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HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE I)

Sunday, December 15

*Third Sunday of Advent*



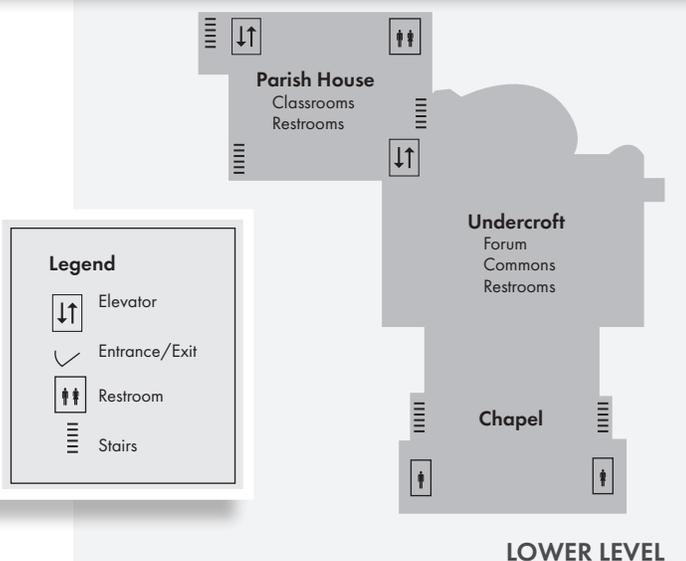
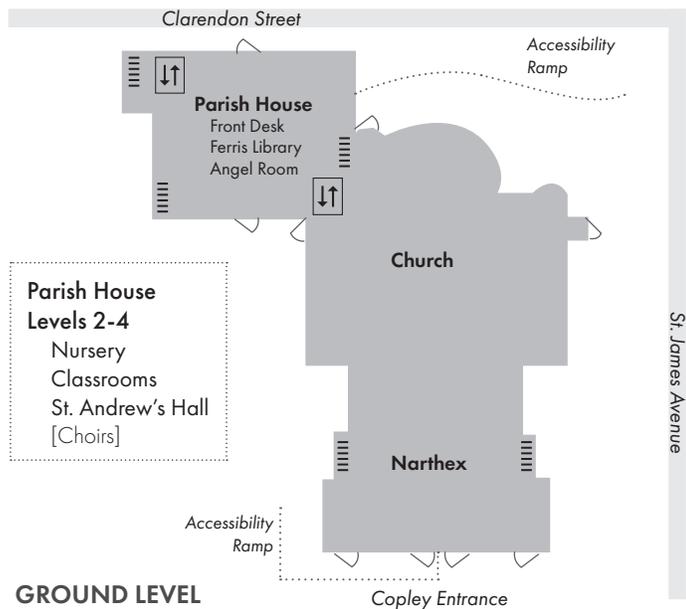
TRINITY CHURCH  
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

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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), 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

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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.*

# WORD OF GOD

## Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

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

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

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Great Commandments

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

## Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

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.**

## 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.**

## Worship at Trinity

*Page numbers refer to the black Book of Common Prayer (BCP). This book 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.*

Read responsively by whole  
verse, starting with the Lector.

Psalm 146:4-9

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!**

Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

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

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

Nicene Creed p. 326

Prayers of the People p.328

Confession p.330

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Announcements

The Offertory

*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.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

Presentation

All things come of Thee, O Lord.

**And of Thine own, have we given Thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving *Book of Common Prayer p. 333, Rite I, Prayer 1*

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. ...Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**

**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is the One that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption ...And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

**Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer *p. 336*

**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 Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion at Trinity

*All people are welcome to receive Communion at Trinity Church. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please come to the altar rail and cross your arms over your chest.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available; ask the priest at the altar rail.*

*For those with ambulatory difficulty—we can come to you.*

Postcommunion Prayer p. 339.

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.**

**Amen.**

Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



# 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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