

4:30 PM
CHRISTMAS EVE
Saturday, December 24, 2022



TRINITY CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON



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.



Complete the short Welcome Form at trinitychurchboston.org/welcome (or scan the QR code) so we can get to know you better.



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.

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 Signup Genius 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**.

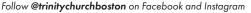
To learn more about **Youth Ministry**, for those in sixth grade through high school, contact Beth Folsom, **bfolsom@trinitychurchboston.org**.

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

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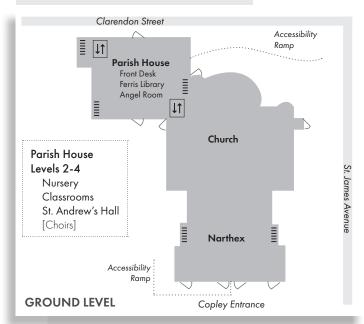
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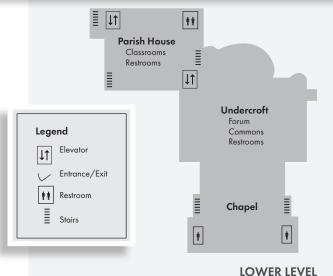
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FINDING YOUR WAY





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

11:15 am Formation for All Ages5 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Weekday Worship at Trinity

 $Tues/Thurs.\ \textit{(returns Jan. 3)}$

8:30 pm Online Compline

join us on Zoom at bit.ly/tcbTTcompline

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) • Chuks Chijioke Okoli ('25) • Christopher Parris ('23) • Constance Perry ('24) • Peter Renner ('25) • Olaf J. Thorp ('24) • Pam Waterman ('25) • Ania Wieckowski ('23)

Cleray

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, docentled, and audio tours. Considered one of ten buildings that changed America, Trinity Church is an architectural masterpiece including its unique collection of stainedglass 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.

WORD OF GOD

Prelude 'Two settings of *In dulci Jubilo*' Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) & Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Hymn 'O come, all ye faithful'



now in flesh appearing;

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.

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.



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.

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.

Read responsively by whole verse, starting with the Lector.

Hymn 'Hark! the herald angels sing'



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

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.

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

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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.

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

Presentation Hymn 107 All stand and sing

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice: give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today; ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore. Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save!

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

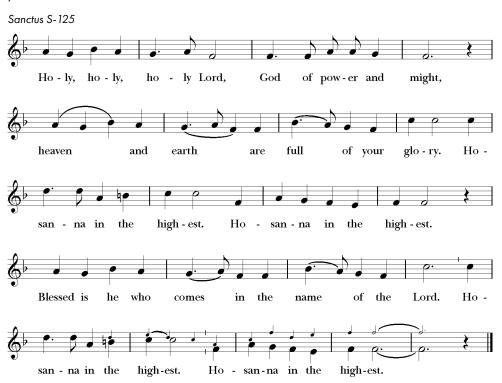
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.



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.

and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

For thine is the kingdom,

Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Savior is born in us today. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

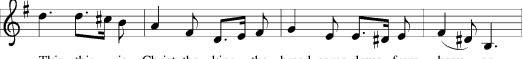
Preparation of the Gifts



- 1 What feast of love is of fered here, what ban-quet come from heav en?
- 2 What light of truth is of fered here, what cov e nant from heav en?
- 3 What wine of love is of fered here, what crim-son drink from heav en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en? What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en? What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en. This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en. This, this is Christ the king, the sweet-est wine of heav - en.



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 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.

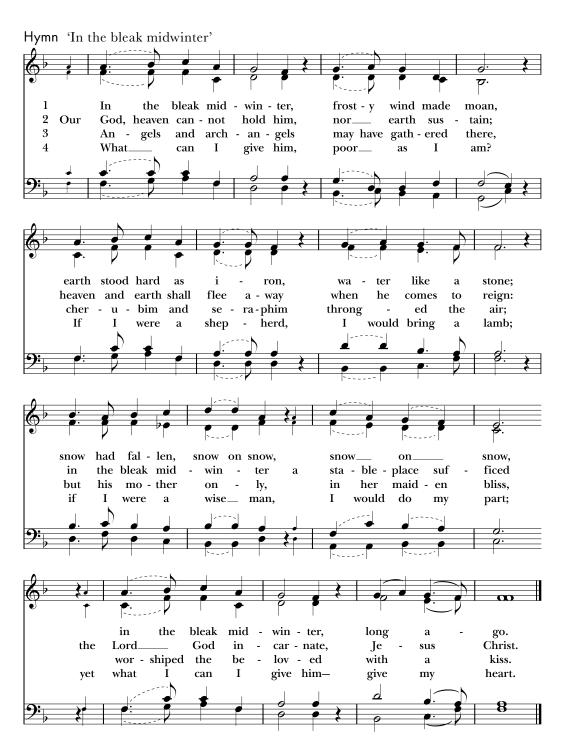
Why does the chilling winter's morn Smile, like a field beset with corn? Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn, Thus, on the sudden? Come and see The cause, why things thus fragrant be: 'Tis He is born, whose quickening birth Gives life and luster, public mirth, To heaven, and the under-earth.

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.

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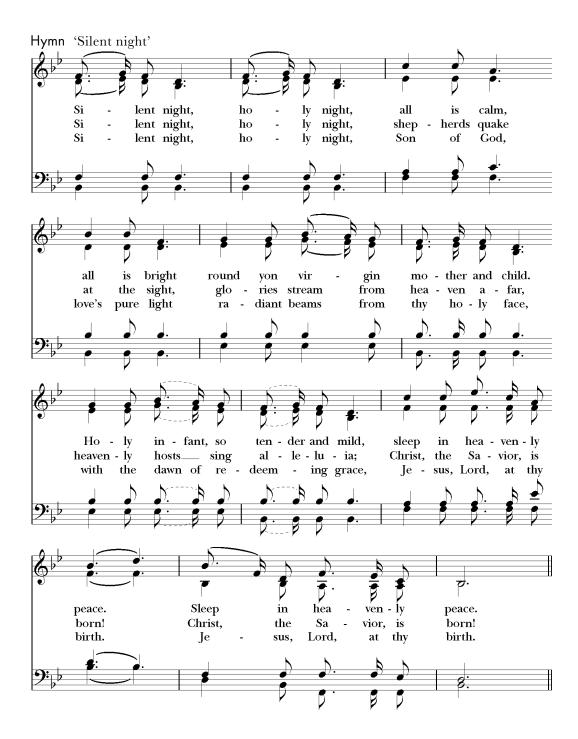
TEXT: ROBERT HERRICK (1591-1674)



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



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



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.

Blessing



Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude 'Toccata-Gigue on 'Sussex Carol' George Baker (b. 1951)

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