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CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
Sunday, December 24, 2023

TRINITY CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON





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.



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EPIPHANY FORUM SERIES

The Wonderfully Ordinary Household of God

Sundays, 1/14-2/4, 11:15 am, Lloyd Forum or Church*



We welcome back the Rev. Dr. Katherine Shaner as our guest lecturer on 1/14. Dr. Shaner is a scholar on material culture and the spaces and places of the earliest Christian communities.

Beginning with an underwhelming birth locale amid unexpected visitors, the season of Epiphany is all about recognizing Jesus in the ordinariness of our incarnate world—Jesus came not in glory, but into a household of real-life humans—and as a real-life human. As we

consider the Church as a household of the faithful—a blended family of the highest degree—our forums this season will lift up ordinary moments and invite us to consider them as holy.

* Learn about the entire Forum Series at trinitychurchboston.org/news, or scan the QR code. The Forums on 1/14 and 1/28 will also be livestreamed to trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship



LOOKING AHEAD

Epiphany Brunch

Sun., 1/7/24, 11:15 am, Undercroft

Come celebrate the feast! Join Trinity for our annual Epiphany Brunch, complete with royal visitors, Kings Cakes and special crafts for kids!



Scan the QR code or visit trinitychurchboston.org/calendar to help out with brunch preparation on **Sat., 1/6**, or **Sun., 1/7**



Formation for All Ages Returns on Jan. 14

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 Cathy Portlock Pacitto at cportlock@trinitychurchboston.org.

To learn more about formation for those in **fourth grade through high school** or those in their **20s and 30s**, contact Katrina Leslie, at kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org.

The Trinity Choristers is open to **all children ages 8-18**. Contact Colin Lynch, clynch@trinitychurchboston.org

EVERY SUNDAY

Nursery Care from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm in the Parish House

Children's Homily at 10 am downstairs in the Chapel

Church School in the Parish House classrooms; returns 1.14.24

Discounted parking; ask at the Parish House Front Desk

See more at trinitychurchboston.org/calendar

Save the Date: T-n-T (20s and 30s) is hosting a Catan tournament on Sun., 1/21. To RSVP or for more info, email Katrina Leslie, kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org



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LOOKING AHEAD

I Christmas & New Year's Eve	12/31
Baptism of Jesus & Baptisms	1/7 ☕
Tutu Travel Seminar with Dr. Battle	1/10 - 1/17
II Epiphany	1/14
III Epiphany	1/21
IV Epiphany	1/28
V Epiphany	2/4 ☕
Transfiguration	2/11
Ash Wednesday	Weds., 2/14
I Lent	2/18
II Lent	2/25
III Lent	3/3 ☕
IV Lent	3/10
V Lent	Wed., 3/13 3/17
Palm Sunday	3/24
Maundy Thursday	Thurs., 3/28
Good Friday	Fri., 3/29
Holy Saturday	Sat., 3/30
Easter Day	3/31


Single **10 am** service; *no livestream*

11:15 am Epiphany Brunch

More info at michaelbattle.com/tututravelseminar

11:15 am Forum 'The Household in Ephesos' with guest speaker the Rev. Dr. Katherine Shaner; 

11:15 am Forum 'Trinity Church as part of our Diocesan Life Together'

11:15 am Forum 'Our Household Life Together: Trinity's Ministry Council' 

11:15 am Forum 'A Second Look: Houses of Worship, Households of Faith' Annual Parish Meeting And Winter Walk Day

7:30 am, 12 noon & 7 pm services

11:15 am Lenten "Companions" Forum I with guest speaker from Pine Street Inn

11:15 am Lenten "Companions" Forum II with guest speaker from Ukrainian CCN

11:15 am & 6 pm Lenten "Companions" Forum III with guest speaker from Winter Walk

11:15 am & 6 pm Lenten "Companions" Forum IV with guest speaker from Trinity Boston Connects

Evening Philadelphia 11 Film Screening

11:15 am Lenten "Companions" Forum IV with guest speaker

8 am, 10 am & 5 pm services

2 pm Ukrainian Egg Decorating

7 pm service

12 noon service

6 pm Easter Vigil

8 am, 10 am, 12 noon services

II Easter **4/7** ☕

10 am Confirmations with Bishop Gates

5 pm 'What's Going On?'

