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CHRISTMAS EVE

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.**



Complete the short Welcome Form at [trinitychurchboston.org/welcome](http://trinitychurchboston.org/welcome) (or scan the QR code) so we can get to know you better.

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org).

The Trinity Choristers is open to **all children ages 8-18**.

Contact Colin Lynch, [clynch@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org)



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## LOOKING AHEAD


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

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| II Easter  | <b>4/7</b> ☕           |
| III Easter | <b>4/13 &amp; 4/14</b> |


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

**11:15 am** Epiphany Brunch

More info at [michaelbattle.com/tututravelseminar](http://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

HOLY WEEK

**10 am** Confirmations with Bishop Gates

**5 pm** 'What's Going On?'

A Free Concert of Music by Marvin Gaye

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](http://trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship))



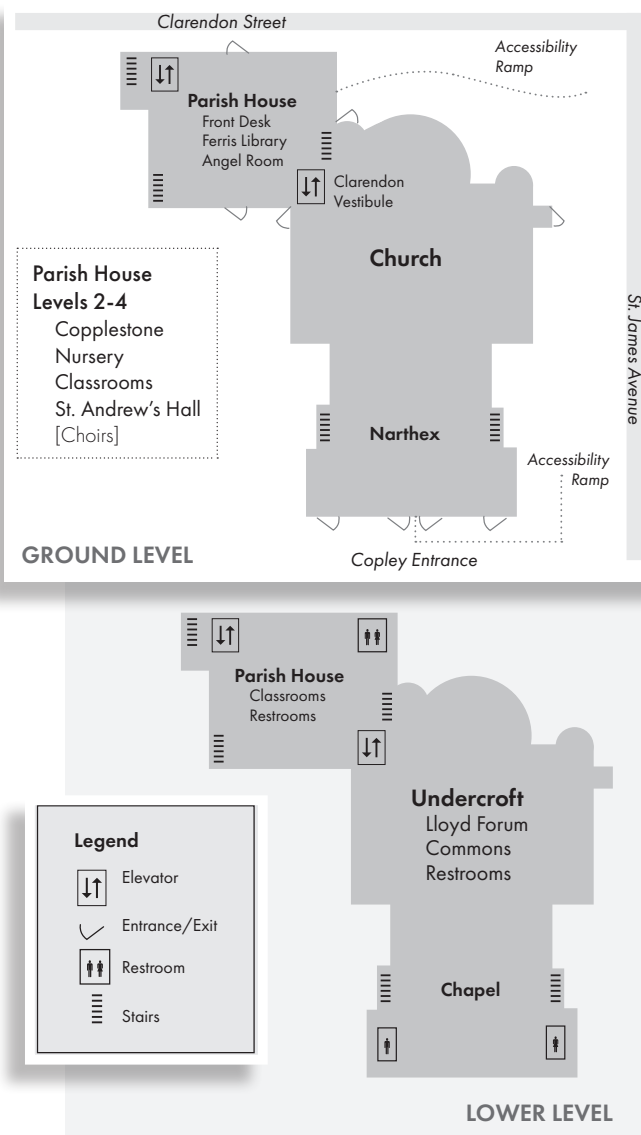
## WELCOME



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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](http://trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship) and [facebook.com/trinitychurchboston](https://www.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](https://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](https://bit.ly/TrinityVestry)

Clergy and Staff can be reached at [bit.ly/TrinityStaff](https://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 'Sonata in A major (*Concerto San Marco*)'  
IV. *Allegro*

'*Heroic Music*'  
I. Tranquility  
II. Bravery

'Masters in this hall'

Contrapunctus 1 from 'Art of the Fugue'

'*Passameze* from '*Terpsichore*'

'Christmas Day'

Tomaso Albinoni (1671-1751)

Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)

arr. Jerrick Cavagnaro (b. 1996)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Gustave Holst (1874-1934)

## 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.*

Hymn 'O come, all ye faithful'

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;  
 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

