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HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE I)

Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

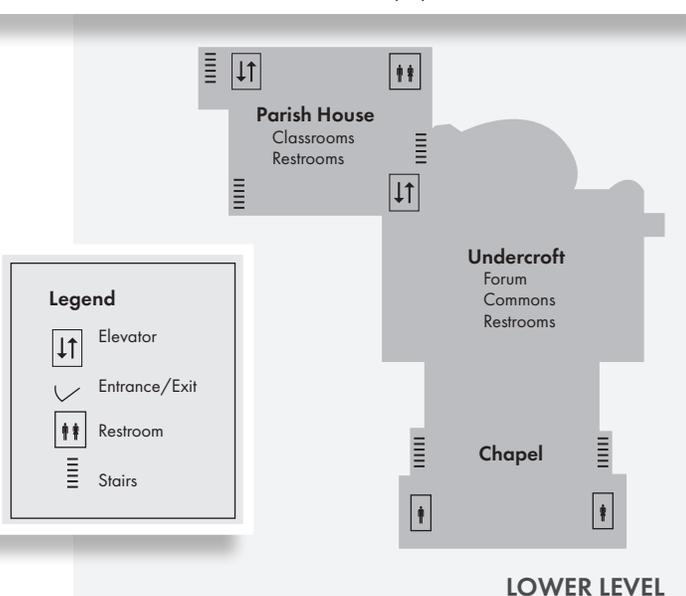
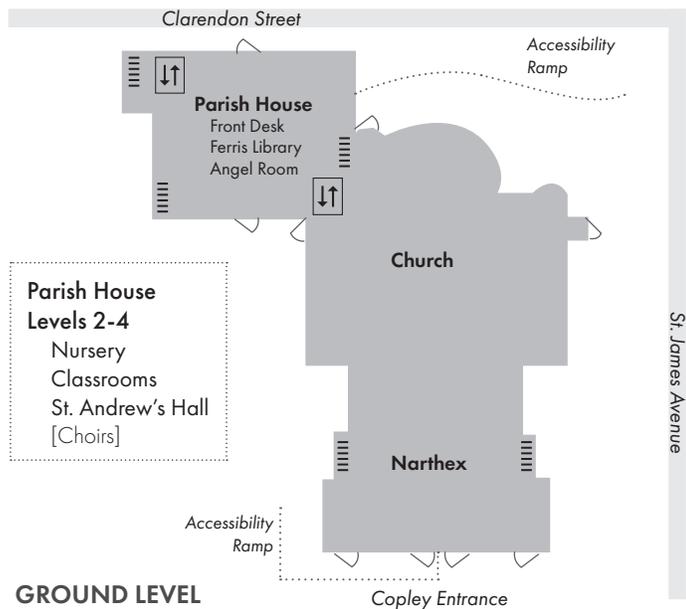


TRINITY CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

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



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.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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 80:1-7, 16-18

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.**

Gospel Matthew 1:18-25

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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>) JANUARY 2020			
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				

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.

