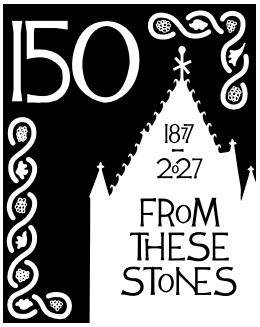
8 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Sunday, November 29

First Sunday of Advent



TRINITY CHURCH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

TRINITY *Events*

You're invited to the next Community Breakfast on Sun., Dec. 6, at 9 am.
Sign up to lend a hand at
trinitychurchboston.org/communitybreakfast 2026



TODAY

All-Ages Advent Wreath Making

*Sun., **11/29,** 9 am, 11:15 am & 6 pm, Undercroft*

During the season of Advent we mark time preparing for Christmas Day. Join us after each Sunday worship service and **create your own Advent Wreath** to take home with you as we pray the days of Advent together.

For more info, email Kenna Easter,
keaster@trinitychurchboston.org

THIS WEEK

Tuesday Holy Eucharist

Tues., 12:15-12:45 pm, Church

20s & 30s Book Club

*Tues., **12/1**, 6:30 pm; RSVP requested*

20s & 30s: Join in a faith-based book discussion on *While Mortals Sleep*, a collection of essays about Phillips Brooks, that seek to reevaluate Brooks and show his legacy in a present-day light.

*Please RSVP at **trinitychurchboston.org/20s30s***

Tues/Thurs Compline

Tues. & Thurs., 8:30 pm, on Zoom; visit
trinitychurchboston.org/compline

Wednesday Choral Evensong

Wednesdays, 5:45 pm, Church

Free Fridays at Trinity Organ Recitals

Fridays, 12:15 pm, Church

*Follow **@trinitychurchboston** on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube*

NEXT SUNDAY

More than *O Little Town of Bethlehem*: Exploring the Life and Work of Phillips Brooks

*Sun., **12/6**, 11:15 am, Church & livestreamed*

Poet, Priest, and Pastor: On Sun., Dec. 6, we will **hear about Phillips Brooks' days growing up in Boston,** return to Boston as Trinity Church's nineteenth Rector, and role as Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts. Our guest speaker, **The Rev. Dr. Bob Flanagan** is the editor of *While Mortals Sleep.*

Trinity Church and H.H. Richardson: From Sketches to the Skylines

*Sun., **12/13**, 11:15 am, Church & livestreamed*

Jay Wickersham, Chris Milford, and Hope Mayo, authors of *Henry Hobson Richardson: Drawings from the Collection of Houghton Library, Harvard University*, will **discuss the drawings of H. H. Richardson**, and what they reveal about the collaborative design process in the studio that produced Trinity Church.

Pop-Up Shop

*Sundays, **12/6 & 12/13**, 11:15 am-1 pm, Narthex*

Join us for some holiday shopping; we'll have **limited copies of our guest speakers' books**: Robert D. Flanagan's *While Mortals Sleep*; and Jay Wickersham's *Henry Hobson Richardson*, along with special 150th anniversary merchandise and our usual selection of Trinity gifts.

Messiah & Candlelight Carols Tickets On Sale

*Tickets: **trinitychurchboston.org/cc2026***

The concert of **Handel's *Messiah*** with **Finzi's *In Terra Pax*** and **Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*** will be **Sun., Dec. 6**, at **2 pm**.

Candlelight Carols will be **Sat., Dec. 12**, at **4 & 7 pm**, and **Sun., Dec. 13**, at **2 pm**. Tickets are going fast!

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Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles.

ACTS 5:12

Reflections from Choir Camp





*Learn more about the Trinity Chorister program at **trinitychurchboston.org/choristers***

Almost every August, our choristers pack their bags and head to Connecticut for their favorite time of year: choir camp! Lasting about five days, choir camp is the time when new choristers get acclimated, music is learned, skills are honed, friendships are made, and everyone becomes family. It's hard to describe just how foundational camp is for our choristers. What exactly makes it such a transformational few days is also not easy to pinpoint. But, having served at Trinity for more than three years, I have directly witnessed the effect this time spent together has on our group and the word I'd use to describe it is **sacred.**

Choir camp takes places at the Incarnation Center, an Episcopal camp located in scenic Ivoryton, CT, (named for its importance in piano key manufacturing in the 19th century). When choristers arrive, they are assigned roommates with whom they must share (and keep clean!) a room. Each day is spent rehearsing music, learning how to sing, reviewing music theory, playing team games, and perhaps the kids' favorite part: swimming at the lake. We share all meals together, always singing grace beforehand; sometimes even with another choir who is holding their camp the same week. There is always a campfire night with s'mores; and no choir camp would be complete without the talent show when **the choristers amaze us** with abilities we never knew they had. A highlight from my first year was the recitation of an original sonnet about who sits at the left hand of God the Father!