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

## Opening Sentences

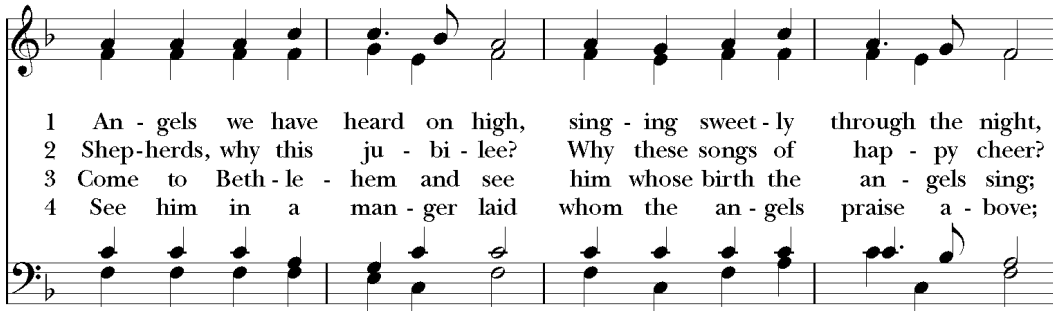
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

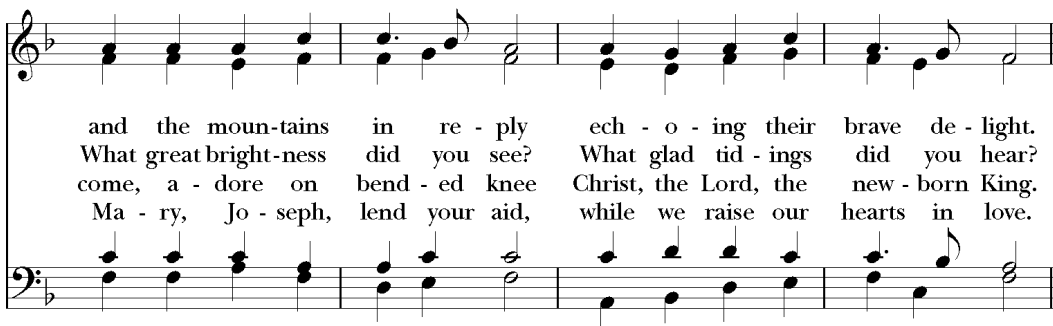
The Word becomes flesh and dwells among us.

**Glory to God in the highest and Peace to God's people on earth.**

## 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;

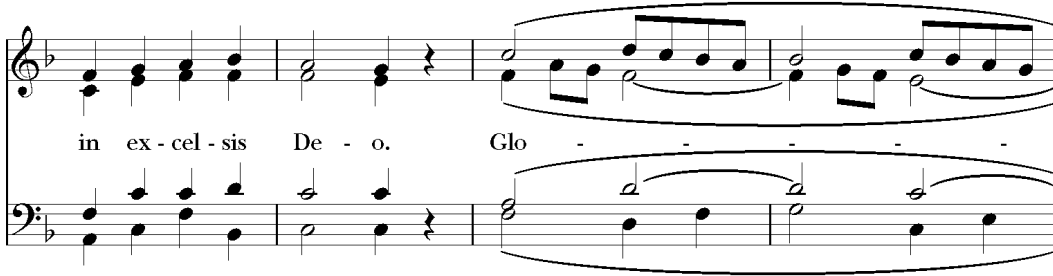


and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

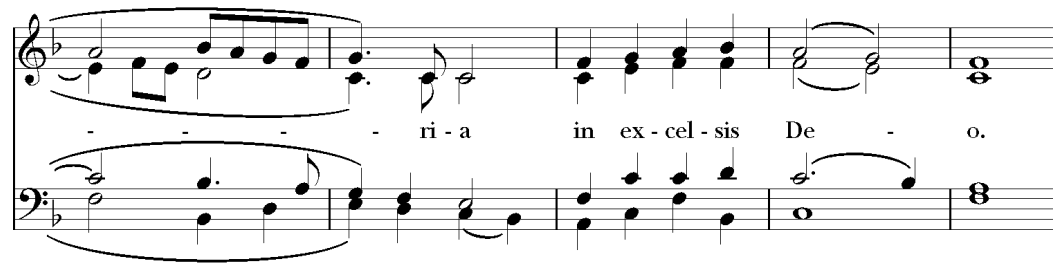
*Refrain*



Glo - - - - - ri - a



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



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## Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy it perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit, the eternal Christ lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

**Amen.**

## WORD OF GOD

Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

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. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 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 onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Read responsively by whole  
verse, starting with the Lector.*

Psalm 96:1-4, 10-13

Sing to the Lord a new song; \*

    sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

**Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; \***

**proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations \*

    and his wonders among all peoples.

