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CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
Wednesday, December 24, 2025



TRINITY CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON



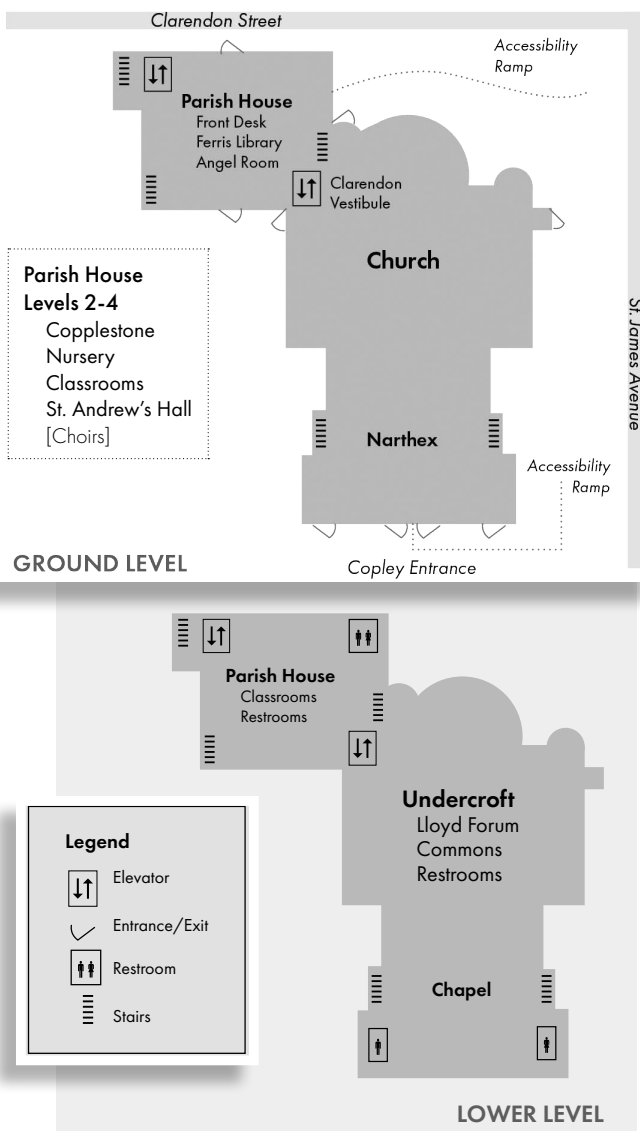
WELCOME



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.

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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 1/4/26

- 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 returns 1/4/26
- 5 pm** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with organ & choir

Weekday Worship at Trinity

- Tues.** Returns 1/6/26
- 12:15 pm** Holy Eucharist
- Tues/Thurs.** Returns 1/6/26
- 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.** Returns 1/7/26
- 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 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 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

Prelude ‘*In dulci jubilo, BWV 608*’

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

‘*Es ist ein Ros’ entsprung*’

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Welcome

Hymn in Procession ‘O come, all ye faithful’

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him, born the King of angels;**

Refrain

**O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest;**

Refrain

**See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;**

Refrain

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

Refrain

Opening Sentences & Collect

Behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which will come to all people.
For to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Glory to God for ever and ever!

And peace to God’s people on earth.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Good and gracious God, on this holy night you have given us the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes— the Savior of all, lying in a manger; draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with heaven’s angels, that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds, that we may find the One for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, one God forever and 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.

Trinity Church Boston welcomes children present to participate in the pageant.

Costumes can be found in the Narthex (Copley Square entrance).

As indicated, children will be invited to come forward and take their place at the manger scene. Very young children should be accompanied by family member.

We invite you to refrain from photography until the singing of ‘Joy to the world!’. At that time, families and friends will be welcomed to photograph the completed tableau.

The congregation remains seated for the entire pageant, including hymns, carols, and readings.

WORD OF GOD

First Reading Isaiah 9:2, 6–7 • *The Prophet foretells the birth of Christ*

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. 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 onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

Hymn ‘O little town of Bethlehem’

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth.**

Second Reading Luke 1:26–33, 38 • *The appearance of the Angel*

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 for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” 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.

