

**9 AM & 5 PM**

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Sunday, December 28

*First Sunday after Christmas Day*



TRINITY CHURCH  
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON



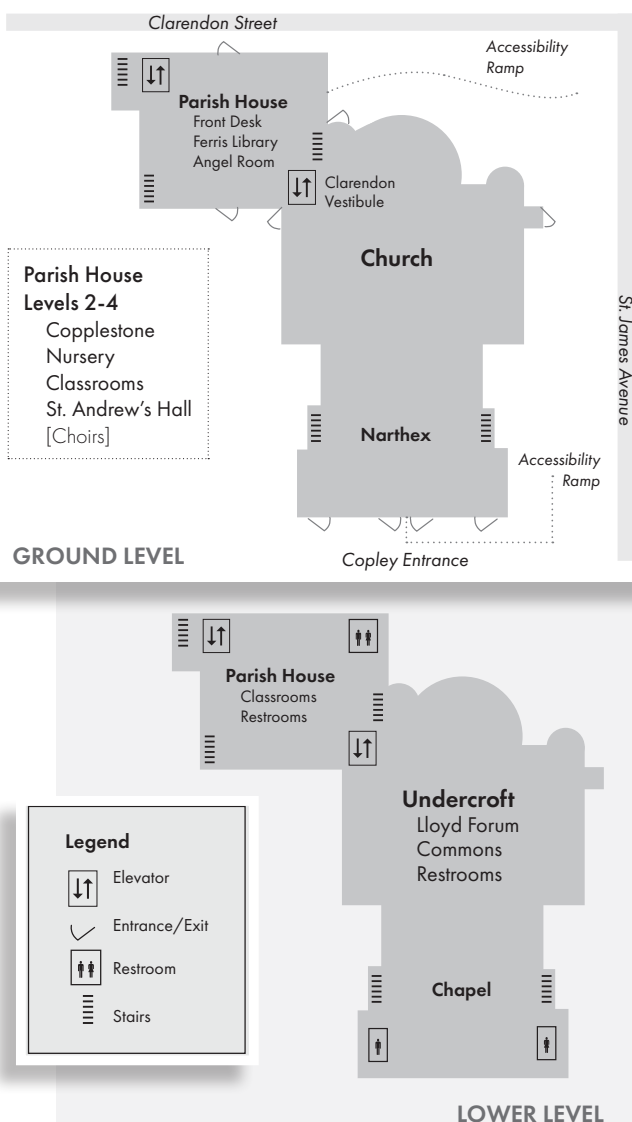
## WELCOME



*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

- 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](http://trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship) and [facebook.com/trinitychurchboston](https://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](http://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*

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Clergy & Staff can be reached at [trinitychurchboston.org/staff](http://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](http://trinitychurchboston.org/tours)

# GATHERING

Prelude ‘*Nativité*’ from *Symphonie-Passion, Op. 23*  
Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Welcome

Hymn 100 ‘Joy to the world! the Lord is come’

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.**

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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.

Song of Praise 'Angels we have heard on high'

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
 What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

## Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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.**

## WORD OF GOD

### Reading Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 147:13-21

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!

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

### Hymn 81 'Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming'

*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 Chapel  
for an age-appropriate  
children's homily. The children  
return to the service during the  
Peace.*

**Gospel** John 1:1-18

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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

## Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

## Prayers of the People

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.*

At the 5 pm service, we invite  
all to gather around the altar for  
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  
plates passed during the  
Offertory.

## HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory

Anthem "The Angels and Shepherds"  
arr. C.H. Trevor (1895-1976)

#### *The Angels*

Shepherds, O hark ye, glad tidings we bring,  
Peace and goodwill to the world now we sing;  
See in a manger Christ the Anointed,  
Whom for your Saviour God hath appointed. Alleluia.

#### *The Shepherds*

In yonder manger behold now he lies,  
Whom angel voices foretold from the skies.  
Seeking thy mercy, we kneel before thee,  
Singing thy praises, humbly adore thee. Alleluia.

#### *The Angels and the Shepherds*

Still through the ages the song doth resound,  
Peace and goodwill on the earth shall abound;  
Bear we the tidings to ev'ry nation,  
Born is the Christ Child for man's salvation. Alleluia.

TEXT: HELEN A. DICKINSON (1875-1957)

## The Presentation

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;

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!

## 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 Man of the flesh of the Virgin 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:

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

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.

