

10 AM CHRISTMAS DAY Wednesday, December 25, 2024

TRINITY CHURCH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON





New to Trinity? 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.



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



Trinity's new Christmas album, 'The Great Glad Tidings Tell' is available for purchase

in the Trinity Shop, at bit.ly/ TRINBOS and is also available for streaming on Spotify and Apple Music.

LOOKING AHEAD

Holiday Worship Schedule Next Sunday

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

Free Emancipation Proclamation Concert on New Year's Eve

Tues., 12/31, 1 pm, Church

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

20s & 30s Ministry Planetarium Afternoon

Sat., 1/25, 12 pm, offsite location Email Katrina Leslie, **kleslie@ trinitychurchboston.org**, if you are interested, or for more info about Trinity's 20s & 30s Ministry.





COMMUNITY

You're Invited to Epiphany Brunch

Sun., 1/5/25, 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! Scan the QR code or visit trinitychurchboston.org/calendar to help out with brunch preparation on Sat., 1/4, or Sun., 1/5. After January, join us for Community Breakfast on the first Sunday of the month at 9 am.

Formation for All Ages Returns on Jan. 12

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 formation for **infants through children in third grade**, contact the Rev. Abi Moon at **amoon@trinitychurchboston.org**.

To learn more about formation for those in **fourth grade through high school** or those in their **20s and 30s**, contact Katrina Leslie, at **kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org**.

The Trinity Choristers is open to **all children ages 8-18** who love to sing. Contact Colin Lynch, **clynch@trinitychurchboston.org**

EVERY SUNDAY

Nursery Care from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm in the Parish House Children's Homily at 10 am downstairs in the Chapel Church School in the Parish House classrooms; returns 1.12.25 Discounted parking; ask at the Parish House Front Desk

See more at trinitychurchboston.org/calendar



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Break Bread Together



Trinity Church Boston serves a hot breakfast on the first Sunday of the month during the program year.

On Sunday, January 5, you are invited to Epiphany Brunch at 11:15 am.

And, join in **Community Breakfast** on Sunday, **February 2, at 9 am**; and the **63rd Annual Pancake Toss** on Sunday, **March 2, at 9 am**.





All are welcome!

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WELCOME

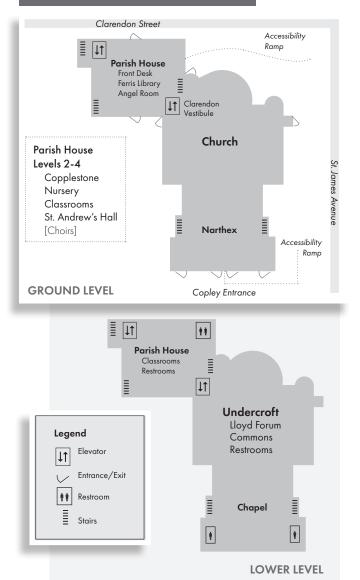


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FINDING YOUR WAY



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 1/5/25)	
8 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II, spoken
9 am	Coffee & Community Hour, full "Community Breakfast" on the first Sunday of most months
10 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with organ, choristers, and choir. Includes Children's Homily & Nursery. Morning Prayer fifth Sunday of the month. at trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship and facebook.com/trinitychurchboston
11:15 am	Formation for All Ages
5 pm	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Weekday Worship at Trinity	
Tues/Thurs. (returns 1/7/25)	
8:30 pm	Online Compline join us on Zoom at bit.ly/tcbTTcompline
Weds.	
5:45 pm	Choral Evensong (returns 1/8/25)

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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 Chijioke



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.

WORD OF GOD

Prelude 'Noël X'

Louis Claude-Daquin (1694-1772), arr. Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Welcome

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



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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. **Opening Sentences**

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

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

The Word becomes flesh and dwells among us.

Glory to God in the highest and Peace to God's people on earth.

Song of Proise 'Angels we have heard on high'



Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; *

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world * and the peoples with equity.

Read responsively by whole verse, starting with the Lector.



Gospel Luke 2:8-20

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

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!" 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 Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Brandon Ashcraft, Priest for Outreach

Prayers of the People

In peace let us pray for the church and the world. Creator God, on this glad morning 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 glad morning, heaven comes down to earth. Hold close all who have passed through death with you as their hope. Lord, hear our prayer.

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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.