Hymn 'Once in royal David's city'

**Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.**

**He came down to earth from heaven,
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, the scorned, the lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.**

**Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing round,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
where his saints his throne surround:
Christ, revealed to faithful eye,
set at God's right hand on high.**



During this hymn,
stars proceed to the front.

Third Reading Luke 2:1–7 • *The decree of Augustus*

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.

Hymn 'Away in a manger'

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

Fourth Reading Luke 2:8–14 • *The Angels announce Jesus' birth*

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!”



During this hymn, **shepherds**
and **sheep** proceed to the front.

Hymn ‘The first Nowell’

**The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

Refrain

**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.**

**They lookèd up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.**

Refrain

Fifth Reading Luke 2:15–18 • *The Shepherds greet Jesus' birth*

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.



During this hymn, **angels**
come forward to complete
the nativity scene.

Hymn ‘Angels we have heard on high’

**Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.**

Refrain

**Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear?**

Refrain

**Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.**

Refrain

Final Reading Luke 2:25-38 • *Simeon and Anna thank God and share the story of God's Love*

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

Hymn 'Joy to the world! the Lord is come'

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love.**



Family members may take photographs of the pageant tableau during this hymn. Tag us **@trinitychurchboston** in your Instagram and Facebook photos.

During the second verse, "...while field and floods, rocks, hills and plains..." , we ask all participants and photographers to return their costumes to the front pews and to return to their seats.

Prayers of the People

Presider In peace let us pray for the Church and the world.

Intercessor Creator God, on this holy night our Savior was born.
Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness.
Bring comfort to all who suffer.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor The angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.'
Strengthen our witness in the world.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Strangers visited the Holy Family in the manger.
Bless our homes and all we love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor On this holy night, heaven comes down to earth.
Hold close all who have passed through death with you as their hope.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Holy God, angels and shepherds worshiped the newborn Jesus.
Receive our praises in fellowship with Mary, Joseph,
and all the saints, through the One who is your Word made flesh.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Announcements

*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.*

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Anthem 'I saw three ships'
Simon Preston (1938-2022)

I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas Day in the morning.
And what was in those ships all three on Christmas Day in the morning?
Our Savior Christ and his lady on Christmas Day in the morning.

Pray, whither sailed those ships all three on Christmas Day in the morning?
O, they sailed into Bethlehem on Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the bells on earth shall ring on Christmas Day in the morning.
And all the angels in heaven shall sing on Christmas Day in the morning.
And all the souls on earth shall sing on Christmas Day in the morning.
Then let us all rejoice again On Christmas day in the morning!

TEXT: TRADITIONAL

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also give in-person via the
plates passed during the
Offertory.

The Presentation *All stand and sing*

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice:
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

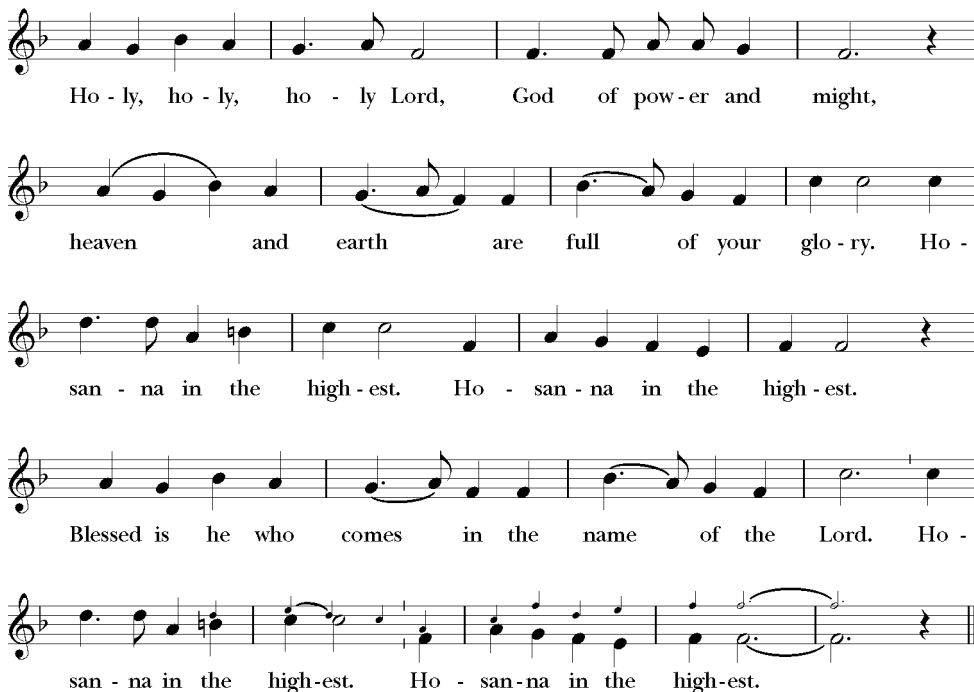
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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.

