

**10 AM**

MORNING PRAYER, RITE II  
Sunday, December 24  
*The Fourth Sunday of Advent*



TRINITY CHURCH  
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

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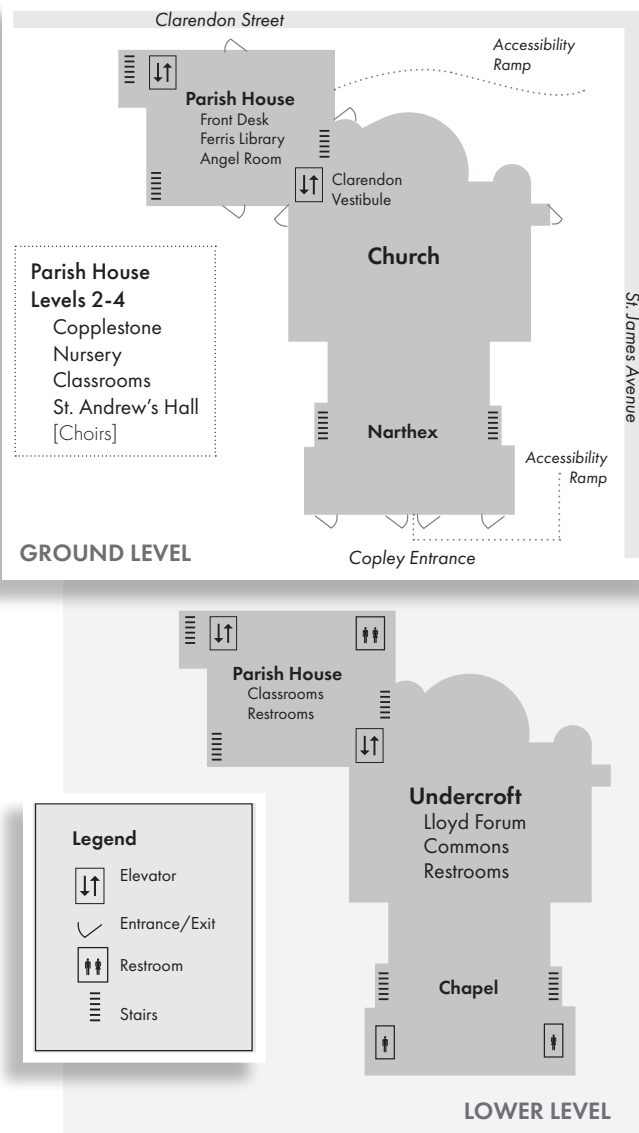
## WELCOME



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. 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.

- 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  
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*

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Clergy and Staff can be reached at  
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### 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.

## OPENING RITE

Prelude ‘Ave Maris Stella from Fifteen pieces for organ founded on antiphons,  
Op. 18, No. 6-8’

- I. When the salutation Gabriel had spoken
- II. Jesus tender mother, make they supplication
- III. So now as we journey, aid our weak endeavor  
Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Hymn 66 ‘Come thou long expected Jesus’

Sentences of Scripture

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 INVITATORY & PSALTER

Invitatory

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for 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.*

*The liturgy for Morning Prayer begins on p. 75 in The Book of Common Prayer (BCP).*

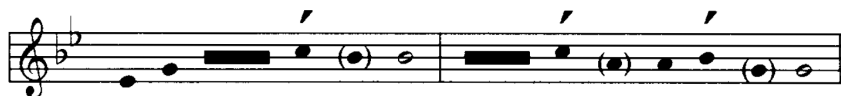
*Children’s Gospel pages and crayons are available in baskets in both the Copley narthex and the Clarendon vestibule.*

Song of Praise 'People, look East'



Peo-ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of\_ the  
year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim\_ the hearth and set\_ the  
ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on\_ the way.

Canticle 15



*My soul* proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my S<sup>1</sup>avior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly s<sup>1</sup>ervant.  
**From this day all generations will call me blessed: \***  
**the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**  
He has mercy on those who f<sup>1</sup>ear him \*  
in every g<sup>1</sup>eneration.  
**He has shown the strength of his arm, \***  
**he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
**He has filled the hungry with good things, \***  
**and the rich he has sent away empty.**  
He has come to the help of his servant I<sup>1</sup>srael, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of m<sup>1</sup>ercy,  
**The promise he made to our fathers, \***  
**to Abraham and his children for ever.**  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A<sup>1</sup>men.

