

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

WILLA “BILLIE” BERENTS
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Saturday, January 8, 2022

11 AM

Trinity Church
in the City of Boston
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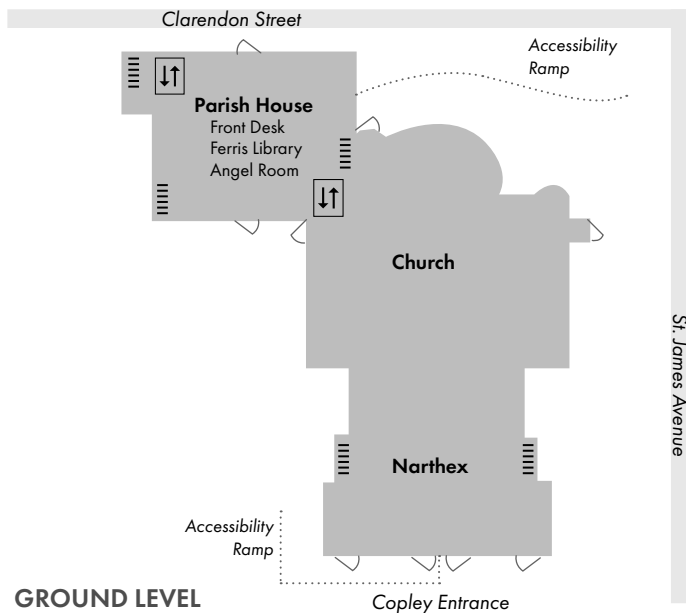


Whether you're new among us or you've been worshipping here for years, we look forward to helping you make a home for faith here at Trinity.

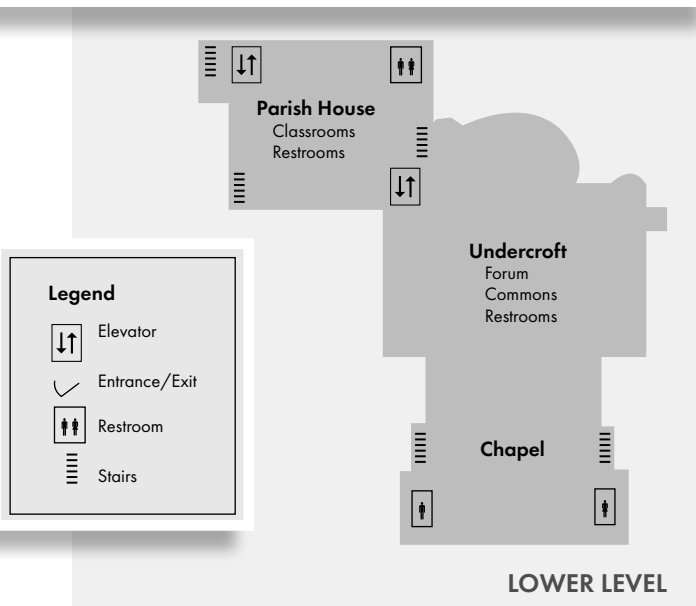
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FINDING YOUR WAY



GROUND LEVEL



LOWER LEVEL

HOURS & INFORMATION

Sunday Worship

- 9 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II
(Morning Prayer last Sunday of the month)
indoor, masked*, socially-distanced,
pre-registration required; streaming at
trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship
and [facebook.com/trinitychurchboston](https://www.facebook.com/trinitychurchboston)
- 11 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II
(Morning Prayer last Sunday of the month)
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pre-registration required
- 5 pm** Holy Eucharist, Rite II
indoor, masked*, socially-distanced,
pre-registration required

Weekday Worship at Trinity

Tuesday/Thursday

- 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

Vestry

- Mark Morrow ('23), Senior Warden •
Barbara Dortch-Okara ('25), Junior Warden • Olaf J.
Thorp ('24), Treasurer • Katharine E. Bachman ('22),
Clerk • Chris Allen ('23) • Christopher Atwood ('25) •
P. MacKenzie Bok ('22) • Katherine D. Hein ('22) •
Nien-hê Hsieh ('22) • Vincent W. James ('24) • Sarah E.
McGinty ('24) • Christopher Parris ('23) • Peter Renner
('25) • Pam Waterman ('25) • Ania Wieckowski ('23)
Each can be reached at bit.ly/TrinityVestry

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

*Masks can be cloth with filter, surgical, or N95, and must cover the entire nose and mouth. Bandanas, scarves, and gaiters do not meet the CDC-recommended standard and will not be allowed.