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

Offertory

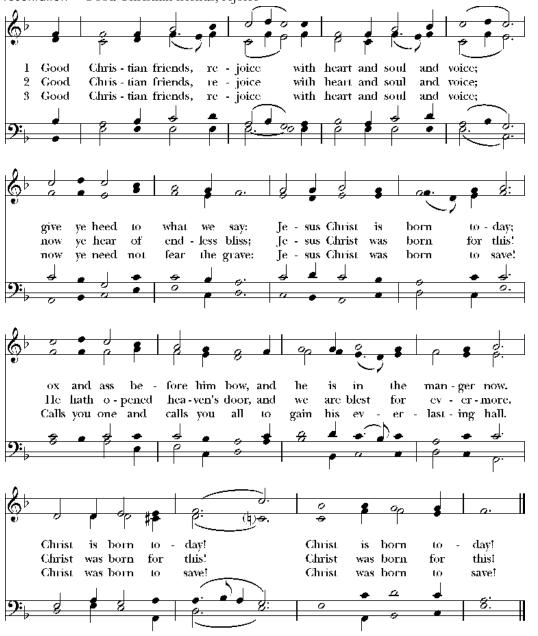
Anthem 'On this day earth shall ring' C. Hylton Stewart (1884-1932)

> On this day earth shall ring With the song children sing To the Son, Christ the King, Born on earth to save us, Him the Father gave us. *Ideo, Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

His the doom, ours the mirth; When He came down to earth, Bethlehem saw His birth, Ox and ass beside Him, From the cold would hide Him. Ideo, Gloria in excelsis Deo!

God's bright star, o'er His head, Wise men three to Him led, Kneel they low by His bed, Lay their gifts before Him, Praise Him and adore Him. *Ideo, Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

On this day Angels sing, With their song earth shall ring Praising Christ, Heaven's King. Born on earth to save us, Peace and love He gave us, *Ideo, Gloria in excelsis Deo!* The Presentation 'Good Christian friends, rejoice'

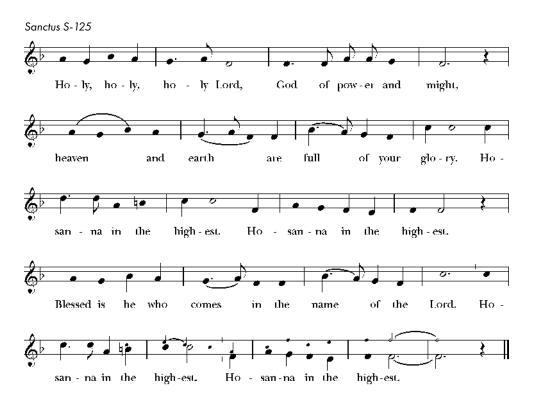


The Great Thanksgiving

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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect in the flesh of Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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



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

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

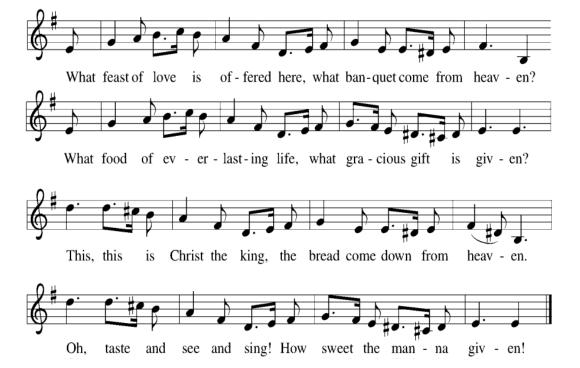
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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 Savior is born in us today. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Preparation of the Gifts



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 'In the bleak midwinter' Harold Darke (1888-1976)

In the bleak midwinter frosty winds made moan, Earth stood hard as iron water like a stone: Snow had fallen, 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 Almighty Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day, A breast-ful of milk and a manger full of hay: Enough for him, whom angels fall down before, The ox and ass and camel which adore.

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.

TEXT: CHRISTINA ROSSETTI

Hymn 'O little town of Bethlehem'



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

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.

Blessing

Hymn 'Joy to the world!'



Dismissal

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

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

TRINITY'S CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND MUSIC

ARE OFFERED TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND ...