**For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \***

**he is more to be feared than all gods.**

Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! \*

    he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;

    he will judge the peoples with equity."

**Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;**

**let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \***

**let the field be joyful and all that is therein.**

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy

    before the Lord when he comes, \*

    when he comes to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world with righteousness \***

**and the peoples with his truth.**



Hymn 'Hark! the herald angels sing'

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!  
2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.  
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

Gospel Luke 2:1-14

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

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!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Fanfare

Daniel Pinkham (1923-2006)

*Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Alleluia.*

Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to all those of good will. Alleluia.

Sermon The Rev. Morgan S. Allen, *Rector*

Prayers of the People

In peace let us pray for the church and the world.

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

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Strangers found the Holy Family and visited the baby lying in a manger.  
Bless our homes and all we love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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.

**Amen.**

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## Welcome & 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 swungen,  
And io, io, io, by priest and people sungen.  
*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

## The Presentation

Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly  
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,  
and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry  
and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal  
vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!\_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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 basket passed during the Offertory.

## 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 forever 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.

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.**

#### 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 Savior is born in us today.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## Preparation of the Gifts



What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav-en?



What food of ev-er-last-ing life, what gra-cious gift is giv-en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav-en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man-na giv-en!

## 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 Magnum Mysterium'

Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)

*O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum,  
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum jacentem in praesepe.*

*O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Jesum Christum.  
Alleluia!*

O great mystery and wonderful sacrament,  
that animals should see the new-born Lord lying in a manger!

O blessed is the Virgin, whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord.  
Alleluia!

TEXT: CHRISTMAS MATINS RESPONSORIAL CHANT



Hymn 'In the bleak midwinter'

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
 2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor — earth sus - tain;  
 3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,  
 4 What — can I give him, poor — as I am?

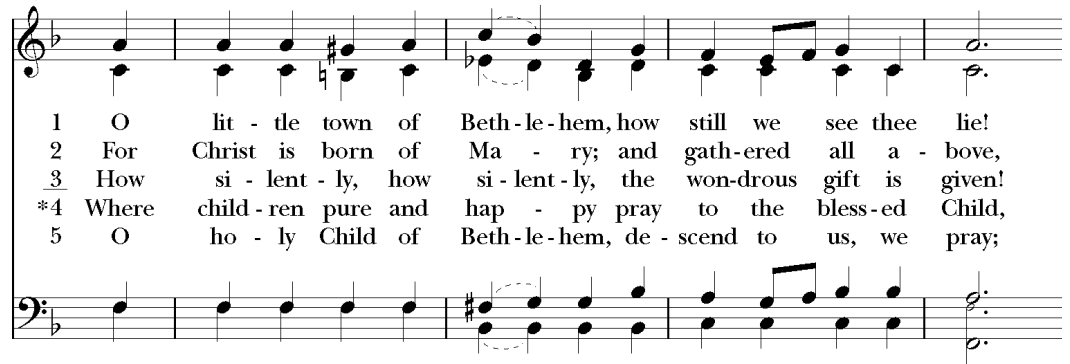
earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:  
 cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim thron - ed the air;  
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow — on — snow,  
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed  
 but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,  
 if I were a wise — man, I would do my part;

