

**11:15 AM**

MORNING PRAYER (RITE I)

Sunday, December 29

*First Sunday after Christmas*



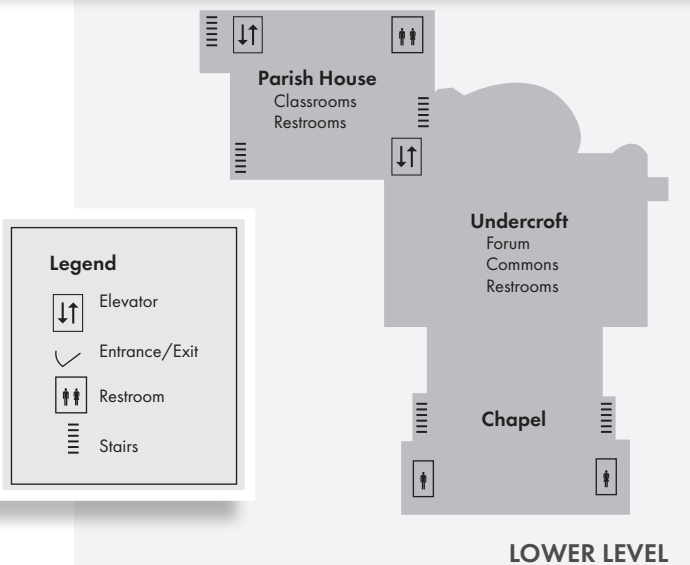
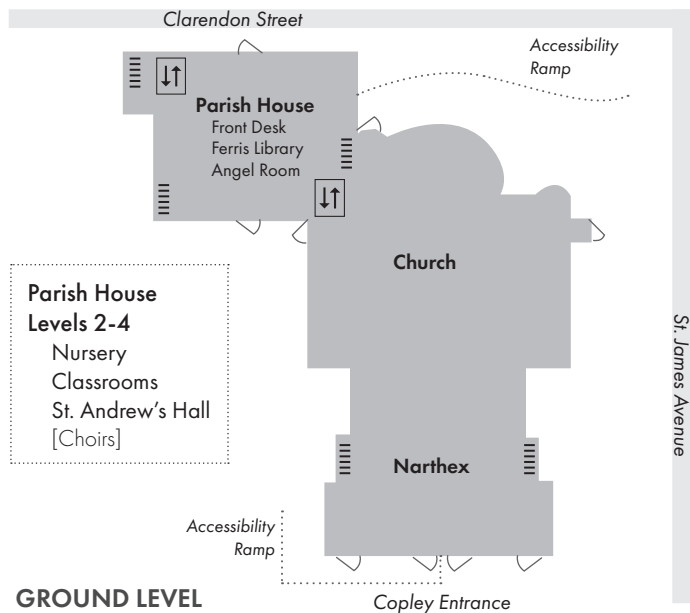
TRINITY CHURCH  
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

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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 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.  
Wed. through Sat. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Closed Mon. & Tues.

#### 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), *Junior 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-hè Hsieh ('22) • Mark A. King ('20) • Patricia Lassiter ('21) • James Morgan ('21) • Christopher Parris ('23) • Peter Renner ('21) • Ania Wiekowski ('23) •

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

**Staff** can be reached at [bit.ly/TrinityStaff](http://bit.ly/TrinityStaff)

## 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 82 'Of the Father's love begotten'

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

*Variations on Quem Pastores*  
Bjarne Slogedal (1927-2014)

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.*

Read responsively by whole  
verse, starting with the Lector.

### Psalm 147:13-21

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;

**For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.**

He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

**He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.**

He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

**He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?**

He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

**He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**

He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

## THE LESSONS

Reading Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The canticle is sung by the choir.

Canticle *'Benedictus Dominus Deus'*

Chant by George Garrett (1834-1897)

*The text is found on p. 92 of the BCP.*

Reading John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 81 'Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming'

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

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.**

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.

#### Postlude

Final Variation  
on *Quem Pastores*  
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## Collects & Intercessions

The General Thanksgiving p. 58.

### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

### Announcements

Hymn 115 ‘What child is this?’

Sermon The Rev. Morgan Allen, *Rector*

### The Offertory

Anthem ‘Angels, from the realms of glory’

Richard Webster (b. 1952)

*The text is that of Hymn 93.*

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 107 ‘Good Christian friends, rejoice’

### Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthems & Motets are sung by the choir. The Anthem texts are available at [bit.ly/tcbAnthemTexts](http://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.
29 <b>12:30 p.m.</b> Free Guided Tour	30 <i>Church Closed for Sabbath Day</i>	31 <b>1 p.m.</b> Handel & Haydn Concert <i>Free</i>  <b>4 p.m.</b> Rosie's Place	1 <i>Church Closed</i>  <b>JANUARY 2020</b>	2 <i>No Holy Eucharist Today</i>	3 <i>No Recital Today</i>	4
5 New Worship Schedule begins <i>See back page</i>	6 <i>Church Closed for Sabbath Day</i>	7	8 <b>5:45 p.m.</b> Choral Evensong	9 <b>12:10 p.m.</b> Holy Eucharist  <b>12:45 p.m.</b> Hardy Perennials <i>Monthly</i> <a href="http://bit.ly/tcbHP0120">bit.ly/tcbHP0120</a>	10 <b>12:15 p.m.</b> Organ Recital featuring Jake Street	11

## 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](http://bit.ly/tcbWinterCoffee2020) or scan the QR Code

### A.R.T. Book Discussion: *The Water Dancer*

Sun., 1/26; 12:30-2 p.m. and 4:30-6 p.m.; Ferris Library

Please join either session of the next Anti-Racism Team Book Discussion about the message behind Ta-Nehisi Coates' debut novel, *The Water Dancer*, which integrates historical fiction and fantasy to depict "a bracingly original vision of the world of slavery" (Coates). All are welcome, whether you've read the book or not. The conversation needs you! For more information, visit [bit.ly/tcbARTJan2020](http://bit.ly/tcbARTJan2020)

### 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

## THIS WEEK

### Serve a New Year's Eve Meal at Rosie's Place

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. **To RSVP**, visit [bit.ly/tcbRosies](http://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](http://bit.ly/tcbEmancipation)

### 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](mailto: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](http://trinitychurchboston.org/news)

## LOOKING AHEAD

### 50th Anniversary MLK Memorial Breakfast

Mon., 1/20, 8:30 a.m., Boston Convention and Exhibition Center  
Trinity Church is honoring the 50th anniversary of the country's first Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast by sponsoring three tables at this year's event. Join us for a "multifaceted, passion-filled celebratory program" that will feature a keynote address by The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry. Space available on a first-come, first-served basis. **To RSVP**, visit [bit.ly/tcbMLKbreakfast](http://bit.ly/tcbMLKbreakfast)

## NEW SCHEDULE STARTS NEXT SUNDAY

On Jan. 5, 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 first Sunday of 2020 will include:

**8 a.m. • Holy Eucharist**

**9 a.m. • Parish Epiphany Breakfast**

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



**10 a.m. • Holy Eucharist with Choir & Choristers**

Morning Prayer will be offered on the final Sunday of each month, beginning 1/26.

**11:15 a.m. • Formation for All Ages**

Children's Church School and Youth Forums will return from Christmas break at this new time, and the Adult Forum will launch a new series:

### **Tunnel of Love: The Gospel According to Bruce Springsteen**

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. This first Sunday will draw from Acts 2:37-47 and "Tunnel of Love." The full syllabus can be found at [bit.ly/tcbTheBoss](http://bit.ly/tcbTheBoss)

**6 p.m. • Holy Eucharist with Choir**

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