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CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday, December 24, 2022



TRINITY CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON



TrinityEvents

New to Trinity? Whether you're new among us or you've been here for years, we look forward to helping you make a home for faith at Trinity.



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MUSIC



Join the Trinity Choristers

Do you know a child, age 8 and up, who loves to sing? The Chorister program offers an opportunity to learn music, singing, leadership, teamwork, responsibility, commitment, and have fun! Choristers learn about the Episcopal faith and engage in the life of the church via their active leadership of worship. Parents often say that the Chorister program is a deeply transformative experience for their children.

Contact Colin Lynch, Interim Director of Music at clynch@trinitychurchboston.org.

Emancipation Proclamation Concert

Sat., Dec. 31, 1 pm, Church

Be with us as The Handel and Haydn Society and the Museum of African American History once again present Boston's annual Emancipation Proclamation Concert. A signature event of the First Night Boston celebration, this celebratory hour of music and storytelling commemorates the anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863.



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LOOKING AHEAD

One Service on Sun., Jan. 1, 2023

Our Christmas celebrations will continue at 10 am on New Year's Day with readings and music for "Feast of the Holy Name" during our single service on this holiday Sunday.

While there will be no livestream of worship on this Sunday, audio of the sermon will be available later in the week at trinitychurchboston.org/sermons.



You're Invited to Epiphany Brunch

Sun., Jan. 8, 11:15 am

Come celebrate the feast! For our first, first-Sunday-of-the-month Community Breakfast of the new year, we will celebrate with an Epiphany Brunch, complete with royal visitors bearing treats. All are welcome!

If you would like to lend a hand, we welcome volunteers on both Sat., Jan. 7, and Sun., Jan. 8, to help prepare, serve, or tidy after the events, sign up at trinitychurchboston.org/calendar,

or scan the QR code to go directly to the SignupGenius page.



LEARNING

Formation for All Ages Returns on Jan. 15

Sundays, 11:15 am

At Trinity Church Boston, all of us—committed Christians as well as those just beginning to explore—are pilgrims on the way. We offer formation opportunities for learners across the life spectrum. From our youngest in the Nursery to those who are more "experienced learners"—Trinity welcomes all to explore and grow in their faith journey.

To learn more about **Children's Ministries**, for infants through children in fifth grade, contact Cathy Portlock Pacitto, cportlock@trinitychurchboston.org.

To learn more about **Youth Ministry**, for those in sixth grade through high school, contact Beth Folsom, bfolsom@trinitychurchboston.org.

To learn more about **Adult Formation**, contact the Rev. Abi Moon, amoon@trinitychurchboston.org.

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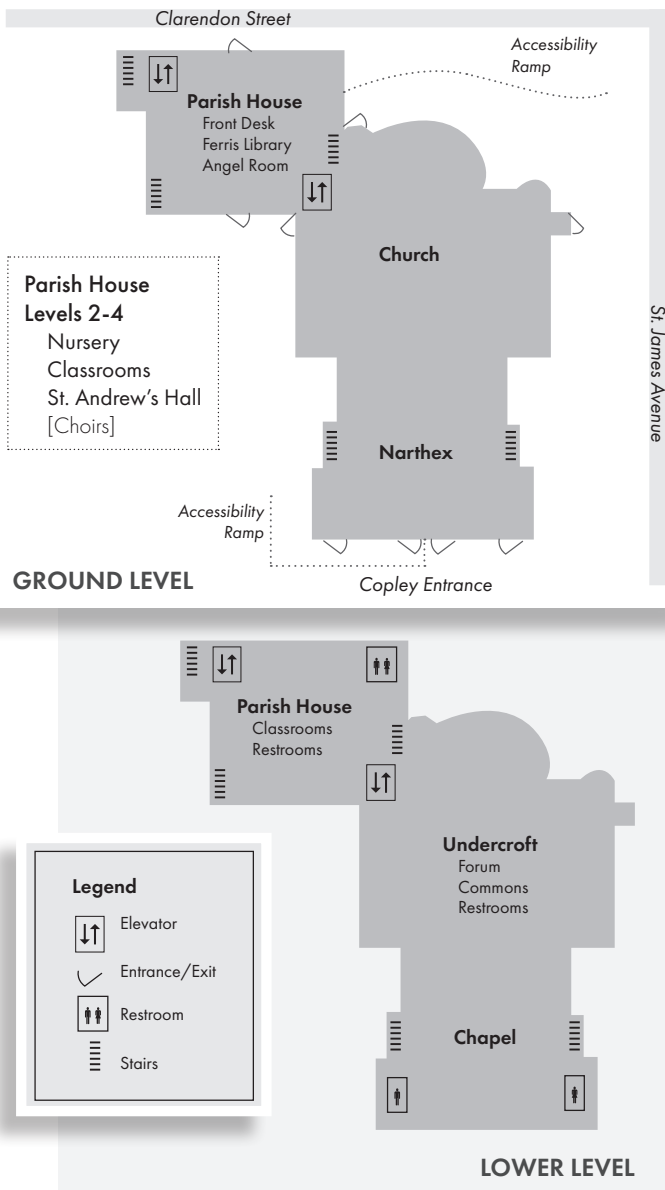
WELCOME