A Free Concert of Music by Marvin Gaye

III Easter **4/13 & 4/14**

ABBS weekend with author author Alison Désir

and the Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows

☕ denotes Breakfast Sunday, usually at 9 am

 denotes livestreamed Forum (to trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship)

HOLY WEEK

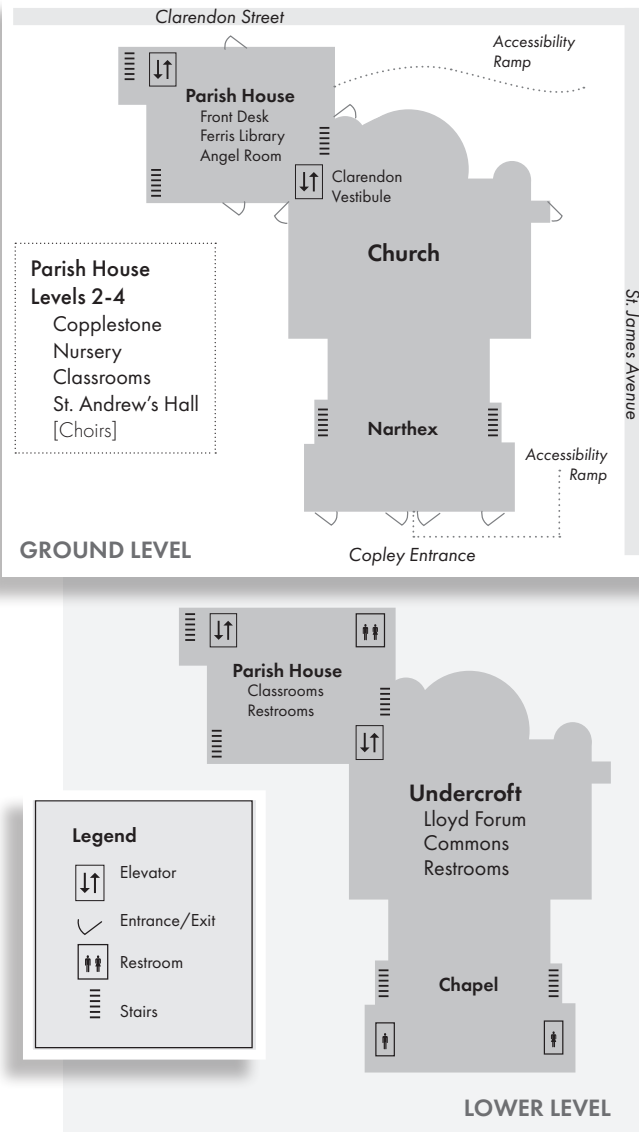
WELCOME



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FINDING YOUR WAY



Statement of Affirmation

Trinity Church in the City of Boston is a congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts and welcomes and honors everyone. In accordance with our baptismal covenant, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person. We strive to include all persons without regard to sexual orientation, race, nationality, gender, family configuration, ethnic background, economic circumstances, difference in ability, culture, or age. Our love and acceptance of each other embody our commitment to unity with God and each other in Christ.

HOURS & INFORMATION

Sunday Schedule (returns 1/7/24)

- 8 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, *spoken*
- 9 am** Coffee & Community Hour, full "Community Breakfast" on the first Sunday of most months
- 10 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with organ, choristers, and choir. Includes Children's Homily & Nursery. Morning Prayer last Sunday of most months. online at trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship and facebook.com/trinitychurchboston
- 11:15 am** Formation for All Ages
- 5 pm** Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Weekday Worship at Trinity

- Tues/Thurs.** (returns 1/2/24)
 - 8:30 pm** Online Compline join us on Zoom at bit.ly/tcbTTcompline or dial in with **1-646-558-8656** and enter Meeting ID **206 654 379**
- Weds.**
 - 5:45 pm** Choral Evensong (returns 1/3/24) in the Church, led by the Trinity Chorists

Vestry

Chris Allen ('27) • Christine Arcese ('26) • Christopher Atwood ('26) • Barbara Dortch-Okara ('25) • Josh Fiala ('27) • Richard Henderson ('26) • Vincent W. James ('24) • Tim Martin ('27) • Niven Narain ('26) • Chuks Chijioko Okoli ('25) • Constance Perry ('24) • Peter Renner ('25) • Mary Roetzel ('27) • Olaf J. Thorp ('24) • Pam Waterman ('25) • Katie Wisley Shelby ('24)

Clergy

The Rev. Morgan S. Allen, *Rector* • The Very Rev. Dr. Michael Battle, *Theologian-In-Community* • The Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman, *Assisting Priest* • The Rev. Paige Fisher, *Associate for Community Life* • The Rev. Kit Lonergan, *Priest for Welcome and Care* • The Rev. Abigail W. Moon, *Senior Associate*

Vestry can be reached at bit.ly/TrinityVestry

Clergy and Staff can be reached at bit.ly/TrinityStaff



Tours

Tues - Sat
10 am - 4:30 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 12 are free.

GATHERING

Prelude ‘Noël X’

Louis Claude Daquin (1694-1772), arr. Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

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,
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 the 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 your Son, the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes; the Savior of all, lying in a manger. On this holy night, 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.

Worship at Trinity

Please note that our use of the BCP text may vary slightly to incorporate gender-neutral 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.

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

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

As indicated, children will be invited to come forward and take their place at the manger scene. Young children must be accompanied by parents.