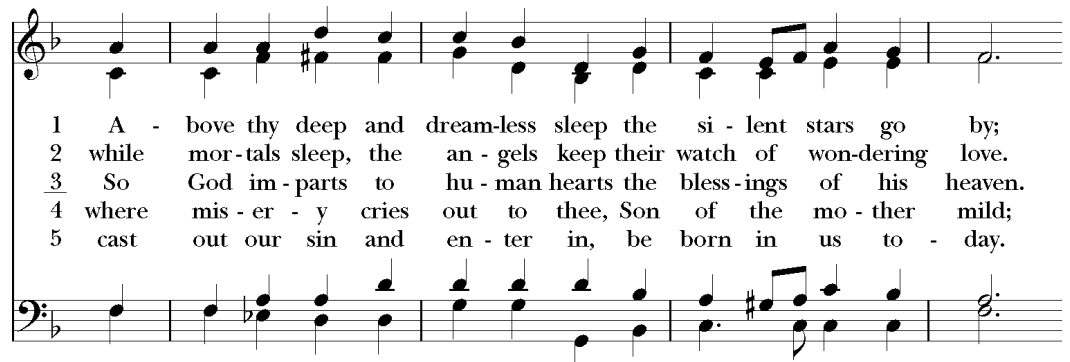
in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
 the Lord — God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.  
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.  
 yet what I can I give him — give my heart.

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

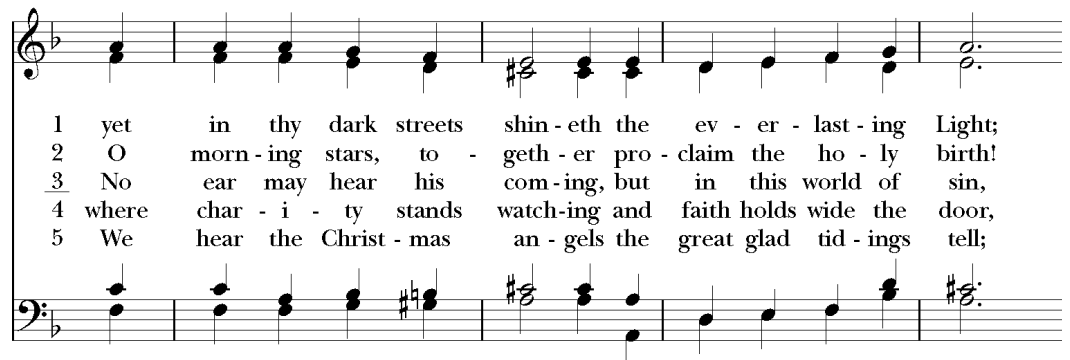
Hymn 'O little town of Bethlehem'



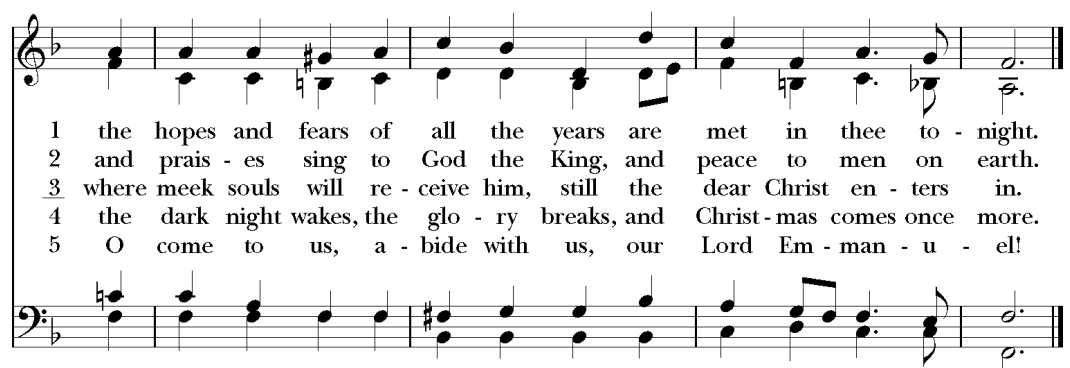
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
\*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,  
5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;  
5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,  
5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.  
5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

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Postcommunion Hymn 'Silent night, holy night'

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
 heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
 birth. Je - sus, 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 'Joy to the world!'

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 \*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
 3 far as the curse is found, far  
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
 peat the sound - ing joy,  
 as the curse is found,  
 won - ders of his love,

Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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

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