

**7:45 AM**

HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE I)

Sunday, December 8

*Second Sunday of Advent*



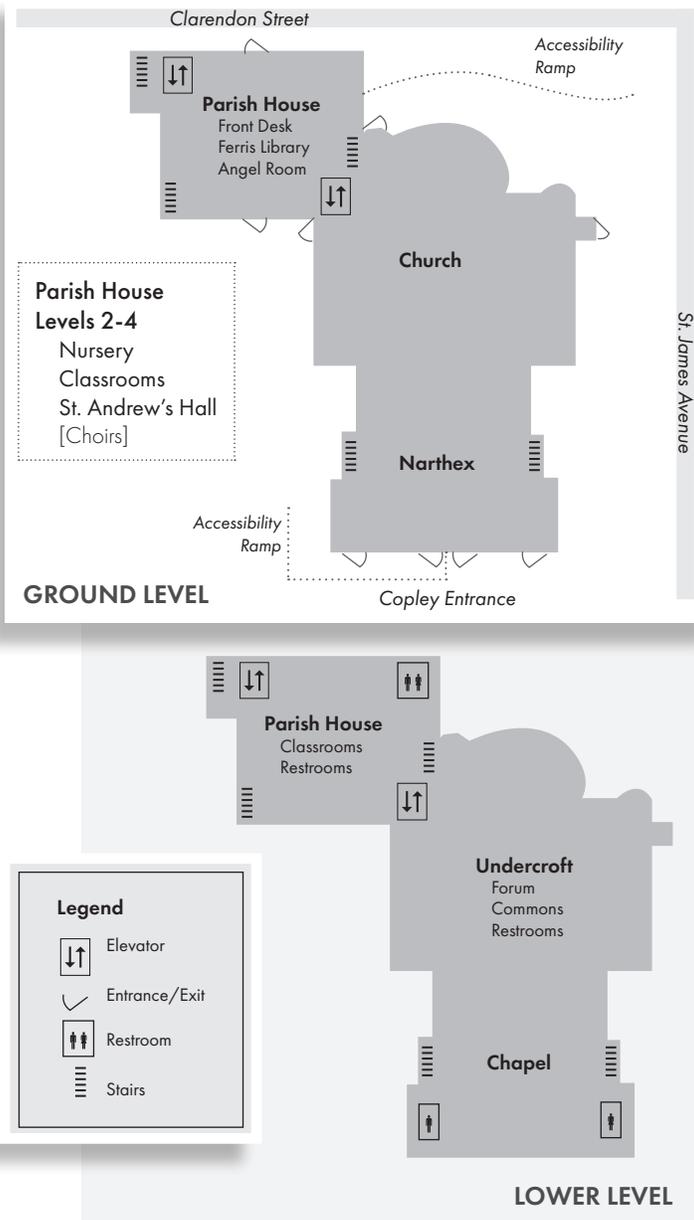
TRINITY CHURCH  
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

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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

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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.

Merciful God, who sent thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## 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.**

## 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 72:1-7, 18-19

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.

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

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

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

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 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](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 <b>10:15 a.m.</b> Forum: Soul Deep  <b>3 p.m.</b> <i>Messiah</i> Concert	9 <i>Church Closed for Sabbath Day</i>	10	11 <b>5:45 p.m.</b> Choral Evensong <i>Weekly</i>	12 <b>6 p.m.</b> 20s & 30s Fellowship Advent Dinner <i>RSVP</i> <a href="http://bit.ly/tcb">bit.ly/tcb</a> <b>AdventDinner</b>	13 <b>10 a.m.</b> Deck the Church <a href="http://bit.ly/tcb">bit.ly/tcb</a> <b>DeckTheChurch</b>	14 <b>4 p.m. &amp; 7 p.m.</b> Candlelight Carols <i>Free</i>
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> <b>PineStreetInn</b>	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>

### 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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