

**11:15 AM**

MORNING PRAYER (RITE I)

Sunday, December 8

*Second Sunday of Advent*



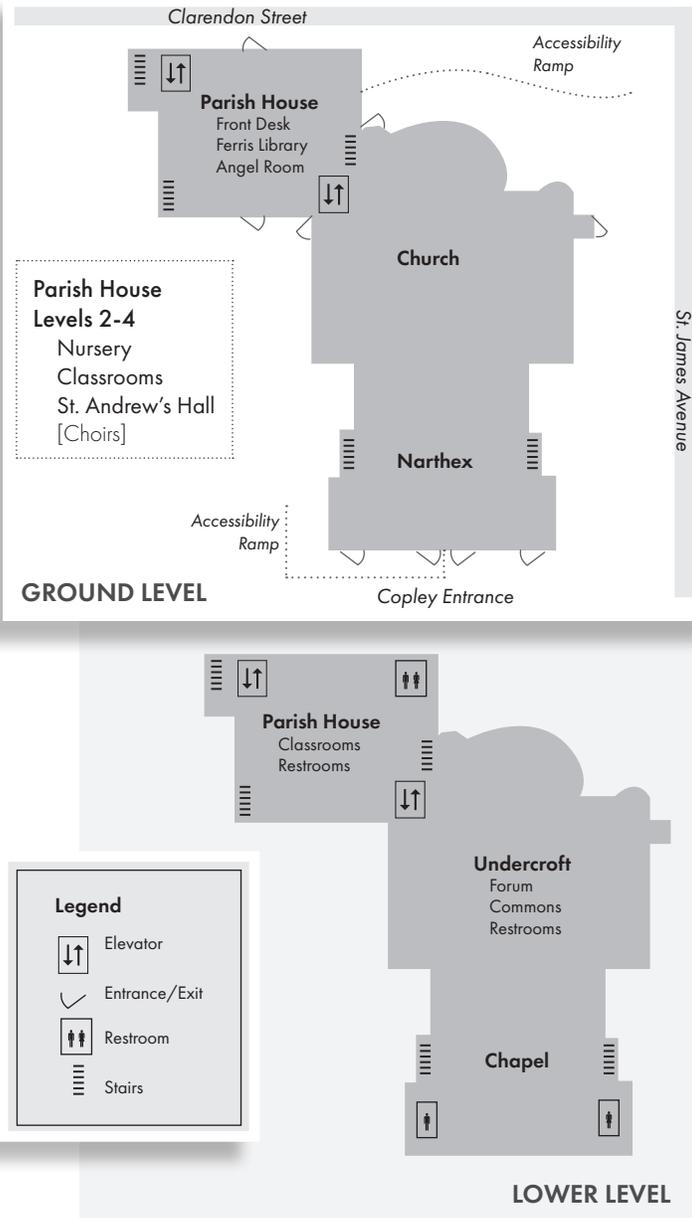
TRINITY CHURCH  
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

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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 ‘New to Trinity’, 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

Mark Morrow ('23), *Senior Warden* • Jill Norton ('21),  
*Minor Warden* • Geoffrey Smith ('20), *Treasurer* •  
Katharine E. Bachman ('22), *Clerk* • Chris Allen ('23)  
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( '21) • James Morgan ('21) • Christopher Parris ('23)  
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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.*

# OPENING RITE

Hymn 56 'O come, O come, Emmanuel' Stanzas 2-5

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

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland,*  
BWV 659

*The tune is that of Hymn 54.*  
Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

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 72:1-7, 18-19 *Sung by the choir during Advent.*

Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;  
That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;  
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.  
He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.  
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.  
He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.  
In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.  
Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!  
And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen.  
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 Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name”;

and again he says, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

and again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”;  
and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Canticle *‘Benedictus in C’*

Charles V. Stanford (1852-1924)

*The text is found on p. 50 of the BCP.*

*The choir sings the first Canticle,  
while the congregation will sing  
the second (following the Gospel  
reading).*

Reading Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 59 ‘Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding’

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 second Cantic, 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.

## Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and 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 66 'Come, thou long-expected Jesus'

## Sermon

## The Offertory

Anthem 'A spotless Rose'

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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 76 'On Jordan's bank'

## 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

"...The Rose which I am singing, whereof Isaiah said, is from its sweet root springing in Mary, purest Maid..."

## Postlude

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland,*  
BWV 661  
J.S. Bach

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.
8  10:15 a.m. Forum: Soul Deep  3 p.m. Messiah Concert	9  <i>Church Closed for Sabbath Day</i>	10	11  5:45 p.m. Choral Evensong <i>Weekly</i>	12  6 p.m. 20s & 30s Fellowship Advent Dinner <i>RSVP</i> <a href="http://bit.ly/tcb">bit.ly/tcb</a> AdventDinner	13  10 a.m. Deck the Church <a href="http://bit.ly/tcb">bit.ly/tcb</a> DeckTheChurch	14  4 p.m. & 7 p.m. Candlelight Carols <i>Free</i>
15  10:15 a.m. Forum: Sing Carols; Feed Your Soul  4 p.m. Candlelight Carols Benefit <i>Sold Out</i>	16  <i>Church Closed for Sabbath Day</i>	17  4:30 p.m. Pine Street Inn Feeding Team <i>RSVP</i> <a href="http://bit.ly/tcb">bit.ly/tcb</a> PineStreetInn	18  5:45 p.m. Choral Evensong <i>Weekly</i>	19  12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist <i>Weekly</i>	20  12:45 p.m. Organ Recital: Grant Wareham <i>Weekly</i>	21  9:30 a.m. Stitching in the Spirit <i>Monthly</i>

### 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.

### OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

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

Wed., 12/25; or Thurs., 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.

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

#### 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: Advent • Soul Deep

Sun., 12/8, 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 Advent and Christmas. Join Bill Rich as we look together at how John the Baptist and Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, can help us ground ourselves in what matters more than gifts and glitter.

### Handel's Messiah

Sun., 12/8, 3 p.m., Church

The Trinity Choirs and orchestra continue a beloved tradition of performing the Advent and Christmas portions of George Frideric Handel's *Messiah*. Antonio Vivaldi's exuberant *Gloria in D major* will also be offered.

Tickets will be sold at the door.

### 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](http://bit.ly/TrinityAltarFlowers).

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

## 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.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Hardy Perennials Lunch & Carol Sing

Thurs., 12/12, 1 p.m., Commons

Join the Hardy Perennials for our annual Advent lunch and carol sing. This group of Trinity parishioners and friends aged 59+ meet monthly on the second Thursday for fellowship, study, reflection, prayer and education. After attending the 12:10 Eucharist in the Chapel, we gather for soup and bread; all are welcome to bring other items to share.

### 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?"

### Candlelight Carols (free)

Sat., 12/14, 4 & 7 p.m., Church

A beloved annual tradition, Candlelight Carols celebrates the birth of Christ through readings, carols, anthems, and hymns of the season, offered in candlelight by the Trinity Choirs, with organ, harp, and brass ensemble. Share in an experience *Yankee Magazine* called "as close to heaven as human hands and voices have ever crafted." Open and free to all; free-will offering suggested. For the services on Dec. 14, with open seating, lines form in Copley Square prior to the doors opening one hour before scheduled start; Prelude begins 30 minutes before starting time.

The Benefit on Dec. 15 is sold out.

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