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FINDING YOUR WAY



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.

HOURS & INFORMATION

Sunday Schedule (**returns Jan. 8**)

indoor, masks welcomed and encouraged.

- 8 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, *spoken*
- 9 am** Coffee & Community Hour, full "Community Breakfast" on the first Sunday of most months
- 10 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with organ, choristers, and choir. Includes Children's Homily & Nursery. Morning Prayer last Sunday of most months. online at trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship and [facebook.com/trinitychurchboston](https://www.facebook.com/trinitychurchboston)
- 11:15 am** Formation for All Ages
- 5 pm** Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Weekday Worship at Trinity

Tues/Thurs. (**returns Jan. 3**)

- 8:30 pm** Online Compline join us on Zoom at bit.ly/tcbTTcompline or dial in with **1-646-558-8656** and enter Meeting ID **206 654 379**

Weds. (**returns Jan. 4**)

- 5:45 pm** Choral Evensong indoor, led by the Trinity Choristers

Vestry

Chris Allen ('23) • Christine Arcese ('26) • Christopher Atwood ('26) • Barbara Dortch-Okara ('25) • Richard Henderson ('26) • Vincent W. James ('24) • Sarah E. McGinty ('24) • Mark Morrow ('23) • Niven Narain ('26) • Chuku Chijioko Okoli ('25) • Christopher Parris ('23) • Constance Perry ('24) • Peter Renner ('25) • Olaf J. Thorp ('24) • Pam Waterman ('25) • Ania Wiecekowski ('23)

Clergy

The Rev. Morgan S. Allen, *Rector* • The Very Rev. Dr. Michael Battle, *Theologian-In-Community* • The Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman, *Assisting Priest* • The Rev. Paige Fisher, *Associate for Community Life* • The Rev. Kit Lonergan, *Priest for Welcome and Care* • The Rev. Abigail W. Moon, *Senior Associate*

Vestry can be reached at bit.ly/TrinityVestry

Clergy and Staff can be reached at bit.ly/TrinityStaff



Tours

Tues- Sat
10 am - 4:30 pm

Trinity Church offers self-guided, docent-led, and audio tours. Considered one of ten buildings that changed America, Trinity Church is an architectural masterpiece including its unique collection of stained-glass windows by designers such as Edward Burne-Jones, William Morris, and John La Farge, its murals, wood carvings and more. The price is \$10. Children younger than 12 are free.

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WORD OF GOD

Prelude 'Away in a Manger'

'Sussex Carol'

'French Carol'

'In ducli jubilo'

'Sacri Conventus XXI'

'I Wonder as I Wander'

'Alleluia, Alleluia'

'Christmas Day'

Traditional, arr. David Baldwin

Traditional, arr. Roger Harvey

French Traditional, arr. Keith Snell

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

John Jacob Niles (1892-1980)

William Byrd (1543-1623)

Gustave Holst (1874-1934)

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart,
and soul, and voice;

Give ye heed to what we say:

News! News! Jesus Christ is born today:

Ox and ass before him bow,

And he is in the manger now.

Christ is born today!

God rest you merry, gentlemen,

Let nothing you dismay,

Remember Christ our Saviour was born on Christmas day,

To save us all from woe and sin,

When we were gone astray.

O tidings of comfort and joy.

