight Carols

A beloved Boston tradition since 1909, *Candlelight Carols* celebrates the birth of Christ through Scripture readings; congregational carols; and choral anthems.

## Worship at Trinity

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.

Please silence your phones and for the safety of our musicians, we ask you to refrain from flash photography and videography.

## Welcome to Trinity Church

The Rev. Morgan S. Allen, *Rector*

## Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ, today we gather to prepare: to hear again the message of the angels and, in heart and mind, to go even unto Bethlehem and greet this joy which shall come to pass, the Babe lying in a manger. Let us read in scripture and voice in song, tales of our God's loving purposes, from the first days to the glorious Redemption brought by the Holy Child.

In what we do this day, may God, the Creator of all things, bless us with abundant grace; may Christ, the Word made flesh, give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the saints in light, may the Holy Spirit guide us all, for evermore.  
**Amen.**

Hymn 'Once in royal David's city'

Solo  
Choir  
ALL Harmony  
Harmony  
Unison  
Unison

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a  
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is  
3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a  
4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,  
5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his  
6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her  
2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a  
3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -  
4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -  
5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so  
6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in

1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry  
2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the  
3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this  
4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he  
5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he  
6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —  
2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.  
3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.  
4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.  
5 leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.  
6 veiled to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

## The Collect

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son, Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**Lesson** Genesis 2:15-17, 3:6-13, 17-19 *Read by a member of the Trinity choir.*

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.”

And to the man he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Carol** ‘Adam lay ybounden’

Boris Ord (1897-1961)

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond:  
Four thousand winter thought he not too long.  
And all was for an apple, an apple that he took.  
As clerkes finden written in their book.  
Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,  
Ne had never our lady abeen heavné queen.  
Blessed be the time that apple taken was.  
Therefore we moun singen: *Deo gracias!*

TEXT: ANONYMOUS (15TH CENT.)

Lesson Isaiah 27:2-6, 12-13 *Read by a member of the Trinity Vestry.*

On that day: A pleasant vineyard, sing about it! I, the Lord, am its keeper; every moment I water it. I guard it night and day so that no one can harm it; I have no wrath. If it gives me thorns and briers, I will march to battle against it. I will burn it up. Or else let it cling to me for protection, let it make peace with me, let it make peace with me. In days to come Jacob shall take root, Israel shall blossom and put forth shoots, and fill the whole world with fruit. On that day the Lord will thresh from the channel of the Euphrates to the Wadi of Egypt, and you will be gathered one by one, O people of Israel. And on that day a great trumpet will be blown, and those who were lost in the land of Assyria and those who were driven out to the land of Egypt will come and worship the Lord on the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Carol 'There is no rose' ❄️

Jessica Nelson (b. 1983)

There is no rose of such virtue  
as is the rose that bare Jesu;  
*Alleluia.*

For in this rose contained was  
heaven and earth in little space;  
*Res miranda.* (A wonderful thing)