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

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.

Fraction Anthem

**What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!**

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 'What Sweeter Music'

John Rutter (b. 1945)

What sweeter music can we bring
Than a carol for to sing
The birth of this our Heavenly King?
Awake the voice, awake the string.

Dark and dull night, fly hence away
And give the honor to this day
That sees December turned to May.

Why does the chilling winter's mourn
Smile, like a field beset with corn?
Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn?
Thus, on the sudden? Come and see.
The 'cause, why things thus fragrant be.

'Tis he is born, whose quickening birth
Gives life and luster, public mirth
To Heaven, and the under-Earth.

We see him come, and know him ours
Who with his sunshine and his showers
Turns all the patient ground to flowers.

The darling of the world is come
And fit it is, we find a room
To welcome him, the nobler part.
Of all the house here is the heart.

Which we will give him, and bequeath
This holy and this ivy wreath
To do him honour, who's our King
And Lord of all this revelling.

TEXT: ROBERT HERRICK (1591-1674)

Hymn 'It came upon a midnight clear'

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.**

**Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel-sounds the blessed angels sing.**

**Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong;
and warring humankind hears not the tidings which they bring;
O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the angels sing!**

**For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.**

During this hymn the congregation's candles are lit by the Ushers. We invite all to kneel for the singing of "Silent night, holy night."

Candles may be extinguished after the Blessing. Following the service, they may be returned to the baskets in the Narthex and Clarendon Vestibule.

Postcommunion Hymn 'Silent night, holy night'

**Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!**

**Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

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 'Hark! the herald angels sing'

**Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!**

Refrain

**Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel!**

Refrain

**Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Risen with healing in his wings,
light and life to all he brings,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!**

Refrain

Dismissal

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

Postlude '*Dieu Parmi Nous (God Among Us)*'
Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

TRINITY'S CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND MUSIC
ARE OFFERED TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND ...

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*and all those too numerous to name
who are close to our hearts.*



Children and Youth At Trinity

At Trinity Church Boston, we delight in the presence of children and youth. Children's Ministry is a very big part of what we do. Based on our belief that **children are vital members of our community**, we include and incorporate children into as many of our special events and services as possible. Their insights and fresh perspectives on Scripture and worship enrich and surprise us. Their sense of wonder delights us. Their searching and sincerity sustain us. From infants to high school youth, **Trinity Church Boston thrives and grows** because of the contributions and participation of our youngest members.



Children In Worship

We hope you and your children will sit within the best view of the altar. We also hope that you feel free to **encourage your children's curiosity and questions** during worship rather than quiet them. We believe that worshiping together as a family is one of the strongest vehicles for Christian formation. It is our desire that **children feel as welcome and wanted** as adults. To encourage this feeling of belonging, we provide children's bulletins and crayons in the Narthex and in the Clarendon Street vestibule.

To enhance everyone's participation on Sunday mornings, we invite **all Elementary-aged children (K-5th)** to depart before the sermon at the mid-morning service for the **Children's Homily** and rejoin their families at the Passing of the Peace for the completion of the service. Four-year-olds with attention spans that allow them to participate for 20 minutes are welcome to attend as well.

The Trinity Choristers, made up of children ages 8 to 18, sing each week for the Sunday mid-morning service, and Wednesday Choral Evensong at 5:45 pm. *To learn more about the Chorister program, contact Director of Music Colin Lynch, clynch@trinitychurchboston.org*



For the latest info about our programs for children, youth, and families, please visit trinitychurchboston.org or scan the QR code.