In Bethlehem, in Jewry,

This blessed babe was born,

And laid within a manger,

Upon that holy morn;

The which His Mother, Mary,

Did nothing take in scorn.

O tidings of comfort and joy.

Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart,
and soul, and voice;

Now ye hear of endless bliss:

Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this.

He hath oped the heav'nly door,

And man is blessed evermore.

Christ was born for this.

Come ye lofty, come ye lowly,

Let your songs of gladness ring;

In a stable lies the Holy,

In a manger rests the King:

See in Mary's arms reposing,

Christ by highest heav'n adored:

The first Nowell, the angels did say,

Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;

In fields where they lay, Keeping their sheep,

On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

Come, your circle round him closing,

Pious hearts that love the Lord.

Come, ye poor, no pomp of station

Robes the Child your hearts adore.

He, the Lord of all salvation,

Shares your want, is weak and poor.

Oxen, round about behold them;

Rafters naked, cold and bare,

See the shepherds, God has told them
That the Prince of Life lies there.

Come ye children, blithe and merry,

This one Child your model make;

Christmas holly, leaf, and berry,

All be prized for His dear sake;

Come, ye gentle hearts, and tender,

come, ye spirits, keen and bold;

All in all your homage render,

Weak and mighty, young and old.

High above a star is shining,

And the wisemen haste from far:

Come glad hearts and spirits pining:

For you all has ris'n the star.

Let us bring our poor oblations,

Thanks and love and faith and praise:

Come, ye people, come ye nations,

all in all draw nigh to gaze.

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart,
and soul, and voice;

give ye heed to what we say:

News! News! Jesus Christ is born today:

Ox and ass before him bow,

and he is in the manger now.

Christ is born today!

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with heart, and soul, and voice;

Now ye hear of endless bliss:

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He hath oped the heav'nly door,

And man is blessed evermore.

Christ was born for this.

Now to the Lord sing praises,

All Israel, Now to the Lord sing praises,

All you within this place,

And with true love and brotherhood

Each other now embrace;

This holy tide of Christmas

All others doth deface.

O tidings of comfort and joy.

Good Christian friends rejoice,

With heart, and soul, and voice;

Now ye need not fear the grave:

Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save!

Calls you one and calls you all,

To gain his everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save.

Worship at Trinity

Please note that our use of the BCP text may vary slightly to incorporate gender-neutral language when appropriate.

When the text of this worship booklet is in **bold**, it is spoken or sung by all.

Though the Presider's posture (standing, sitting, or kneeling) will cue many in the pews, we invite you to participate as you are able and as your piety prefers.

Hymn 'O come, all ye faithful'

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing;

Opening Sentences

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Word becomes flesh and dwells among us.

Glory to God in the highest and Peace to God's people on earth.

Gloria in excelsis *'Communion Service in F'*

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

Sung by the choir.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,

with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy it perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit, the eternal Christ lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

Amen.

Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Sung by the choir to an Anglican
chant by Ivor Atkins
(1869-1953)*

Psalm 96:1-4, 10-13

Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

Hymn 'Hark! the herald angels sing'

1 Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing glo-ry to the new-born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a-dored; Christ, the ev-er-last-ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo-ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer-cy mild, God and sin-ners rec-on-ciled!
 late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the Vir-gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec-ond birth.

Joy-ful, all ye na-tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate De-i-ty.
 Risen with heal-ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an-gel-ic host pro-claim Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je-sus, our Em-man-u-el!
 hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing glo-ry to the new-born King!

Gospel Luke 2:1-14

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Fanfare

Daniel Pinkham (1923-2006)

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Alleluia.

Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to all those of good will. Alleluia.

Sermon The Rev. Morgan S. Allen, *Rector*

Prayers of the People

In peace let us pray for the church and the world.

Creator God, on this holy night your Son our Savior was born.

Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness.

Bring comfort to all who suffer.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The angels sang, ‘Peace to God’s people on earth.’

Strengthen our witness in the world.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Strangers found the Holy Family and visited the baby lying in a manger.

Bless our homes and all we love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

On this holy night, heaven comes down to earth.

Hold close all who have passed through death with you as their hope.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy God, angels and shepherds worshiped at your manger.

