

**11:15 AM**

MORNING PRAYER (RITE I)

Sunday, December 15

*Third Sunday of Advent*



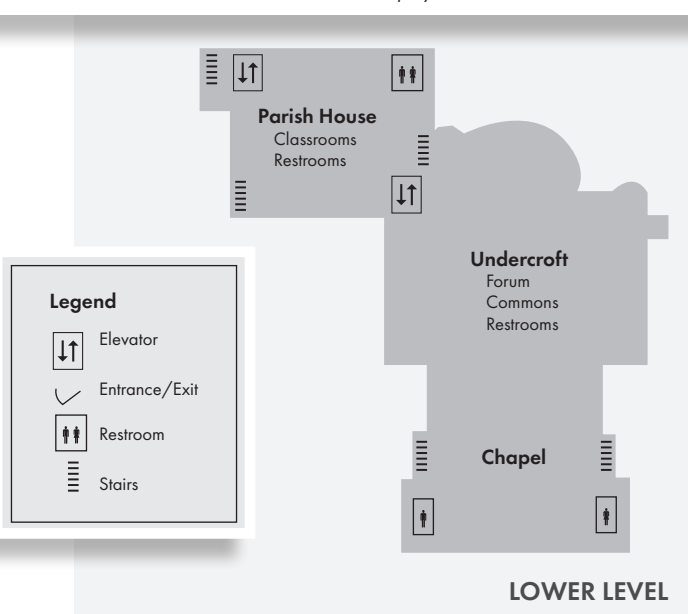
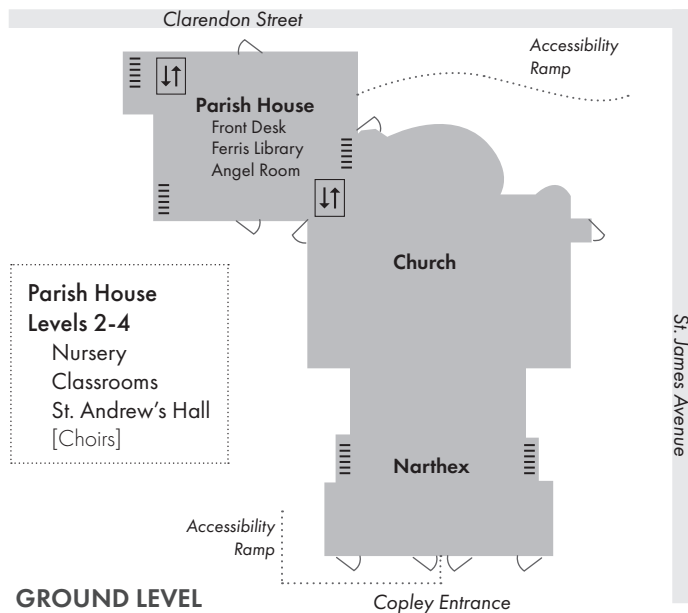
TRINITY CHURCH  
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

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## WELCOME

Whether you have worshiped here for years or are visiting our Episcopal Church for the first time, we are glad you are with us. We invite all to enter fully into worship and to explore the variety of learning, small group, and service opportunities that are part of our life together. To learn more, visit [trinitychurchboston.org](http://trinitychurchboston.org) and click on 'For Newcomers', or contact Mark Kharas, at [mkharas@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:mkharas@trinitychurchboston.org), at 617-536-0944 x372.

## FINDING YOUR WAY



## HOURS & INFORMATION

### Sunday Worship at Trinity

- 7:45 a.m.** Holy Eucharist [spoken]
- 9 a.m.** Holy Eucharist [Trinity Choristers & Schola]
- 11:15 a.m.** Morning Prayer [Trinity Choir]  
*Holy Eucharist first Sundays*
- 6 p.m.** Holy Eucharist [Trinity Evening Choir]

### Weekday Worship at Trinity

- Weds.**  
**5:45 p.m.** Choral Evensong [Trinity Choristers]
- Thurs.**  
**12:10 p.m.** Midday Eucharist with Healing  
*In the Chapel*

### Hours

#### Church

Sun. 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Tues. through Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. • Closed Mon.

#### Church Open for Touring

*(last admittance 15 min. before closing)*  
Sun. 12:30-4:30 p.m.  
Tues. through Sat. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. • Closed Mon.