# THE LESSONS

Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem 'A tender shoot'

Kerensa Briggs (b. 1991)

A tender shoot hath started up from a root of grace,  
as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race.  
It blooms without a blight,  
blooms in the cold bleak winter turning our darkness into light.  
This shoot, Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring,  
The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing.  
Our God of endless might,  
Gave her this child to save us, thus turning darkness into light.

TEXT: WILLIAM BARTHOLOMEW

Reading Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 265 'The angel Gabriel'

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,

**the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

# THE PRAYERS

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

## The Lord's Prayer

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.**

## Prayers of the People

For peace, for courage, and for your presence, we pray to you, Lord God:  
For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**  
For our local communities, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**  
For those who live in danger, sorrow, or fear;  
**For all who labor to end tyranny, bigotry, and violence.**  
For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For those who suffer for the sake of our comfort.**  
For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**  
For the ministries of all the baptized;  
**For all who serve God in the Church.**

## Collects & Intercessions

### Collect of the Day

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*Collects are prayers that "collect" our intentions for any given occasion. In addition to the "Collect of the Day," additional collects appropriate for this Sunday may be offered.*

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## Welcome & Announcements

Hymn 475 'God himself is with us'

Homily The Rev. Kit Lonergan, *Priest for Welcome & Care*

## Offertory

Anthem 'Ave Maria'

Robert Parsons (c. 1530-1571)

*Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum: benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
et benedictus fructus ventris tui. Amen.*

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. Amen.

TEXT: PRAYER (AFTER LUKE 1: 28 AND 42)

## The Presentation

The musical score for 'The Presentation' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The lyrics are: 'To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re - vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.'

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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.



## A General Thanksgiving

Accept, O Lord,

**our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.**

**We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.**

**We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.**

**We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.**

**Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.**

**Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things.**

**Amen.**

## Blessing

Hymn 56 'O come, O come, Emmanuel' stanzas 5-8

## The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude 'Toccata on *Veni Emmanuel*

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)





# CHRISTMAS

**12.24 4:30 pm Children's Pageant**

*arrival by 3:45 pm recommended*

**8 pm Festival Eucharist**

*with the Trinity Choirs, Brass Ensemble*

*& organ; also livestreamed to*

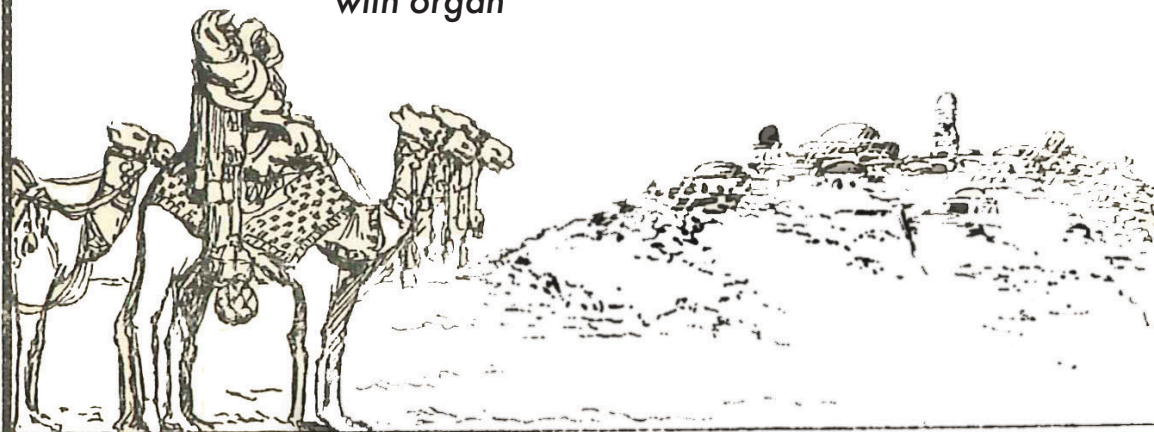
*[trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship](http://trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship)*

**11 pm Choral Mass** *with*

*the Trinity Choirs, Brass Ensemble & organ*

**12.25 10 am Festival Eucharist**

*with organ*



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# TrinityEvents

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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](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)



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**

## 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!



### 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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