

**10 AM**

MORNING PRAYER, RITE II  
Sunday, December 31  
*The First Sunday after Christmas*



TRINITY CHURCH  
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

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# TrinityEvents

**Save the Date: T-n-T (20s and 30s) is hosting a Catan tournament at 11:15 am on Sun., 1/21.**

To RSVP or for more info, email Katrina Leslie, [kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org)

## NEXT WEEK

### Sign Up to Help Out With Epiphany Brunch

Sun., 1/7/24,  
11:15 am,  
Lloyd Forum  
& Commons

Come celebrate the feast! Join your Trinity family 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

## LOOKING AHEAD

### RSVP & Purchase Tickets for Night at the Museum: Family Edition

Sat., 1/19, 6:30-8 pm, Museum of Fine Arts;  
RSVP to [kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org)

All children, youth and families are invited to the Museum of Fine Arts for a fun Night at the Museum scavenger hunt! There will be two different scavenger hunts available so children and older youth alike will have a fun experience! Meet us at the front entrance at 6:30 pm having eaten dinner. Tickets for Youth are \$10, and Adults are \$27 to be paid at the door.

Email Katrina Leslie, [kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org), to RSVP.

## EPIPHANY FORUM SERIES

### The Wonderfully Ordinary Household of God

Sundays, 1/7 through 2/4,  
11:15 am

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 consider them as holy.

**1/7:** Epiphany Brunch at 11:15 am, with the arrival of the Three Wise Ones

**1/14:** “The Household in Ephesos”, led by the Rev. Dr. Katherine Shaner.

*This Forum will be livestreamed to [trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship](http://trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship). You can also check out the Rev. Dr. Shaner’s previous Forum at Trinity on Nov. 12, 2023, in which she explored ‘Troubling Texts: Ephesians in Place and Space’, at [trinitychurchboston.org/blog](http://trinitychurchboston.org/blog)*

**1/21:** Tastes Like Home: Meal as Memory, Meal as Sacrament

**1/28:** Our Household Life Together: Trinity’s Ministry Council

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**2/4:** A Second Look: Houses of Worship, Households of Faith



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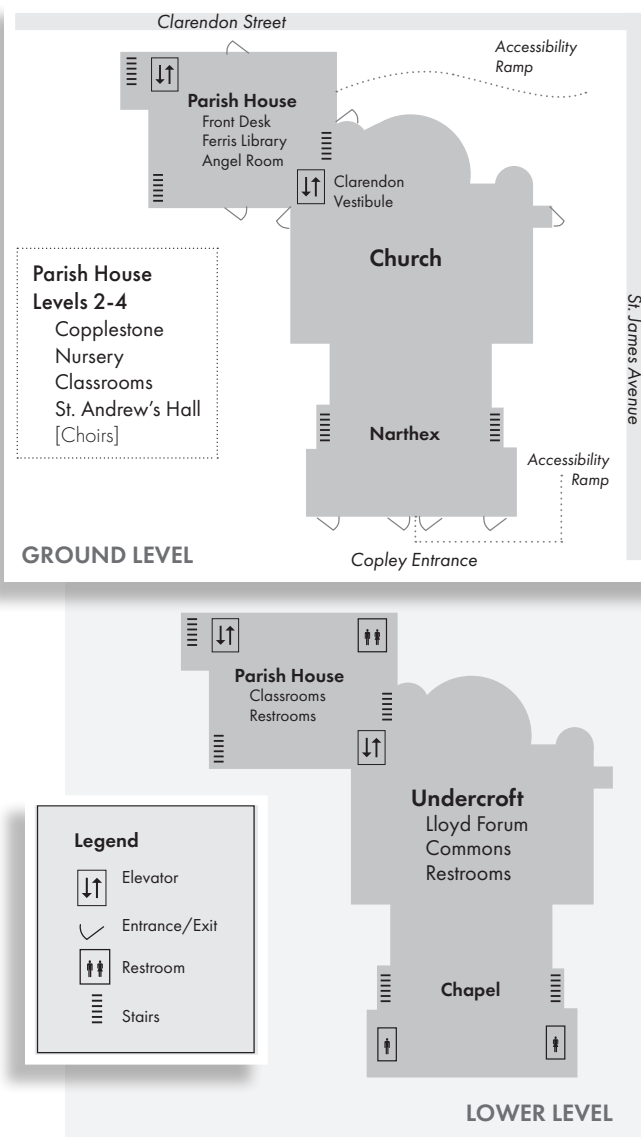
## WELCOME



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.