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,**

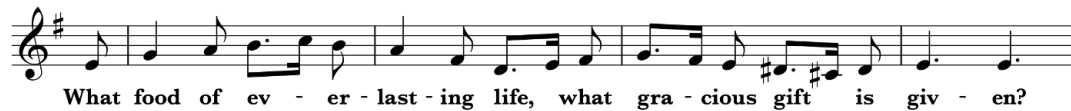
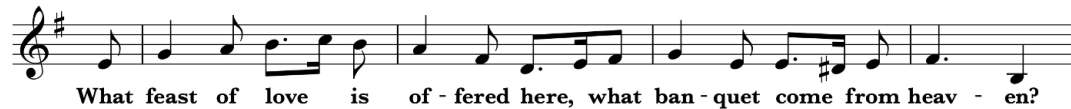
**and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*Fraction Anthem*



## 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 'O Little one sweet'

arr. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

O little one sweet, O little one mild,  
thy Father's purpose thou hast fulfilled;  
thou cam'st from heav'n to dwell below,  
To share the joys and tears we know,  
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild,  
with joy thou hast the whole world filled;  
thou camest here from heav'n's domain,  
to bring men comfort in our pain,  
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild.  
in thee Love's beauties are all distilled;  
then light in us thy love's bright flame,  
that we may give thee back the same,  
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

TEXT: PERCY DEARMER (1867-1936)

Hymn 105 'God rest you merry, gentlemen'

# 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 at 9 am, 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

Hymn 87 'Hark! the herald angels sing'

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude 'Noël X'

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)



# TrinityEvents

**We return to our customary worship schedule of 8 am, 10 am (livestreamed, with in-person Children's Homily) and 5 pm services, on Sun., Jan. 4, 2026.**



## THIS WEEK

### Free Emancipation Proclamation Concert

Wed., 12/31, 1 pm, Church

All are welcome to join the **Handel and Haydn Society** and **Museum of African American History** for a free performance to celebrate freedom and honor the progress for human rights on Dec. 31, the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's enactment of the Emancipation Proclamation. As First Night 2026 also marks the beginning of America's 250th anniversary, the program will trace freedom from the Declaration of Independence to the Emancipation Proclamation through the music of both eras. Led by H+H Resident Conductor **Anthony Trecek-King**, members of the H+H Orchestra and Chorus will perform Revolutionary hymns, Handel choruses, and Spirituals born from slavery to explore the 1776 promise of freedom and how that promise evolved by 1863. The performance also includes historical context and readings by **Massachusetts Poet Laureate Regie Gibson** and other special guests.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Godparents Sunday

Sun., 1/11, at all services

On Sun., Jan. 11 we invite you to bring your godparents or invite your Godchildren to church with you as we celebrate baptisms and give thanks for all of our godparents and godchildren in our parish family. We will have a special prayer for Godparents and godchildren in all of our liturgies.

### RSVP for Family Night at the MFA

Fri., 1/23, 6:30-8 pm;

RSVP at [trinitychurchboston.org/mfa](https://trinitychurchboston.org/mfa)

Join us at 6:30 pm the Museum of Fine Arts for an interactive evening of exploring the galleries and connecting with other Trinity families! Please include in the RSVP comments if your family is a member of the MFA.

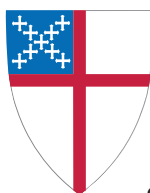


### Epiphany Brunch Sun., 1/4/26, 11:15 am

Scan the QR code to learn more or sign up to lend a hand at [trinitychurchboston.org/communitybreakfast2026](https://trinitychurchboston.org/communitybreakfast2026)



## NEW TO TRINITY?



### Sign up For Trinity 101

Sundays, 1/25, 2/1, & 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.

Questions or want to register?

Contact Brandon, [bashcraft@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:bashcraft@trinitychurchboston.org).

## VOLUNTEER

### Serve at Rosie's Place

Sun., 1/18, 2-5 pm, 889 Harrison Ave, Boston

We return to Rosie's Place, the oldest women's shelter in the country, to **prepare and serve dinner to the shelter's guests**. The Rosie's Place staff designs the menu, they just need our hands and hearts to prepare and serve the meal!

No kitchen experience is necessary. Volunteers must be 16 years of age. **See all volunteer dates and sign up at [trinitychurchboston.org/volunteer](https://trinitychurchboston.org/volunteer)**



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