My favorite part of camp, however, is our nightly Evensong. No matter how tired we all might be, we file into a small, musty woodland chapel and **offer our thanks to God in the best way we know how: through music**. In fact, the very last thing we do at camp is an Evensong in an open-air chapel which overlooks the lake. This is a beloved tradition that the kids and parents look forward to, and afterwards we end the day with a celebratory BBQ. By the end of the week, we are transformed. The most unlikely children have become friends. The youngest choristers are now buddies with the older teen choristers. Everyone holds each other accountable; yet with room for grace. One chorister this past year even told me by the end of the week **they felt like they had become part of a larger family**. I can't imagine starting the choir year without this formational time together and I look forward to doing it all over again next summer.

Jerrick Cavagnaro,
Associate Director of Music

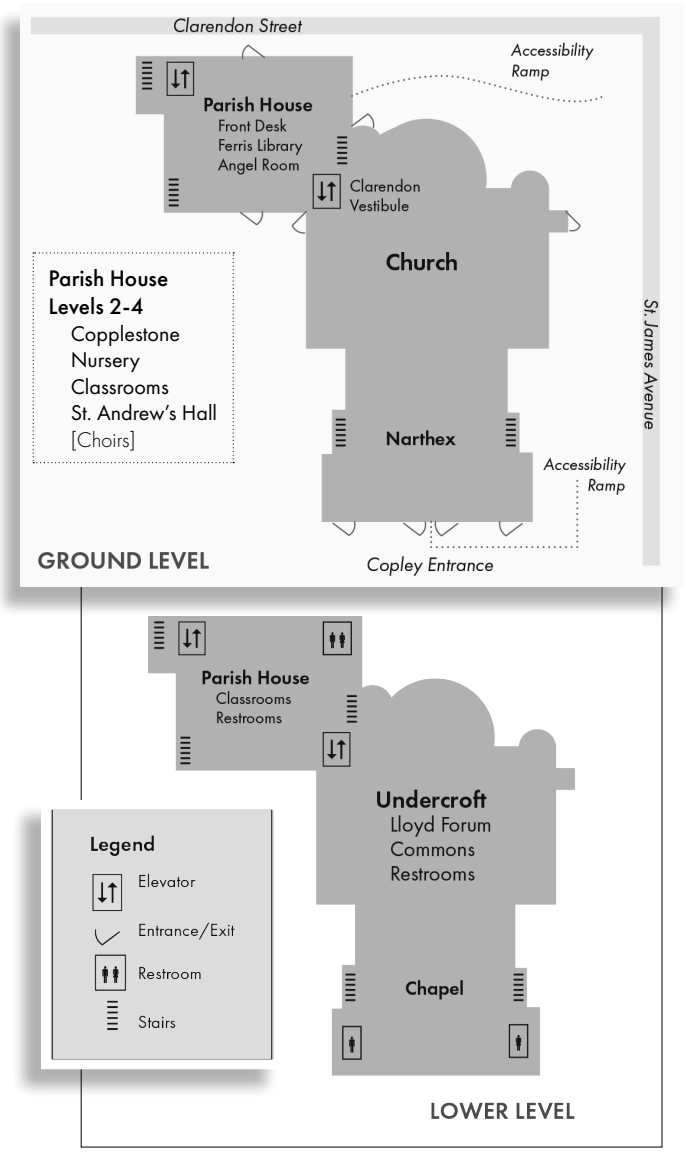
Read all of the Signs & Wonders, including more photos and articles about what's happening in Trinity's Ministries, at ***trinitychurchboston.org/sw***

WELCOME

Whether you're new among us or you've been worshiping 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. Livestreamed at ***trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship***

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) • Gaye Bok ('29) • Matt Diver ('29) • Josh Fiala ('27) • Sukaina Garcia ('28) • Tim Kelly ('28) • Tim Martin ('27) • David McFerrin ('28) • Kathy Moon ('29) • Chuks Chijioke Okoli ('28) • Constance Perry ('28) • Peter Renner ('28) • Mary Roetzel ('27) • Peter Smiledge ('29)• 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

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.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

We will pray the Psalm responsively, by whole verse.

Psalm 80:1-7

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?**

You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

**You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Gospel Mark 13:24-37

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

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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.



Learn more about the ministry we prayed for this week:

***Usher Ministry Team** and **Welcome Committee Ministry** at **trinitychurchboston.org/ministries**.*

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 … 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 … let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

All we have and all we are is of God, and everyone has a faithful offering to make. All gifts received today will support Trinity's ministry, empower our service to the community, and sustain our historic buildings.

To make a gift online, please click here or use the QR code below to be taken to the secure form on our website.

Alternatively, you may also give in-person via the plates passed during the Offertory.

Offertory

The Presentation

All things come of thee, O Lord.
And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

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

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. 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.

Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord.
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

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

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