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HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Sunday, December 14

Third Sunday of Advent



TRINITY CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON





TrinityEvents

Check Out the Pop-Up Shop outside the Chapel from 11:15 am - 2 pm today. Find something meaningful for everyone on your list while supporting artisans from around the world.

TODAY

There are one million ways to be busy during December and Advent. We won't try to stop you from the hectic—but we invite you to choose your own adventure as we **slow down for 45 minutes of creativity and connection** and the bliss of doing a little something which won't change the world, but which can change our spiritual framework for the season. Choose something discussion-based or craft-based. No experience or crafty genes necessary! Formation for Children and Youth will continue in their regular classrooms.

CHOOSE
YOUR OWN
ADVENT-URE
FORMATION

**Dec. 14
11:15 am**

Write that Letter!

In the Lloyd Forum

Send that Letter! Forgot your Christmas cards? Need some specific cards for the holidays? Bring your cards, address list, and envelopes, and get them done with friends! OR, create a card or use a Trinity card and finally write that note to someone you have been meaning to connect with, but just haven't yet. *We will have materials, pens, and cards on hand, or bring your own!*

Parents of Young Families Bible Study

In the Ferris Library

Parents of young children are invited to gather and share conversation about the Annunciation to the Birth Story of Jesus. Being a parent isn't easy, being in community helps!

20s & 30s Host Bible Study:

The Herald Angels *In the Angel Room*

The 20s and 30s Bible Study invite others to join them for a discussion about Angels in the Bible. Come learn about the divine in our midst.

Stitching in the Spirit

In the Commons

Have you ever wished you could try the meditative practice of knitting or crocheting? Learn how we spend the third Saturday of every month.



LOOKING AHEAD

Donate to the Christmas Flowers & Music Fund by Dec. 16

Honorary and memorial donations for Trinity's Christmas Flowers and Music Fund are welcome through **this Tuesday, Dec. 16**, the deadline for including names to be printed in Christmas worship bulletins.

Scan the QR code to learn more and make a gift at trinitychurchboston.org/flowersandmusic

Free Emancipation Proclamation Concert

Wed., 12/31, 1 pm, Church

The Handel and Haydn Society and **Museum of African American History** return to Trinity to present a joyous Emancipation Proclamation concert on New Year's Eve.

VOLUNTEER

Deck the Halls

Mon., 12/22,
10 am-2 pm, Church

Join the fun as we prepare the Church for Christmas!

Scan the QR code to see all volunteer dates and sign up at

trinitychurchboston.org/volunteer



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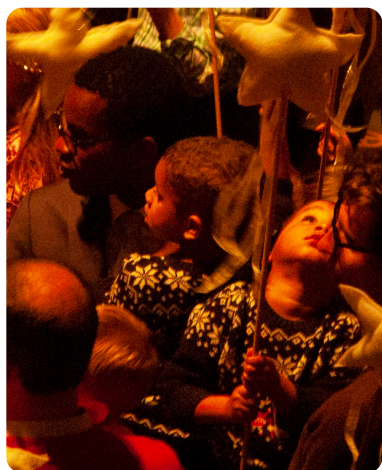
Christmas

Children's Christmas Pageant

Wed., 12.24, 2 pm, Church;

early arrival recommended; childcare available

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

childcare available

Eve: 12.24, 8 pm,

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

scan the QR code

Eve: 12.24, 11 pm

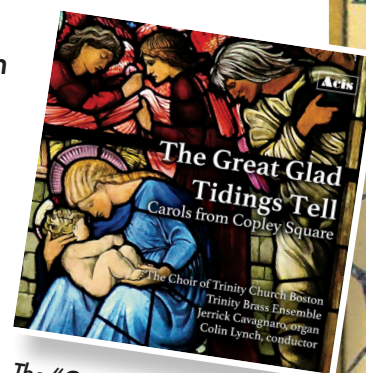
Day: 12.25, 10 am



Limited vinyl release of Trinity's
Billboard-chart-topping album available
in-person at The Shop at Trinity.

In-Person Shop Hours

Sun., 12/14	11:15 am - 2 pm
Tues. - Sat.	10 am - 4:30 pm
Tues., 12/23	10 am - 4:30 pm



The "Great Glad Tidings Tell"
CD is available for purchase at
shop.trinitychurchboston.org, or you can listen on your
favorite streaming service.

