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CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25, 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](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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# TrinityEvents

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## LOOKING AHEAD

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> <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>

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

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

HOLY WEEK

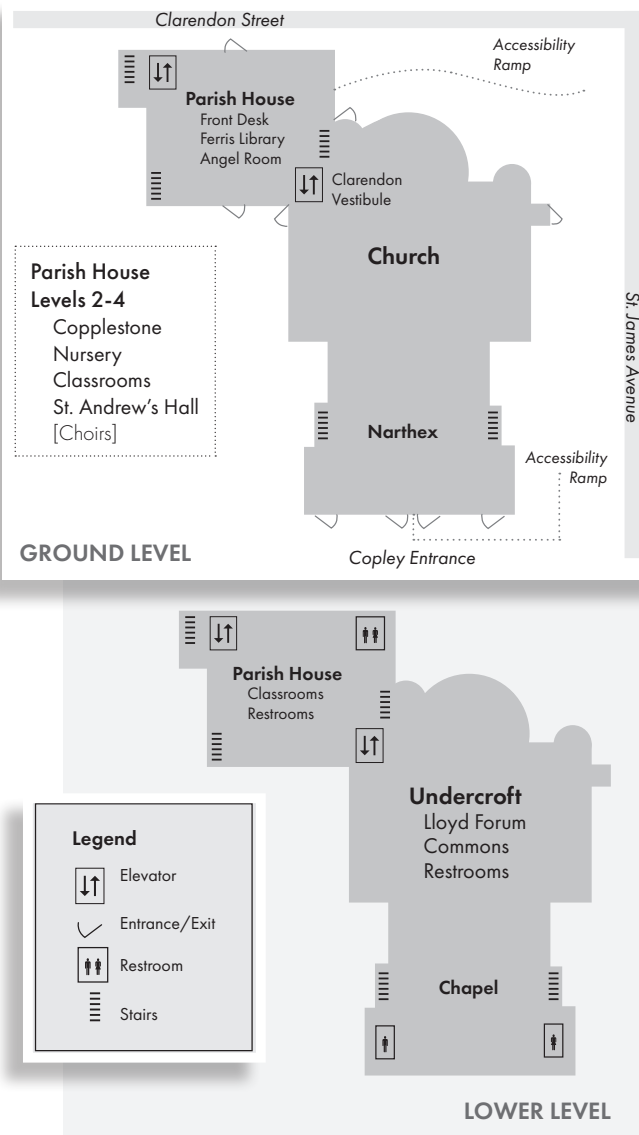
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## FINDING YOUR WAY



### 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://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.

# WORD OF GOD

Prelude 'Noël X'

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

Hymn 'O come, all ye faithful' vv, 1-3, 6

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;

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.

Opening Sentences

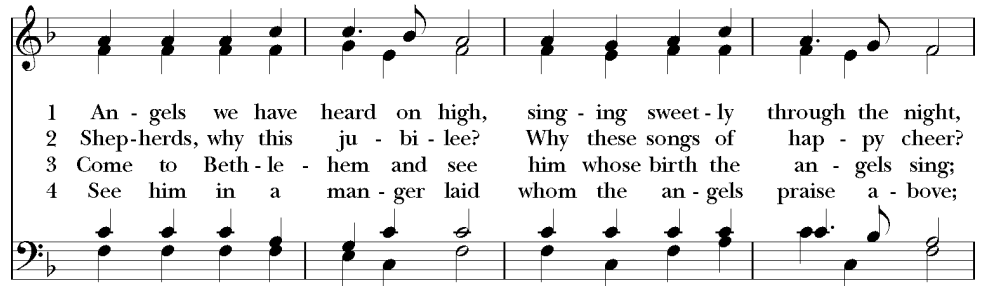
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

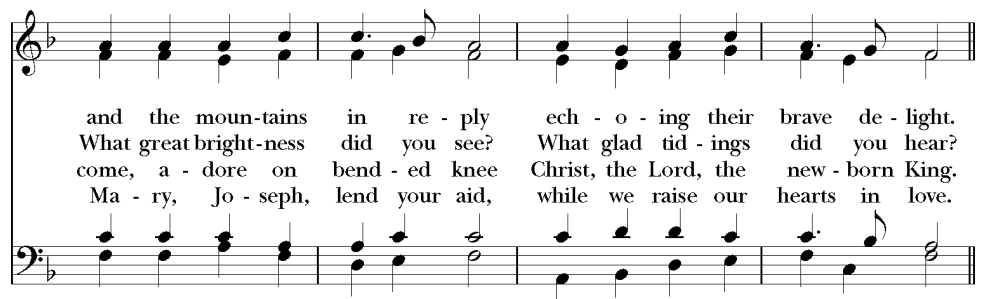
The Word becomes flesh and dwells among us.