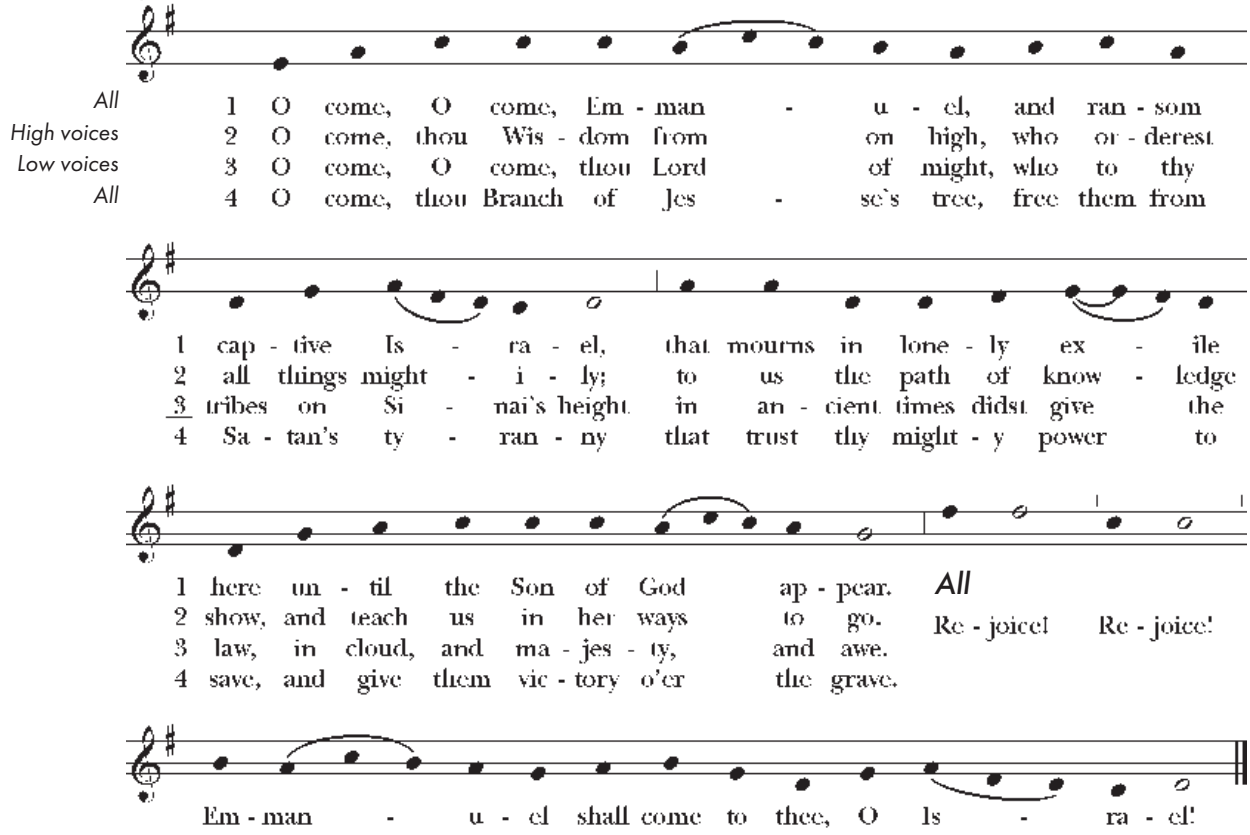
And by that rose we may well see  
that there be one God in persons three.  
*Pari forma.* (Of the same form)

The angels sungen the shepherds too:  
*Gloria in excelsis deo.* (Glory to God on high)  
*Gaudeamus.* (Let us rejoice)

Then leave we all this worldly mirth,  
and follow we this joyful birth;  
*Transeamus.* (Let us go)



Hymn 'O come, O come, Emmanuel'



All  
High voices  
Low voices  
All

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
3 tribes on Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the  
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. **All**  
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Lesson Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7 *Read by a companion in the city of Boston.*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Carol 'Earth strike up your music'  
Jessica French (b. 1983)

Christmas hath a darkness  
Brighter than the blazing noon,  
Christmas hath a chillness  
Warmer than the heat of June,  
Christmas hath a beauty  
Lovelier than the world can show:  
For Christmas bringeth Jesus,  
Brought for us so low.

Earth, strike up your music,  
Birds that sing and bells that ring;  
Heaven hath answering music  
For all Angels soon to sing:  
Earth, put on your whitest  
Bridal robe of spotless snow:  
For Christmas bringeth Jesus,  
Brought for us so low.

TEXT: CHRISTINA ROSSETTI (1830-1894)

Lesson Luke 1:26-38 *Read by a member of the Trinity youth community.*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Carol 'Bogoroditse djevo'

Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)

Богородице Дево  
 Богородице Дево, радуйся,  
 Благодатная Марие, Господь с тобою;  
 Благословенна Ты в женах,  
 и благословен Плод чрева Твоего,  
 яко Спаса родила еси душ наших.

Rejoice, O Virgin  
 Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos,  
 Mary full of grace, the Lord is with Thee.  
 Blessed art Thou among women,  
 and blessed is the Fruit of Thy womb,  
 for Thou hast borne the Savior of our souls.