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.

## 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 Choristers

### 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 Wrisley 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

**Wed - 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 ‘Two Settings of *Das alte Jahr vergangen ist*  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) and Guy Bovet (b. 1942)

Hymn 95 ‘Angels from the realms of glory’

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 'Good Christian friends, rejoice'

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

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights!  
**Praise him, all his angels; \***  
**praise him, all his host!**

Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars!  
**Praise him, you highest heavens, \***  
**and you waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, \*  
for he commanded and they were created.  
**He established them for ever and ever; \***  
**he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
you sea monsters and all deeps,  
**fire and hail, snow and frost, \***  
**stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars!  
**Wild animals and all cattle, \***  
**creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the earth!  
**Young men and women alike, \***  
**old and young together!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, \*  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.  
**He has raised up a horn for his people, \***  
**praise for all his faithful,**  
**for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!**

## THE LESSONS

Reading Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*During this hymn at the 10 am service, preschool and elementary-aged children may meet members of our Children's Ministries staff under the pulpit to travel to the forum for an age-appropriate children's homily. The children return to the service during the Presentation Hymn.*

Hymn 96 'Angels we have heard on high'

Reading Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem 'The Holly and the Ivy'  
arr. Reginal Jacques (1894-1969)

The holly and the ivy when they are both full grown  
Of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown

*Oh, the rising of the sun and the running of the deer  
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir*

The holly bears a blossom as white as lily flower  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet savior  
*Refrain*

The holly bears a berry as red as any blood  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good  
*Refrain*

The holly bears a prickle as sharp as any thorn  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas Day in the morn  
*Refrain*

The holly bears a bark as bitter as any gall  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all  
*Refrain*

TEXT: TRADITIONAL ENGLISH CAROL

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 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.

## Collects & Intercessions

### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word:  
Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### The Peace

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

## Welcome & Announcements

Hymn 92 'On this day earth shall ring'

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

Complete the short Welcome  
Form at [trinitychurchboston.org/welcome](http://trinitychurchboston.org/welcome) so we can get



to know you  
better. You can  
also scan the  
QR code to  
reach the form.

## Offertory

### Anthem 'Sleeps Judea Fair' arr. Hugh MacKinnon

Sleeps Judea fair,  
Bides the Christ Child there:  
Shepherds, haste ye! flocks forsaking,  
Swift your way to Him be taking,  
Babe, of Israel's prayer.

Christ from God is come,  
Choosing earthly home:  
Royal pomp and splendor never,  
But with love which naught can sever,  
He will heal the dumb;  
Christ from God is come.

Lowly bend the knee,  
Thou from sin set free:  
Let the Christ Child, meekly smiling,  
Infant-wise, all woe beguiling,  
Grant His grace to thee!

TEXT: HUGH MACKINNON

### The Presentation

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.

All we have and all we are is  
of God, and everyone has a  
faithful offering to make.

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.

In support of our Diocese of  
Massachusetts bishops' appeal;  
the appeal of The Episcopal  
Church's Presiding Bishop; and  
the appeal of the Archbishop of  
Jerusalem and the Middle East;  
today's loose cash offering will  
go toward the American Friends  
of the Episcopal Diocese of  
Jerusalem (AFEDJ). For those  
contributing online, donations  
to AFEDJ may be made by  
selecting "Bishops' Appeal  
for the Episcopal Diocese of  
Jerusalem."

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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 87 'Hark! the herald angels sing'

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude '*In Dulci Jubilo*, BWV 729'

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)