

9 AM

MORNING PRAYER, RITE II
Sunday, December 29
First Sunday after Christmas



TRINITY CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON



TrinityEvents

FYI: Sermon videos are available online at trinitychurchboston.org/sermons, and printed copies of recent sermons are available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

THIS WEEK

Free Emancipation Proclamation 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!



NEXT SUNDAY

Epiphany Brunch

Sun., 1/5, 11:15 am, Kitchen & Commons

Come celebrate the feast!

Join your Trinity family for our annual Epiphany Brunch, complete with royal visitors, Kings Cakes and special crafts for kids! *All skill levels welcome to pitch in (in the kitchen) on Saturday or Sunday. Scan the QR code or visit trinitychurchboston.org/calendar to sign up.*



LOOKING AHEAD

20s & 30s Pine Street Inn Volunteer Night

Thurs., 1/16, 5-8 pm, Kitchen and Pine Street Inn

20s and 30s are invited to cook, clean, and serve our neighbors at Pine Street Inn a homecooked meal. We need volunteers across several hours, so sign up for a time that works for you. Email Katrina Leslie, kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org with questions about volunteering, or scan the QR code to sign up.



Sacred Ground Antiracism Curriculum

Starting Mon., 1/20, 6:30 pm, on Zoom

Grounded in faith, Sacred Ground curriculum uses films and readings to provide a window into America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. Building on the success of recent offerings, Trinity's Anti-Racism Team will launch a new dialogue circle, meeting every three weeks on



Monday evenings on Zoom. Scan the QR code to learn more, and contact Brandon Ashcraft, bashcraft@trinitychurchboston.org, if you are interested.

Free Friday Organ Concerts Resume 1.10

Fridays, 12:15 pm, Church

Join us on Friday afternoons at 12:15 pm for this weekly series of midday organ concerts featuring innovative programs by recitalists from across the United States and abroad. There is no charge for admission, but we invite a donation of \$10. All performances take place in the Church. On Fri., Jan. 10, we welcome Kathleen Scheide, who serves as organist/music director at Church of the Loving Shepherd, in West Chester, PA.



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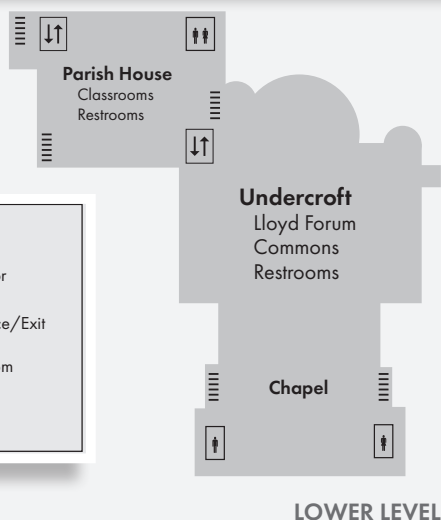
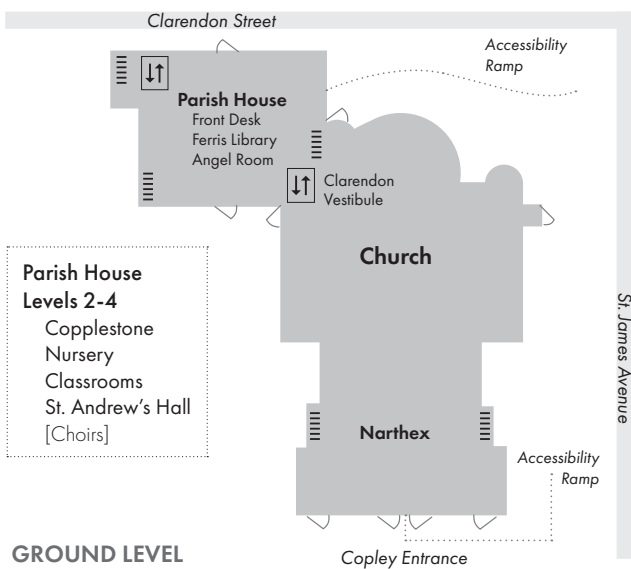
WELCOME



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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](https://www.facebook.com/trinitychurchboston)
- 11:15 am** Formation for All Ages
- 5 pm** Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Weekday Worship at Trinity

Tues/Thurs. (returns 1/7/25)

- 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 (returns 1/8/25) 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.

OPENING RITE

Prelude 'Symphonie-Passion, Op. 23' Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)
II. *Nativité*

Welcome

Hymn 95 'Angels from the realms of glory'

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.

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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 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.

Song of Praise 'Good Christian friends, rejoice'

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;

**For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.**

He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

**He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.**

He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

**He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?**

He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

**He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**

He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

THE LESSONS

Reading Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 96 'Angels we have heard on high'

During this hymn at the 9 am service, preschool and elementary-aged children may meet members of our Children's Ministries staff under the pulpit to travel to the forum for an age-appropriate children's homily. The children return to the service during the Presentation Hymn.

Reading John 1:1-18

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. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem 'The Holly and the Ivy'

arr. Reginal Jacques (1894-1969)

The holly and the ivy when they are both full grown
Of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown

*Oh, the rising of the sun and the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir*

The holly bears a blossom as white as lily flower
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet savior
Refrain

The holly bears a berry as red as any blood
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good
Refrain

The holly bears a prickle as sharp as any thorn
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas Day in the morn
Refrain

The holly bears a bark as bitter as any gall
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all
Refrain

TEXT: TRADITIONAL ENGLISH CAROL

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 & Intercessions

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.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

Hymn 92 'On this day earth shall ring'

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

Offertory

All we have and all we are is of God, and everyone has a faithful offering to make.

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.

Anthem 'Sleeps Judea Fair'
arr. Hugh MacKinnon

Sleeps Judea fair,
Bides the Christ Child there:
Shepherds, haste ye! flocks forsaking,
Swift your way to Him be taking,
Babe, of Israel's prayer.

Christ from God is come,
Choosing earthly home:
Royal pomp and splendor never,
But with love which naught can sever,
He will heal the dumb;
Christ from God is come.

Lowly bend the knee,
Thou from sin set free:
Let the Christ Child, meekly smiling,
Infant-wise, all woe beguiling,
Grant His grace to thee!

TEXT: HUGH MACKINNON

The Presentation

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.

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

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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 87 'Hark! the herald angels sing'

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

Postlude '*In Dulci Jubilo*, BWV 729'

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)