Receive our praises in fellowship with Mary, Joseph, and the saints, through the One who is your Word made flesh, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Anthem 'Sussex Carol'

arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

On Christmas night all Christians sing
To hear the news the angels bring.
On Christmas night all Christians sing
To hear the news the angels bring.
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad?
Then why should men on earth be so sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin he set us free,
All for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before His grace,
Then life and health come in its place.
When sin departs before His grace,
Then life and health come in its place.
Angels and men with joy may sing
All for to see the new-born King.

All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night.
All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God and peace to men,
Now and for evermore, Amen!"

TEXT: 1684 'SMALL GARLAND OF PIOUS AND GODLY SONGS' BY LUKE WADDING

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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.

To make a gift online, please click here or use the QR code below to be taken to the secure form on our website.



Alternatively, you may also give in-person via the basket passed during the Offertory.

Presentation Hymn 'Of the Father's love begotten'

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -
 2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,
 3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly

gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,

he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that
 bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry

are, that have been, and that fu - ture
 world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his
 earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in
 and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal

years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

Eucharistic Prayer A from the
 Book of Common Prayer, p. 361.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, the Creator of heaven and earth, because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect in the flesh of Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus & Benedictus *‘Communion Service in F’*
Darke

Sung by the choir.

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 he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Christ. For in these last days you sent your Christ to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and the Blood of your new Covenant. Unite us in this sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through Christ, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,
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.**

Preparation of the Gifts *'Communion Service in F'*

Darke

Lamb of God, you who take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you who take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you who take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Trinity Church and The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts welcome all to Holy Communion. If instead of the sacrament in either kind you prefer to receive a blessing in the name of God, cross your arms over your chest. With that cue, a priest will offer a short prayer.

To receive the sacrament, come to the altar rail; stand or kneel (as you are able or as your piety prefers); and extend your hands, one inside the other. In turn, the priest will place a consecrated wafer in your open palm. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please request one from the priest offering Communion.

A Eucharistic Minister will follow with the wine; to receive, help guide the chalice to your lips. The server wipes the chalice's rim after every sip.

For those who find it easier to remain in their pew, please signal an Usher, and a priest will bring the sacrament to you.

Communion of the People

Anthem 'What is this great wonder of the world?'

Sung by the choir.

Trad. Ukrainian Carol, arr. Andriy Hnatyshyn (1906-1995)

Що то за предиво в світі новина
Що Марія Мати Сина родила
А як вона породила
Тоді вона повідала: Сусе Сину мій
А Йосиф старенький при желобі стоїть
Та на Суса Христа пелени строїть
А Марія сповиває, до серденька пригортає
Пречиста Діва
Ангели на небі та заспівали
Пастирі на землі людям сказали
Слава була, слава буде
Рожденному радість буде і мир на землі

What is this great wonder of the world?
That Mary bore a son
And when she begot him
She revealed, "Jesus is my son."
The elder Joseph stood by the manger
Preparing the swaddling clothes
And Mary dressed and embraced the newborn,
Virgin Mary
Angels on high sang out
Shepherds told the people:
Glory was, glory will be
The newborn will rejoice, bringing peace on earth

Anthem 'What Sweeter Music'

John Rutter (b. 1945)

What sweeter music can we bring
Than a carol, for to sing
The birth of this our heavenly King?
Awake the voice! Awake the string!
Dark and dull night, fly hence away,
And give the honor to this day,
That sees December turned to May.
That sees December turned to May.
Why does the chilling winter's morn
Smile, like a field beset with corn?
Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn,
Thus, on the sudden? Come and see
The cause, why things thus fragrant be:
'Tis He is born, whose quickening birth
Gives life and luster, public mirth,
To heaven, and the under-earth.

We see him come, and know him ours,
Who, with his sunshine and his showers,
Turns all the patient ground to flowers.
Turns all the patient ground to flowers.
The darling of the world is come,
And fit it is, we find a room
To welcome him. To welcome him.
The nobler part Of all the house here,
Is the heart.
Which we will give him; and bequeath
This holly, and this ivy wreath,
To do him honour, who's our King,
And Lord of all this revelling.
What sweeter music can we bring,
Than a carol for to sing
The birth of this our heavenly King?

TEXT: ROBERT HERRICK (1591-1674)

Hymn 'In the bleak midwinter'

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;
 3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
 4 What can I give him, poor as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:
 cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim throng - ed the air;
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed
 but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
 if I were a wise man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894). Music: *Cranham*, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934).

