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MORNING PRAYER (RITE I)

Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

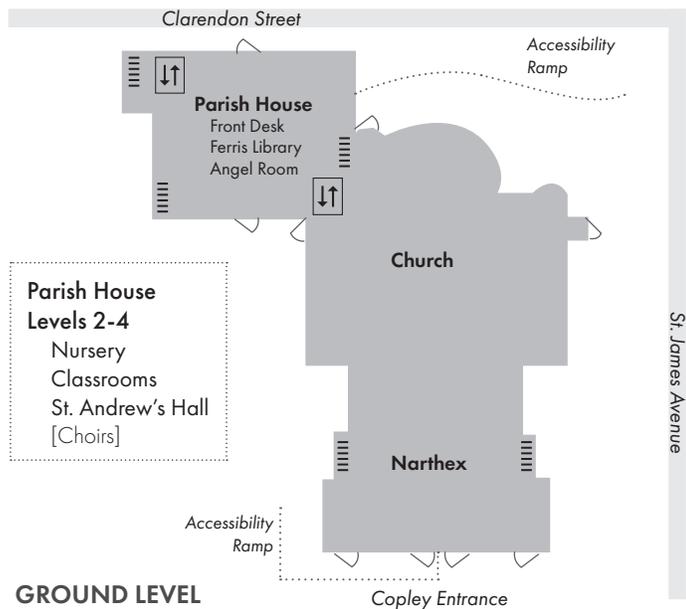


TRINITY CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

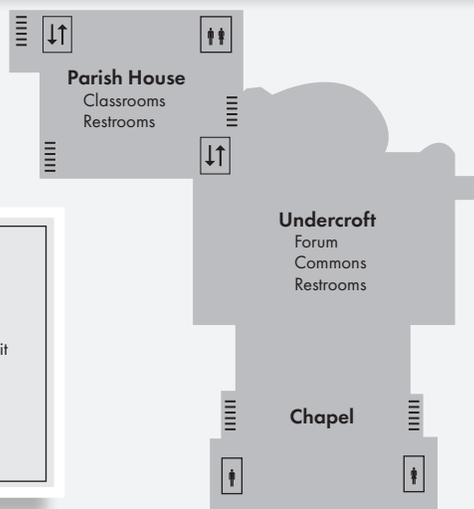
WELCOME

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 and click on 'For Newcomers', or contact Mark Kharas, at mkharas@trinitychurchboston.org, at 617-536-0944 x372.

FINDING YOUR WAY



GROUND LEVEL



LOWER LEVEL

Legend

- Elevator
- Entrance/Exit
- Restroom
- Stairs

HOURS & INFORMATION

Sunday Worship on Sun., 12/29

- 7:45 a.m.** Holy Eucharist
- 9 a.m.** Holy Eucharist
- 11:15 a.m.** Morning Prayer
- 6 p.m.** Holy Eucharist

Sunday Worship beginning Sun., 1/5

- 8 a.m.** Holy Eucharist
- 10 a.m.** Holy Eucharist
Morning Prayer last Sundays
- 6 p.m.** Holy Eucharist

Weekday Worship at Trinity

- Weds.**
5:45 p.m. Choral Evensong [Trinity Choristers]
(returns 1/8)
- Thurs.**
12:10 p.m. Midday Eucharist with Healing
(returns 1/9)

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

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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 5-8

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 the 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

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland,
BuxWV 211
Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

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.

Anglican Chant by
Henry Walford Davies
(1869-1941).

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *Sung by the choir during Advent.*

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

THE LESSONS

Reading Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The canticle is sung by the choir.

Canticle *'Benedictus'*

Anglican Chant - Anonymous

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

Reading Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 75 'There's a voice in the wilderness'

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.

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.

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

"Change therefore your thinking, and approach in your insolence, for by all His strength you shall endure His infancy and serve Him with dedication. Joseph is well betrothed."

French Traditional Carol

Postlude

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland,
BWV 599

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Collect of the Day

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Collects & Intercessions

The General Thanksgiving p. 58.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

Announcements

Hymn 497 'How bright appears the Morning Star'

Sermon

The Offertory

Anthem *Joseph est sein marié*
Pierre Dandrieu (1664-1733)

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 57 'Lo! he comes, with clouds descending'

Dismissal 'Vesper Responsory for Advent'
G.P. da Palestrina (c.1525-94)

Anthems & Motets are sung by the choir. The Anthem texts are available at 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 and Facebook ([Facebook.com/trinitychurchboston](https://www.facebook.com/trinitychurchboston)).