Nursery: Infants & Toddlers

Our Church Nursery—available for infants and toddlers up through age four—provides parents the opportunity to worship and attend adult education forums and classes knowing that their young children are in a **safe and nurturing place**. The Nursery is open Sunday mornings 8:30 am –12:30 pm, and no reservations are required. Only **deeply experienced caregivers**, all of whom have received the child protection training required by the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, serve in our Nursery. There will always be someone present on nursery staff with CPR training.

Children's Sunday School

In **Sunday School**, children learn about the Bible and the life of Jesus, as well as how to give and receive **the blessings of being in community**. Our Sunday

School offers age-appropriate classes and activities for three-year-olds through children in the 5th grade. Trained parishioners act as teachers and mentors. All classes meet in the Parish House on Sunday mornings, September through May, at 11:15 am, during the education hour. *For more information, contact Minister for Early Childhood Kenna Bartholomew, kbartholomew@trinitychurchboston.org*

Youth At Trinity

Trinity Church Boston's Youth Ministry—designed for young people in grades 6-12—is grounded in the conviction that **faith happens in and through community**. We nurture a climate where young people are integrated into the life of the church and empowered to embody the extravagant love of God. We do this by recognizing and amplifying the **life-giving talents young people have** to offer the Church. We think that an open mind and a healthy skepticism are essential elements of the Christian faith, and that spiritual development is more a process of **cultivating a relationship with God** than accepting a set of specific beliefs. Youth Ministries at Trinity Church Boston are LGBTQ affirming.

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in the Middle School (grades 6-8) and High School (grades 9-12) Sunday School, which meet at 11:15 am on Sundays throughout the program year to explore urgent and timeless aspects of Christian faith through **discussion and lively activity**. Our middle and high school youth also **gather throughout the year** for fun and fellowship: cooking and sharing meals, going on retreats, and growing in Christian community together. *For more information, contact Youth and Young Adult Minister Rebecca Hughes, rhughes@trinitychurchboston.org*





TrinityEvents

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.



LEARNING

Formation for All Ages Every Sunday

Sundays, 11:15 am

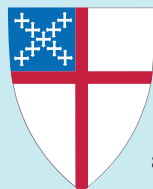
At Trinity Church Boston, all of us—committed Christians as well as those just beginning to explore—are pilgrims on the way.

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 Kenna Bartholomew, kbartholomew@trinitychurchboston.org

To learn more about formation for those in **fourth grade through high school** or those in their **20s and 30s**, contact Rebecca Hughes, rhughes@trinitychurchboston.org.

To learn more about **adult formation**, visit trinitychurchboston.org



Sign Up Today For Trinity 101

Sundays, 1/25 - 2/8, 12:30-2:30 pm, Commons

New to Trinity—or newly returning? Trinity 101 is **a three-week introduction to the parish** that explores the fullness of our community life, spanning worship & music, formation, outreach, fellowship, pastoral care, and more. Join us on three consecutive Sundays at 12:30 pm (following the Formation Hour) to meet clergy and ministry leaders, explore Trinity's mission and ministries, and discover your path into deeper belonging. Lunch will be served. **To register**, contact Brandon, bashcraft@trinitychurchboston.org.

WORSHIP

Christmas Day Worship

Thurs., 12/25, 10 am

Join in Festival Eucharist on Christmas morning with choir and organ.

Summer & Holiday Worship Schedule This Sunday, Dec. 28

On Sun., Dec. 28, we will worship at 9 am and 5 pm. We return to our customary worship schedule of 8 am, 10 am (livestreamed, with in-person Children's Homily) and 5 pm, on Sun., Jan. 4, 2026.



MUSIC

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.

Do You Know a Child Who Loves to Sing?

The Chorister program at Trinity Church is a choir for children and teens, open to all from ages 8 to 18, regardless of religious affiliation.

Learn more at trinitychurchboston.org/choristers, or email Director of Music, Colin Lynch, at clynch@trinitychurchboston.org



Epiphany Brunch Sun., 1/4/26, 11:15 am

Scan the QR code to learn more or sign up to lend a hand at trinitychurchboston.org/communitybreakfast2026



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