TEXT: TRADITIONAL

Hymn 'The first Nowell' ❄️



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High Voices	2.	They	look	-	ed	up	and	saw	___	a	star	shin	-	ing
Low Voices	3.	And	by	the	light	of	that	___	same	star	three	___	___	___
High Voices	4.	This	star	drew	___	nigh	to	the	___	north	-	west,	o'er	___
Low Voices	5.	Then	en	-	tered	in	those	wise	___	men	three	full	___	___
All	6.	Then	let	us	all	with	one	___	ac	-	cord	sing	___	___



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in	___	the	east	___	be	-	yond	___	them	far,	and	to	the	___	earth	it	___	
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his	pre	-	sence	their	gold,	and	myrrh,	and	frank	-	in	-	cense.	___	___	___	___
earth	of	nought,	and	with	___	his	blood	our	life	___	hath	bought.	___	___	___	___	



All No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Lesson Luke 2:1-7 Read by a leader of Trinity Boston Connects.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Carol 'Ding! dong! merrily on high'  
arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

Ding! dong! merrily on high  
In heav'n the bells are ringing:  
Ding! dong! verily the sky  
Is riv'n with angels singing.

*Refrain:*

*Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!*

E'en so here below, below,  
Let steeple bells be swungen,  
And "Io, io, io!"  
By priest and people sung. *Refrain*

Pray you, dutifully prime  
Your matin chime, ye ringers;  
May you beautifully rime  
Your evetime song, ye singers. *Refrain*

TEXT: GEORGE RATCLIFFE WOODWARD (1848-1934)

Lesson Luke 2:8-14 Read by a member of Trinity's Ministry Council.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not 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." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 'O little town of Bethlehem' ❄️

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

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1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
\*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,  
5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;  
5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
3 No car may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,  
5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.  
5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Carol 'What child is this' ❄️

Thomas Hewitt Jones (b. 1984)

What child is this, who, laid to rest  
On Mary's lap, is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds worship and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear: for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,  
The cross be borne for me, for you.  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king, to own him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
The babe, the son of Mary.

TEXT: WILLIAM CHATTERTON DIX

Lesson Luke 2:15-20 *Read by a member of the clergy.*

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Carol 'Masters in this hall' ❄️

arr. Jerrick Cavagnaro (b. 1996), melody by Marin Marais (1656-1728)

Masters in this hall,  
Hear ye news today  
Brought from over sea,  
And ever I you pray:

*Refrain:*

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 today 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:

*Refrain*

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

*Refrain*

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

"Shepherds should of right  
Leap and dance and sing,  
Thus to see ye sit,  
Is a right strange thing."

Quoth these fellows then,  
"To Bethlemtown we go,  
To see a mighty Lord  
Lie in manger low."

"How name ye this lord, Shepherds?"  
Then said I,  
"Very God," they said,  
"Come from heaven high."

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

*Refrain*

TEXT: WILLIAM MORRIS (1834-1896)

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### The Christmas Windows

The cover for this leaflet is a detail from the stained glass window, "Wonder of the Shepherds," one of three located in the upper north transept of Trinity Church. All designed by the Pre-Raphaelite painter and designer Edward Burne-Jones (1833-1898) and executed by William Morris of London, these windows were installed in 1882 and are fondly known as "The Christmas Windows." Morris, also a poet, wrote the carol "Masters in this Hall."

Cynthia Staples, *Histoian and Visitor Services Supervisor*

Hymn 'Angels we have heard on high' ✨

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
 Unison 1 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - ri - a

- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o. 8



Lesson John 1:1-14a Read by a leader of The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Interlude 'Sussex Mummers' Carol'  
Percy Grainger (1882-1961)

Carol 'O Magnum Mysterium'  
Morten Laudrisen (b. 1943)

*O magnum mysterium,  
et admirabile sacramentum,  
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,  
iacentem in praesepe!  
O beata virgo, cuius viscera  
meruerunt portare  
Dominum Iesum Christum.  
Alleluia!*

O great mystery,  
and wonderful sacrament,  
that animals should see the newborn Lord,  
lying in a manger!  
O blessed virgin, whose womb  
was worthy to bear  
the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!