Hymn 'O little town of Bethlehem'

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 *4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,
 5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

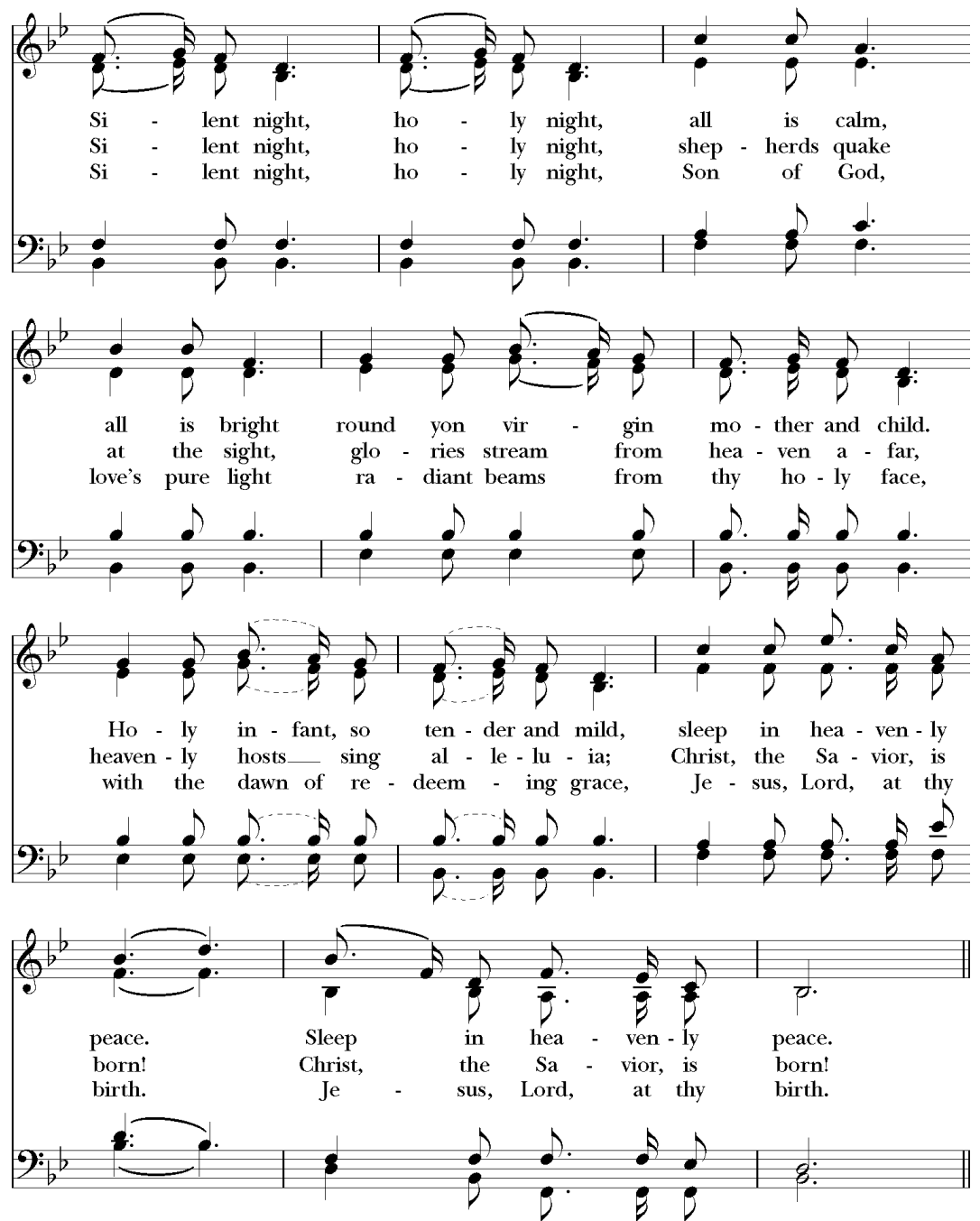
1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

We invite all to kneel for the singing of 'Silent Night'.

Hymn 'Silent night'



Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,
all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,
Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy
peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.
Eternal God,
heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn 'Joy to the world!'

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 3 far as the curse is found, far
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude 'Toccata-Gigue on 'Sussex Carol'
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