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HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent



TRINITY CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON



TrinityEvents

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

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



TODAY

Early Christian Councils Forum Series: 'God From God' and 'The Lord the Giver of Life'

Sundays, 12/8 & 12/15, 11:15 am, Lloyd Forum

Explore the Early Christian Councils to learn a deeper understanding of what we "hold in common" with other Christians throughout the world. Though far from us in time, those who attended these Councils wrote the Creeds we proclaim together in our liturgies every Sunday. Far from being "dead" historical documents, these Creeds are living texts uniting all those who profess faith in the Trinitarian God revealed by the One who was God in our midst, both in the past and in the present.

Dr. Boyd Taylor Coolman is a historical theologian who studies early and medieval Catholic theology. He currently serves as Professor of Theology at Boston College.



New Christmas CD Available Now

The Trinity Choirs and Brass Ensemble are excited to release a new Christmas album 'The Great Glad Tidings Tell: Carols from Copley Square'—now available for purchase. 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 timeless carols in a fresh retelling of the Christmas story.

Buy or pick up your copy from 2-4 pm today, or visit bit.ly/TRINBOS or scan the QR code. Shipping and gift-wrap available.



LOOKING AHEAD



Donate to the Christmas Flowers and Music Fund by This Tues., Dec. 17

Honorary and memorial donations for Christmas flowers and music will be accepted through Tues., Dec. 17. Scan the QR code or visit trinitychurchboston.org/news

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, or scan the QR code.*



Holiday Worship Schedule on Sun., Dec. 29

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

Helping hands needed: Sign up to Deck the Church for Christmas on Dec. 22 and 23. Scan the QR code to sign up, or visit trinitychurchboston.org/calendar



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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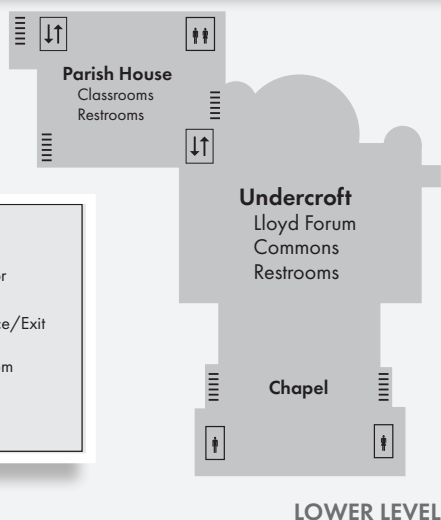
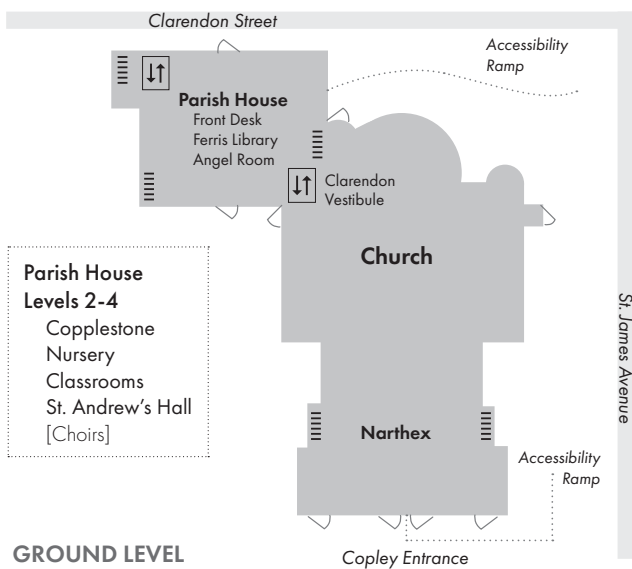
WELCOME



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 fifth Sunday of the month. at trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship and [facebook.com/trinitychurchboston](https://www.facebook.com/trinitychurchboston)
- 11:15 am** Formation for All Ages
- 5 pm** Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Weekday Worship at Trinity

Tues/Thurs.

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



Liturgy

Clergy

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

Music

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

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

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

Tours

- Tues - Sat**
10 am - 5 pm

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

GATHERING

Welcome

Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

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

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

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

Amen.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

WORD OF GOD

Reading Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Worship at Trinity

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

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

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

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

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

Canticle 9

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

**And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

**Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Gospel Luke 3:7-18

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Brandon Ashcraft, *Priest for Outreach*

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

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

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

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

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

and his kingdom will have no end.

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

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

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

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

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

Let us pray for fidelity and flourishing.

Silence

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

Let us pray for justice and peace.

Silence

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

Let us pray for companionship and community.

Silence

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

Let us pray for wonder and hope.

Silence

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

Let us pray for God's comfort and presence.

Silence

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

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

Silence

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

Let us pray for grateful hearts and gracious lives.

Silence

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

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

Silence

Concluding Collect

Confession & Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name.**

Amen.

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

Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

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

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.

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

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

The Presentation

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

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

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

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

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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

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

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

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

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

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

AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father,

who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever.

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

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

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

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

Communion of the People

SENDING

Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,

we thank you

for feeding us with the spiritual food

of our Savior, Jesus Christ,

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries

that we are living members of Christ's Body –

heirs of your eternal kingdom.

Now, send us out

to do the work you have given us to do,

to love and serve you

as faithful witnesses of your Good News.

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

be honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

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

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

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

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

Blessing

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.