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.

ENTRANCE RITE

Anthems

Officiant I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die.
And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in
faith, shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.
After my awaking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.
So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

Collect

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister
Billie. We thank you for giving her to us, her family and friends, to
know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your
boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see
in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may
continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with
those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Hymn 293 'I sing a song of the saints of God'

Prelude

Prelude on Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-
1958)

Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit

(God's time is the best time)

Johann Sebastian Bach

(1685-1750)

About the Liturgy

*The liturgy for the dead is an Easter
liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the
Resurrection. Because Jesus was
raised from the dead, we, too, shall
be raised.*

*The liturgy, therefore, is
characterized by joy, in the
certainty that 'neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities, nor
things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation, will
be able to separate us from the love
of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*This joy, however, does not make
human grief unchristian. The very
love we have for each other in Christ
brings deep sorrow when we are
parted by death. Jesus himself wept
at the grave of his friend. So, while
we rejoice that one we love has
entered into the nearer presence
of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy
with those who mourn.*

WORD OF GOD

Lesson Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Reader For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139:1-12

Read in unison.

All **O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord,
you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high
that I cannot attain it.
Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee
from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning and settle
at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**

Lesson 1 Peter 1:3-9

Reader Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Lesson Mark 10:13-16

Reader People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them,

‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’

And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Remembrances William Berents
Lindsey Berents

Hymn 'For the beauty of the earth'

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Homily The Rev. Paige Fisher, *Associate for Community Life*

Anthem *Justorum animae*' (The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God)
William Byrd (c. 1539-1623)

*Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt,
et non tanget illos tormentum mortis.
Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori,
illi autem sunt in pace.*

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,
and the torment of death shall not touch them.
In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die;
but they are in peace.

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism,
let us proclaim our faith and say,

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

The Prayers

Reader For our sister Billie, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life." Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Billie, and dry the tears of those who weep.

All **Hear us, Lord.**

Reader You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

All **Hear us, Lord.**

Reader You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

All **Hear us, Lord.**

Reader You promised paradise to the thief who repented;
bring our sister to the joys of heaven.

All **Hear us, Lord.**

Reader Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit;
give her fellowship with all your saints.

All **Hear us, Lord.**

Reader She was nourished with your Body and Blood;
grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

All **Hear us, Lord.**

Reader Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister;
let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Celebrant Father of all, we pray to you for Billie, and for all those whom we love
but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine
upon them. May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace.

All **Amen.**

THE COMMENDATION

Anthem

Officiant Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
People **where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing,
but life everlasting.**

Officiant You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People **Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Officiant Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Billie. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

People **Amen.**

Blessing

Dismissal

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 400 'All creatures of our God and King'

Anthem 'The Lord bless you and keep you'
John Rutter (b. 1945)
The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you
To shine upon you and be gracious
And be gracious unto you
The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you
And give you peace, and give you peace;
And give you peace, and give you peace

Postlude
Choral
Joseph Jongen
(1873-1953)

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Readers

Suki Weeramuni
Giselle Berents

Remembrances

William Berents
Lindsey Berents

Ushers

Simon Berents
Arryn Weeramuni

Musicians

Members and friends of the Trinity Choir
Richard Webster, *Director of Music and Organist*

Clergy

The Rev. Paige Fisher, *Associate for Community Life*

“ Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she
laughs at the time to come.
She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the
teaching of kindness is on her tongue. ”

PROVERBS 31. 25-26

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