We invite you to refrain from photography until the singing of ‘Joy to the world!’. At that time, families and friends are welcome 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 walking in darkness have seen a great light; a light has dawned on those living in the land of the shadow of death. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and he will be our ruler. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His power will never end, and his peace will last forever. He will rule David's kingdom and make it grow strong. He will rule with honesty and justice forever. The power of the Lord Almighty will accomplish 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*

God sent the angel Gabriel to the village of Nazareth in Galilee. Gabriel spoke to a young woman engaged to be married to a man descended from the ruler, David. His name was Joseph, and the girl's name was Mary. Gabriel said to her, "Greetings, favored one! God be with you!" But Mary was frightened, wondering what was behind a greeting like that. But the angel assured her, "Mary, you have nothing to fear. God has a surprise for you. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son and call his name Jesus. He will be great and be called 'Son of the Highest'. The Lord God will give him the throne of David and he will rule Jacob's house forever and there will be no end to his kingdom." Mary listened to everything the angel told her and she said, "Yes, I see it all now. I am the Lord's servant. Let it be with me just as you say." And the angel left 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 Emperor Augustus gave orders for the names of all the people to be listed in record books. These first records were made when Quirinius was governor of Syria. Everyone had to go to their own hometown to be listed. So Joseph had to leave Nazareth in Galilee and go to Bethlehem in Judea. Long ago Bethlehem had been King David's hometown, and Joseph went there because he was from David's family. Mary was engaged to Joseph and traveled with him to Bethlehem. She was soon going to have a baby, and while they were there, she gave birth to her first-born son. She wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him on a bed of hay, because there was no room 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*

That night in the fields near Bethlehem some shepherds were guarding their sheep. All at once an angel came down to them from the Lord, and the brightness of the Lord's glory flashed around them. The shepherds were terrified. But the angel said, "Don't 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." Suddenly many other angels came down from heaven and joined in praising God. They said, "Glory to God in the highest! And peace on earth to those God has favored!"



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*

After the angels left and returned into heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see what the Lord has told us about." They hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and they saw the baby lying on a bed of hay. When the shepherds saw Jesus, they told his parents what the angel had said about him. Everyone listened and were surprised.



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

Hymn 'Angels we have heard on high'

**1. 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.**

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

Refrain

**3. 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 2:22-38 • *Simeon and Anna thank God and share the story of God's Love*

Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to Jerusalem so that they could offer special thanks to God for his birth. When they arrived at the temple, a man named Simeon met them there. Simeon was righteous, faithful, and patient, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. God had promised Simeon that he would see the Lord's Messiah before he died, and, guided by the Spirit, he greeted Mary and Joseph. Simeon believed Jesus fulfilled God's promise to him, and he received the baby into his arms and praised God, saying, "Lord, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, just as you promised, for my eyes have seen your salvation, a sign of your love and a light for all people." And Mary and Joseph were amazed by what Simeon said about their son.

A prophet named Anna, who was the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher, also greeted Mary and Joseph. She was very old, and, like Simeon, very faithful. Anna never left the temple, and, night and day, she worshipped there with fasting and prayer. As Simeon blessed the young parents, Anna, too, began to praise God and to speak about Jesus to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

Hymn 'Joy to the world!'

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

**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.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
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...", all participants and photographers are invited to return their costumes to the front pews and return to their seats.

Prayers of the People

- Celebrant* In peace let us pray for the church and the world.
- Intercessor* Creator God, on this holy night your Son our Savior was born.
Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.
- All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor* Your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness.
Bring comfort to all who suffer.
- All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor* The angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.'
Strengthen our witness in the world.
- All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor* Strangers found the Holy Family and visited the baby
lying in a manger. Bless our homes and all we love.
- All* **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.
- All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor* Holy God, angels and shepherds worshiped at your manger.
Receive our praises in fellowship with Mary, Joseph,
and the saints, through the One who is your Word made flesh,
our Savior Jesus Christ.
- All* **Amen.**

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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.

The Peace

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

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Anthem 'Ding dong! merrily on high'
arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

Ding dong! merrily on high in heaven the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky is riven with angels singing.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so, here below, below, let steeple bells be swung,
And io, io, io, by priest and people sung.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime your evetime song, he singers.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

TEXT: G. R. WOODWARD

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

Presentation Hymn *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!**

**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!**

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:

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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, Jesus 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 Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Preparation of the Gifts

**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 'In the bleak midwinter'
Harold Darke (1888-1976)

In the bleak midwinter frosty winds made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron water like a stone:
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him nor earth sustain:
Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day,
A breast-ful of milk and a manger full of hay:
Enough for him, whom angels fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel which adore.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him give my heart.

TEXT: CHRISTINA ROSSETTI

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.**

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.**

**Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
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.**

During this hymn the congregational candles are lit by the Ushers. We invite all to kneel for the singing of Silent night.

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

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. Alleluia.

Postlude 'Toccata-Gigue on *Sussex Carol*
George Baker (b. 1951)

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