**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;

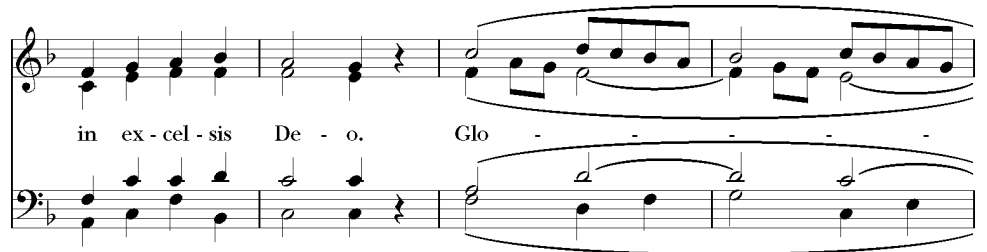


and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

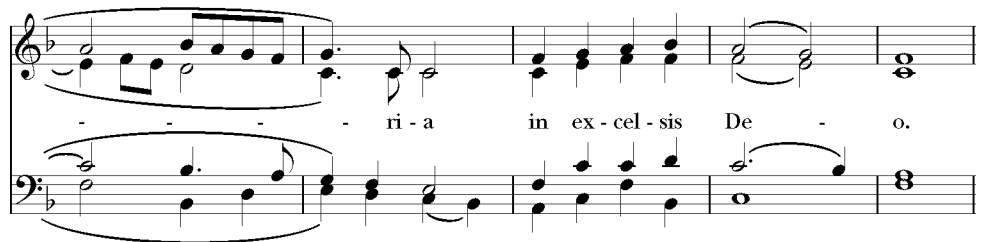
*Refrain*



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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.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## Reading Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalms 98

Sing to the Lord a new song, \*

for he has done marvelous things.

**With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.**

The Lord has made known his victory; \*

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*

shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

**Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

Let the rivers clap their hands, \*

and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,

when he comes to judge the earth.

**In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.**

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

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!  
 Pleas'd 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 2:8-20

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Abigail W. Moon, *Senior Associate*

Prayers of the People

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

Creator God, on this glad morning 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 glad morning, 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.**

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# HOLY COMMUNION

## Offertory

### Anthem 'A babe is born'

William Mathias (1934-1992)

A babe is born all of a may,  
To bring salvation unto us.  
To him we sing both night and day.  
Veni creator Spiritus.

At Bethlehem, that blessed place,  
The child of bliss now born he was;  
And him to serve God give us grace,  
O lux beata Trinitas.

There came three kings out of the East,  
To worship the King that is so free,  
With gold and myrrh and frank incense,  
A solis ortus cardine.

A fair song that night sung they  
In worship of that child:  
Gloria tibi Domine.

A babe is born all of a may,  
To bring salvation unto us.  
To him we sing both night and day.  
Veni creator Spiritus,

O lux beata Trinitas,  
A solis ortus cardine,  
Gloria tibi Domine.  
Noel!

TEXT: TRADITIONAL - 15TH CENTURY ENGLISH

### The Presentation 'Good Christian friends, rejoice'

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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, Jesus, your Christ. 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 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

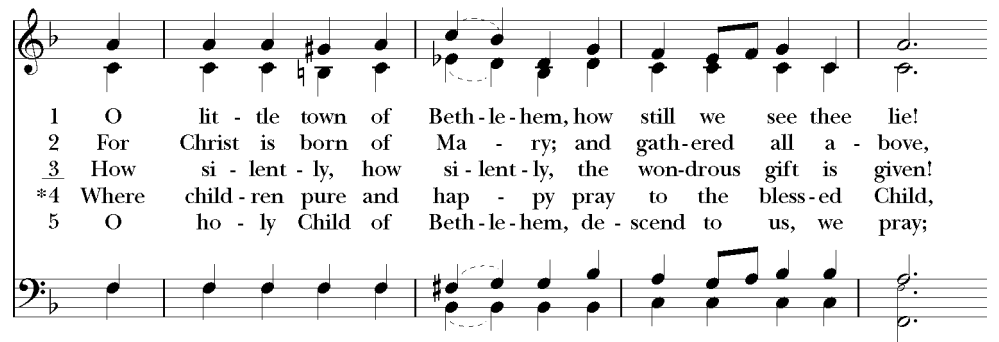
### Anthem 'Infant Holy, Infant lowly'