**THE
WEEKS
AHEAD**

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WEDS.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
22	24	25	26	27	28	
	4:30 p.m. Pageant 7 p.m. Carol Sing 7:30 p.m. Festival Eucharist 10:30 p.m. Choral & Organ Prelude 11 p.m. Festival Eucharist CHRISTMAS EVE	10 a.m. Christmas Day Eucharist 4 p.m. Rosie's Place	<i>Church Closed for Sabbath Day</i>	<i>No Recital Today</i>		
29	30	31	Happy New Year! <i>New Schedule Begins Sun., Jan. 5</i> 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9 a.m. Community Hour 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (<i>Morning Prayer on last Sundays</i>) 11:15 a.m. Formation for All Ages 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist 7 p.m. Formation (<i>as announced</i>)			
12:30 p.m. Free Guided Tour	<i>Church Closed for Sabbath Day</i>	1 p.m. Handel & Haydn Concert <i>Free</i> 4 p.m. Rosie's Place	JANUARY 2020			

LOOKING AHEAD

Coffee with the Rector

233 Clarendon St., Living Room

Share stories, hopes, and concerns over coffee with Morgan, a member of the Vestry, and a member of the staff, all in a small-group setting. Registration for each event is limited to 12 people; please sign up for only one session to allow as many people as possible to participate.

- Tues. 1/21 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Wed. 1/22 8-9 a.m.
- Wed. 1/22 4-5 p.m.
- Sun. 1/26 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- Tues. 1/28 8-9 a.m.
- Thurs. 1/30 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Wed. 2/12 8-9 a.m.
- Thurs. 2/13 11 a.m.-12 p.m.



To RSVP, visit bit.ly/tcbWinterCoffee2020 or scan the QR Code

Tunnel of Love: The Gospel According to Bruce Springsteen

Sundays, 1/5 - 2/9, 11:15 a.m., Forum

In this six-part Forum series, Morgan Allen will lead us in a theological reflection on scripture and our American condition, in companion with the life and work of Bruce Springsteen. We'll draw on several texts, including the Gospel of Luke, the Acts of the Apostles, and Springsteen's musical catalogue, autobiography, and recent one-man show. To read ahead, a syllabus is available at bit.ly/tcbTheBoss

**STAY
IN TOUCH**

Subscribe to the *Trinity Community Update* weekly email: bit.ly/TCUsignup

To update your address in our records, please send new information to Mark Kharas, 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



Trinity Highlights

TODAY

Shop Holiday Hours

Today

The Shop at Trinity will open at 10 a.m. to help meet your holiday needs. Trinity-inspired ornaments, clothing, home goods and other gifts make great stocking stuffers and presents under the tree. Every purchase supports the ministries of Trinity Church.

Pick up your 2020 Pledge Envelopes

Thank you for pledging your support for Trinity in 2020! If you requested pledge envelopes, please allow two weeks after you make your pledge and then check the mailboxes by the front desk of the Parish House. Have questions or can't find your envelopes? **Contact** Mark Kharas, mkharas@trinitychurchboston.org

Parish Leaders Sought

Applications Due Sun., 1/5/20

Nominations for parish leadership positions are now being accepted to be considered for election at the 2020 Annual Parish Meeting. Applications and further information are available on the Parish House bulletin board and trinitychurchboston.org/news

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US!

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! Childcare for children 4 and under will be available. **Contact** Cathy Portlock Pacitto, 617-536-0944

Carol Sing and Holy Eucharist

Tues., 12/24, 7 & 7:30 p.m., Church

Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Eve with Festival Holy Eucharist and music from the Trinity choirs. Leading up to the service, we'll sing carols. Early arrival recommended.

Choral Eucharist, with Choral and Organ Prelude

Tues., 12/24, 10:30 p.m. Prelude & 11 p.m. Service, 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. Children, as always, are welcome! There will be no nursery on this day.

LOOKING AHEAD

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

8th Annual Emancipation Proclamation Concert

Tues., 12/31, 1 p.m., Church

Handel and Haydn Society and the Museum of African American History partner to present this joyous celebration of liberty and freedom at Trinity Church. Free; open seating. More info at bit.ly/tcbEmancipation

Parish Epiphany Breakfast

Sun., 1/5, 9 a.m. - 9:45 a.m., Commons

Come celebrate the feast! For our first Community Hour of the new year, we will celebrate with our annual Epiphany Breakfast, complete with royal visitors bearing treats. Volunteers are needed to make food beforehand or to help out that morning of the breakfast: sign up at bit.ly/tcbEpiphany2020 or scan the QR code.