Hymn 'Silent night'

Unison  
Harmony  
Unison

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

## The Prayers

With the Incarnation alighted on our lips and in our lives,  
let us pray for the needs of all God's world:

For peace and goodwill over all the earth;

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For unity and peace within the Church that Christ came to build;

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the poor and the cold, the hungry and the oppressed;

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the sick and the suffering, the lonely and the mourning;

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Finally, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore  
and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the  
Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one;

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

## 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.**

## The Blessing

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of  
light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us  
in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty,  
we may rise to the life immortal; and may the blessing of the holy and undivided Trinity,  
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be upon us and remain with us for ever.

**Amen.**

Hymn 'O come, all ye faithful' verses 1-3, 6 ✨

Unison  
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1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;  
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

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dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing;

Hymn 'Hark! the herald angels sing' ❄️

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!  
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate De - i - ty.  
 Risen with heal-ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - ell  
 hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude 'Toccata-Gigue on Sussex-Carol' ✨  
George Baker (b. 1951)

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## LOOKING AHEAD

- Sat., 12/14      **10 am** Deck the Halls contact [amoon@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:amoon@trinitychurchboston.org)  
**4 pm & 7 pm** Candlelight Carols get tickets at [trinitychurchboston.org/news](http://trinitychurchboston.org/news)  
❄️ New Trinity Christmas Album On Sale get your copy at [bit.ly/TRINBOS](http://bit.ly/TRINBOS)
- Sun., 12/15      **11:15 am** The Lord the Giver of Life: Early Christian Councils Forum Part 2  
**12:15 pm** 20s & 30s Christmas Lunch contact [kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org)  
**2 pm** Candlelight Carols get tickets at [trinitychurchboston.org/news](http://trinitychurchboston.org/news)
- Mon., 12/16      **12:15 pm** Advent Prayer Time on Zoom visit [trinitychurchboston.org/calendar](http://trinitychurchboston.org/calendar)
- Tues., 12/17      **6:30 pm** Cancer Journey Pastoral Circle  
for Pastoral Circles info, contact [klonergan@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:klonergan@trinitychurchboston.org)  
**7 pm** 20s & 30s Zoom Book Club contact [kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org)  
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- Wed., 12/18      **5:45 pm** Weekly Choral Evensong (no Evensong 12.25 or 1.1)
- Fri., 12/20      **12:15 pm** Free Weekly Fridays at Trinity Organ Recital (no recital 12.27 or 1.3)  
**12:30 - 2 pm** Shop Sale 15% off
- Sat., 12/21      **9:30 am** Monthly Stitching in the Spirit  
**2 pm** Volunteer at Rosie's Place visit [trinitychurchboston.org/calendar](http://trinitychurchboston.org/calendar)
- Sun., 12/22      **1 pm** Deck the Halls contact [amoon@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:amoon@trinitychurchboston.org)
- Mon., 12/23      **10 am** Deck the Halls contact [amoon@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:amoon@trinitychurchboston.org)  
**12:15 pm** Advent Prayer Time on Zoom visit [trinitychurchboston.org/calendar](http://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 Choral Evensong on Christmas Day
- Sat., 12/28      **10 am** Un-Deck the Halls contact [amoon@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:amoon@trinitychurchboston.org)
- Sun., 12/29      🙌 **9 am (livestreamed) & 5 pm** Holiday Worship Service Schedule
- Tues., 12/31      **1 pm** Free Handel and Haydn Emancipation Proclamation concert
- Wed., 1/1      Closed; No Choral Evensong
- Sat., 1/4      Epiphany Brunch Preparation contact [pfisher@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:pfisher@trinitychurchboston.org)
- Sun., 1/5      **11:15 am** Epiphany Brunch
- Tues., 1/14      **1 pm** PartnerCare Pastoral Circle  
**6:30 pm** Bereavement and Beyond Pastoral Circle  
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- Thurs., 1/16      **5-8 pm** 20s & 30s Pine Street Inn Volunteer Night contact [kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org)