#### Parish House

Sun. 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Mon., Fri. & Sat. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Tues., Weds. & Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

### Vestry

Mark Morrow ('23), *Senior Warden* • Jill Norton ('21), *Minor Warden* • Geoffrey Smith ('20), *Treasurer* • Katharine E. Bachman ('22), *Clerk* • Chris Allen ('23) • P. MacKenzie Bok ('22) • Colin Diver ('20) • Pauline Haddad ('20) • Katherine D. Hein ('22) • Nien-hê Hsieh ('22) • Mark A. King ('20) • Patricia Lassiter ('21) • James Morgan ('21) • Christopher Parris ('23) • Peter Renner ('21) • Ania Wiecekowsky ('23) •

Each can be reached at [bit.ly/TrinityVestry](http://bit.ly/TrinityVestry)

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## 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.

# OPENING RITE

Hymn 56 ‘O come, O come, Emmanuel’ Stanzas 3-6

Sentences of Scripture

Confession & Absolution p. 41

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The Invitatory & Psalter p. 42

O Lord, open thou our lips.

**And our mouth shall show forth thy 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.**

Venite: S-3 *Front section of The Hymnal 1982*

**O come, let us sing unto the Lord;  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are all the corners of the earth,  
and the strength of the hills is his also.**

**The sea is his and he made it,  
and his hands prepared the dry land.**

**O come, let us worship and fall down  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is the Lord our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.**

**For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth,  
and with righteousness to judge the world  
and the peoples with his truth.**

**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.**

Prelude

*Prière à Notre-Dame*

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

Worship at Trinity

*Hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982, and page numbers refer to the black Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Both books may be found in the pew rack before you.*

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

*When the text of this worship booklet is in bold, it is spoken or sung by all.*

*Though the Celebrant's posture (standing, sitting, or kneeling) will cue many in the congregation, we invite you to participate as you are able and as your piety prefers.*

Psalm 146:4-9 *Sung by the choir during Advent.*

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;  
Who made heaven and earth, the seas,  
and all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;  
Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.  
The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.  
The Lord shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!  
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.

## THE LESSONS

Reading James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The canticle is sung by the choir.*

Canticle *‘Magnificat in D’*

Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)

*The text is found on p. 91 of the BCP.*

Reading Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ “Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 640 'Watchman, tell us of the night'

The Apostles' Creed p. 53

## THE PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer *Spoken by all.*

**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.**

Suffrages B p. 55

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage;

**Govern them and lift them up for ever.**

Day by day we magnify thee;

**And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.**

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;

**O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;

**As our trust is in thee.**

O Lord, in thee have I trusted;

**Let me never be confounded.**

Collect of the Day

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end.

**Amen.**

Collects & Intercessions

The General Thanksgiving p. 58.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Announcements

Children's Homily

*During the hymn, children (Kindergarten-5th Grade) may gather beneath the pulpit. Our Director of Children's Ministries, Cathy Portlock Pacitto, will then lead the children upstairs to the Parish House for an age-appropriate homily and program. Cathy will then lead the children's return to their pews during The Offertory.*

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

Hymn 7 ‘Christ, whose glory fills the skies’

Sermon

The Offertory

Anthem ‘Hymn to the Virgin’  
Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

Presentation *Hymn 112, stanza 4*

**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.**

Blessing

Hymn 61 ‘Sleepers, wake!’

Dismissal

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

*Children return to the service.*

*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.*

Anthem

“...I cry to thee, thou see to  
me, Lady, pray thy Son for  
me...That I may come to  
thee...”

Anonymous

Postlude

*Wachet auf ruft uns die Stimme,*  
BWV 645  
Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

Anthems & Motets are sung by  
the choir. The Anthem texts are  
available at [bit.ly/  
tcbAnthemTexts](https://bit.ly/tcbAnthemTexts) or  
by scanning the QR  
code.





# TrinityEvents

This calendar includes just a sampling of the many opportunities to connect at Trinity. Details about each of these and other ministries, activities, and events for all ages can be found at [trinitychurchboston.org/calendar](http://trinitychurchboston.org/calendar) and Facebook ([Facebook.com/trinitychurchboston](https://www.facebook.com/trinitychurchboston)).

## THE WEEKS AHEAD

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WEDS.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
15 <b>10:15 a.m.</b> Forum: Sing Carols; Feed Your Soul  <b>4 p.m.</b> Candlelight Carols Benefit <i>Sold Out</i>	16 <i>Church Closed for Sabbath Day</i>	17  <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Pine Street Inn Feeding Team <i>RSVP</i> <a href="http://bit.ly/tcb">bit.ly/tcb</a> <i>PineStreetInn</i>	18  <b>5:45 p.m.</b> Choral Evensong <i>Weekly</i>	19  <b>12:10 p.m.</b> Holy Eucharist <i>Weekly</i>	20  <b>12:45 p.m.</b> Organ Recital: Grant Wareham <i>Weekly</i>	21  <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Stitching in the Spirit <i>Monthly</i>
22  <b>10:15 a.m.</b> Deck the Church: Flower Decorating	23  <b>10 a.m.</b> Deck the Church	24  <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Christmas Pageant  <b>7:30 &amp; 11 p.m.</b> Christmas Eve Eucharist	25  <b>10 a.m.</b> Christmas Day Eucharist  <b>4 p.m.</b> Rosie's Place	26  <i>Church Closed for Sabbath Day</i>	27  <i>No Recital Today</i>	28

### CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

#### Christmas Eve Pageant

*Tues., 12/24, 4:30 p.m., Church*  
All children attending the service are invited to be a star, an angel, a sheep, or a shepherd and join us at the manger!  
**Contact** Cathy Portlock Pacitto, 617-536-0944



#### Christmas Eve Eucharist

*Tues., 12/24, 7:30 p.m. & 11 p.m., Church*  
Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Eve with Festival Holy Eucharist and music from the Trinity choirs. Early arrival recommended.

#### Christmas Day Eucharist

*Wed., 12/25, 10 a.m., Church*  
Celebrate Christmas with Festival Holy Eucharist and music from the Trinity choirs.

### Holiday Shopping on Amazon?

Did you know that when you shop on Amazon, you can be supporting Trinity? When you shop at **smile.amazon.com**, you'll find the exact same shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to your designated charity—all at no additional cost to you. Select Trinity Church in the City of Boston as your charitable organization of choice. Thank you for your support.

### STAY IN TOUCH

Subscribe to the *Trinity Community Update* weekly email:  
[bit.ly/TCUsignup](http://bit.ly/TCUsignup)

To update your address in our records, please send new information to Mark Kharas, [mkharas@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:mkharas@trinitychurchboston.org), or complete a Welcome Card, which can be found in the pews.

To request public or private prayer, go to [trinitychurchboston.org/form/prayer-request-form](http://trinitychurchboston.org/form/prayer-request-form)



# Trinity Highlights

## TODAY

### Forum: Sing Carols, Feed Your Soul

Sun., 12/15, 10:15 a.m., Forum

In the rush of December, it is easy to lose track of what the soul needs to mark a healthy Christmas. Come together to sing some of the most beloved carols of Christmas as Bill Rich guides you in asking yourself and your fellow parishioners: "How do these carols feed our souls?"

### Make a Donation for Christmas Flowers

Send in your names by Mon., 12/16

Remember a loved one, celebrate a milestone, or give thanks with a donation to the Christmas Flower Fund.



Any amount is welcome.

To donate, fill out the form available in the Narthex, Clarendon Street

Vestibule, or at the Parish House Front Desk; scan the QR code; or go to



[bit.ly/TrinityAltarFlowers](https://bit.ly/TrinityAltarFlowers)

Contact Derby Swanson, [dswanson@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:dswanson@trinitychurchboston.org)

### 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist in Ferris Library

Sun., 12/15, 6 p.m., Ferris Library

Due to Candlelight Carols, the 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist service will be in the Ferris Library this Sunday.

## New Sunday Morning Schedule Announced

Beginning Jan. 5, 2020, we will launch our new schedule of Sunday services and activities "...to deliver not only stellar worship experiences, but to offer opportunities for Christian community and serious formation, as well." The unified, 10 a.m. worship will center our mornings with celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, punctuated by the praying of Morning Prayer on the last Sunday of every month.

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9 a.m. Community Hour  
Parish Breakfast (*First Sunday of the Month, September-June*)
- 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
Morning Prayer (*Last Sunday of Every Month*)
- 11:15 a.m. Formation for All Ages
- 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist
- 7:15 p.m. Fellowship and Formation (*as announced*)

In the announcement, Enriching Sundays, which was emailed to the parish on December 3, the Wardens and Rector shared their enthusiasm for the carefully, lovingly considered changes, which will continue through the end of the liturgical year, Christ the King Sunday, November 22, 2020.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### Deck The Church

Sun., 12/22, 10:15 a.m., Forum

Mon., 12/23, 10 a.m., Church

On Sunday, try your hand at floral arranging after the 9 a.m. service.

On Monday, help place and hang the floral creations. Help make the church sparkle for Christmas!

More info at

[bit.ly/tcbDeckTheChurch2](https://bit.ly/tcbDeckTheChurch2)

### Serve a Holiday Meal at Rosie's Place

Wed., 12/25;

or Tues., 12/31;

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.,

889 Harrison Avenue

Share the love this holiday season at Rosie's Place by preparing and serving a meal for women and children experiencing poverty on Christmas Day or New Year's Eve.

More info at [bit.ly/tcbRosies](https://bit.ly/tcbRosies)

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