IN HONOR OF: Jack, Asa & Scarlett Basile Dolores E. Johnson The Narain Family Carol Roberts Peter Laird Vielbig Lily & Violet **Bill Shortino** IN MEMORY OF: Chris Allen. Sr. David Allen Debra Allen Roland Allen Varduhi Barbara & Gregor Petrosian Paul Kenneth Brown Donald M. Buck Giuseppina Del Gizzi Castrucci & Giulio Castrucci Gertrude & Grover Coors Elizabeth & Wesley Copplestone Christopher Crofton-Atkins Arvid John Dahlbloom Elisa Carolina DiGiustini & Luigi DiGiustini Vera & Douglas Dixon Mary & Glover Dixon Kay & Gene Drolet Donald T. Estabrook Karen Griffin Milan A. Heath, Jr. Carolyn Lear Hitt William J. Hopkins

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Judith Tepe **Richard Winston Thaler** Grace Yeomans Thaler Victoria Sears Thaler O'Gorman Reynaldo Trujillo David VanBoxlaere **Richard Paul Voigt** Carola von Kapff Silvia Rose von Sacken George V. Walker Mildred Smith Walker Mary Walmsley The Families of Peter Wassell and Anthony Wassell Constance V. White Mr. & Mrs. Roy F. Wood and Robert L. Wood Lillian Noda Yajima & Tad Tadashi Yajima John F. Younger, Jr.

AND IN GRATITUDE FOR: Trinity Boston Connects Musicians of Trinity Church Lay Volunteers and Ministry Leaders of Trinity Church Staff and Clergy of Trinity Church Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church and all those too numerous to name who are close to our hearts







LOOKING AHEAD



Wed., 12/25 Thurs., 12/26	10 am Christmas Day Worship; No Weekly Choral Evensong on Christmas Day Closed
Sat., 12/28	10 am Un-Deck the Halls contact amoon@trinitychurchboston.org
Sun., 12/29 Tues., 12/31	 9 am (livestreamed) & 5 pm Holiday Worship Service Schedule 1 pm Free Handel and Haydn/Museum of African American History Emancipation Proclamation Concert
Wed., 1/1 Sat., 1/4	Closed; No Choral Evensong Epiphany Brunch Preparation contact pfisher@trinitychurchboston.org
Sun., 1/5 Wed., 1/8	 11:15 am Epiphany Brunch 7:30 am Weekly Women's & Men's Zoom Bible Studies Return visit trinitychurchboston.org/calendar 5:45 pm Weekly Choral Evensong returns
Fri., 1/10 Tues., 1/14	 12:15 pm Weekly Free Fridays at Trinity Organ Recital returns 1 pm Monthly PartnerCare Pastoral Circle 6:30 pm Monthly Bereavement and Beyond Pastoral Circle for Pastoral Circles info, contact klonergan@trinitychurchboston.org
Thurs., 1/16 Sat., 1/18	5-8 pm 20s & 30s Pine Street Inn Volunteer Night contact kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org 9:30 am Monthly Stitching in the Spirit
Sun., 1/19	9:30 am All-Youth Donut Breakfast 2 pm The Play of Daniel with The Boston Camerata visit bostoncamerata.org Closed
Mon., 1/20	Closed Sacred Ground Anti-Racism Curriculum begins on Zoom contact bashcraft@trinitychurchboston.org
Tues., 1/21	6:30 pm Monthly Cancer Journey Pastoral Circle for Pastoral Circles info, contact klonergan@trinitychurchboston.org
Sat., 1/25 Tues., 1/28	12-2 pm 20s & 30s Planetarium Afternoon contact kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org 6:30 pm 20s & 30s In-Person Book Club contact kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org
Sun., 2/2	9 am Monthly Community Breakfast contact pfisher@trinitychurchboston.org 2 pm Monthly First Sunday Choral Evensong begins
Sun., 2/9 Sat., 2/15	10 am Annual Parish Meeting 20s & 30s Annual Retreat contact kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org 9:30 am Monthly Stitching in the Spirit
Sun., 2/16 Mon., 2/17	9:30 am All-Youth Donut Breakfast Closed 5:45 pm 20s & 20s Evensong and Craft Night contact kloslig@tripityshurshbaston arg
Wed., 2/26 Sat., 3/1	5:45 pm 20s & 30s Evensong and Craft Night contact kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org 2-4 pm Youth Level 99 Afternoon contact kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org

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