Traditional Polish, arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

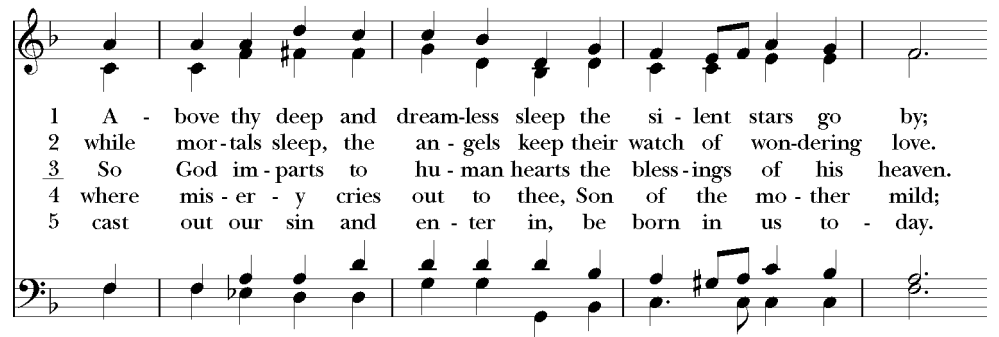
Infant holy,	Flocks were sleeping,
Infant lowly,	Shepherds keeping
For his bed a cattle stall;	Vigil till the morning new;
Oxen lowing,	Saw the glory,
Little knowing	Heard the story,
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.	Tidings of a gospel true.
Swift are winging	Thus rejoicing,
Angels singing,	Free from sorrow,
Nowells ringing,	Praises voicing,
Tidings bringing,	Greet the morrow,
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.	Christ the Babe was born for you!

TEXT: : ENGLISH LYRICS BY EDITH MARGARET GELLIBRAND REED

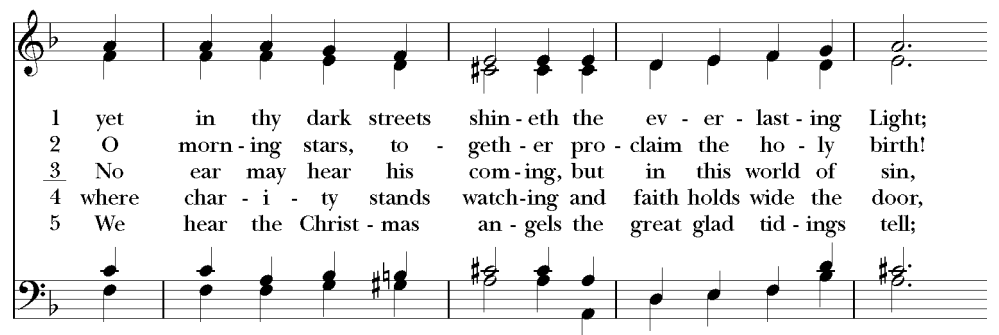
Hymn 'O little town of Bethlehem'



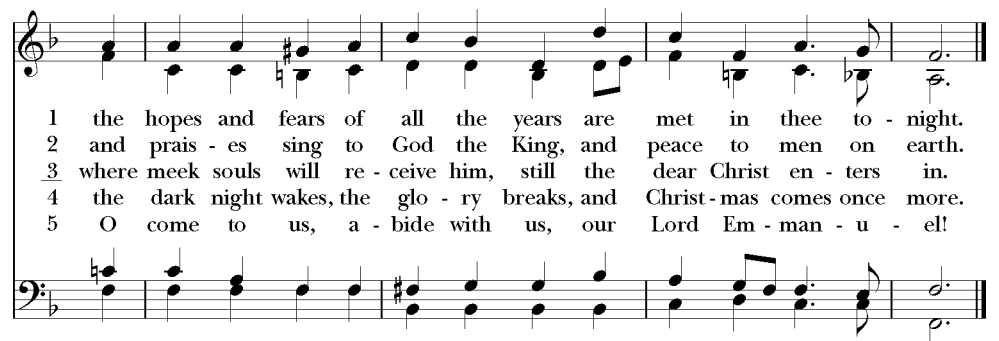
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
\*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,  
5 O ho - ly Child of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

# SENDING

## Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,  
**we thank you**  
**for feeding us with the spiritual food**  
**of our Savior, Jesus Christ,**  
**and for assuring us in these holy mysteries**  
**that we are living members of Christ's Body –**  
**heirs of your eternal kingdom.**  
Now, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of your Good News.  
To Christ, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever.  
Amen.

*When Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take Communion to the sick or homebound,  
the following is offered:*

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that  
those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

## Blessing

Hymn '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

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

Postlude 'Toccata-Gigue on *Sussex Carol*  
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