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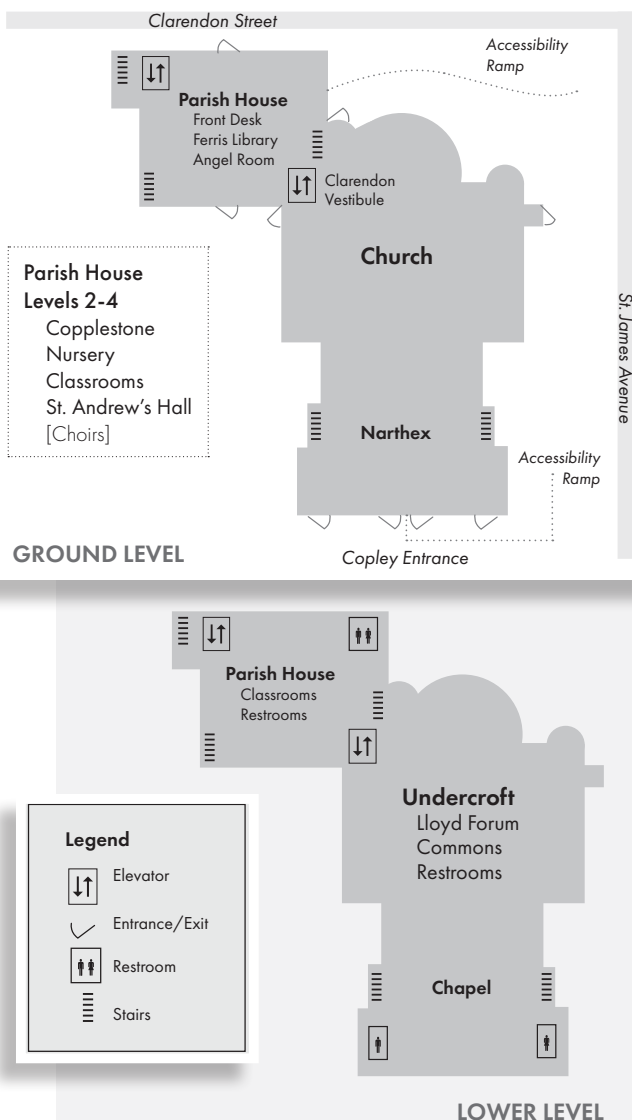
WELCOME



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. at trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship and facebook.com/trinitychurchboston
- 11:15 am** Formation for All Ages
- 5 pm** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with organ & choir

Weekday Worship at Trinity

- Tues.**
- 12:15 pm** Holy Eucharist
- Tues/Thurs.**
- 8:30 pm** Online Compline via Zoom
join us at trinitychurchboston.org/compline
or dial in with **1-646-558-8656**
and enter Meeting ID **206 654 379**
- Wed.**
- 5:45 pm** Choral Evensong

Vestry

Chris Allen ('27) • Christine Arcese ('26) • Christopher Atwood ('26) • Barbara Dortch-Okara ('26) • Josh Fiala ('27) • Sukaina Garcia ('28) • Tim Kelly ('28) • Tim Martin ('27) • David McFerrin ('28) • Niven Narain ('26) • Chuks Chijioke Okoli ('28) • Constance Perry ('28) • Peter Renner ('28) • Mary Roetzel ('27) • Katie Wisley 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 trinitychurchboston.org/vestry
Clergy & Staff can be reached at trinitychurchboston.org/staff

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. Learn more at trinitychurchboston.org/tours

GATHERING

Welcome

Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

Blessed be God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's reign, 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.

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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.

Assistive listening devices are available upon request from any Usher.

WORD OF GOD

Reading Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*We will pray the Psalm
responsively, by whole verse.*

Psalm 146:4-9

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

**Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;**

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

**The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**

The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!**

Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"

Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Kit Lonergan, *Priest for Parish Care*

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

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us draw near to God and pray,
“Lord, have mercy.”

For the loving-kindness of God and for the hope of restoration with God and one another, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For peace in the world and for the joyful union of all people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For faithfulness in our ministry, today remembering ... And for the thriving of the whole Church.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For grace among the leaders of nations and for wisdom to all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For dedication among public officials in Boston and our local governments, and for the welfare of all our communities, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For constancy in our care for God’s creation, and for the flourishing of all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For relief to those who suffer, and for knowledge of God’s presence among those who have requested our prayers, remembering ...

For all who suffer in places of war, violence, need, and danger; and for those helping to restore peace, and offer dignity to all humanity;

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For fulfillment of our abiding hopes, and for joy in the blessings of this life, remembering those expecting a child ...

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For perfection to all who have died, and for consolation to all who grieve, today remembering ...

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

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 are a long-time member,
we invite everyone celebrating
a recent or upcoming birthday
or 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 plates 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

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