Welcome to Trinity Church

Merry Christmas to you and welcome! We are delighted to have you with us as we celebrate our Savior’s birth, and we hope you will experience the joy and hope of Christmastide in our service this evening.

If you are new to Trinity, we encourage you to return and join us in our year-round exploration of Christian faith and the difference it can make in our lives, as we seek to live out God’s love in this community and the world. Nothing could delight us more than to have you become part of this community. To learn more about Trinity Church and the many ways to be part of this community, please fill out a welcome card in the pew in front of you or visit our website at trinitychurchboston.org. We look forward to getting to know you and sharing with you the joy and hope that come from journeying together along Christ’s way of love.

May you know the blessings of Christmas this night and through the coming year.

The Rev. Wiliam W. Rich
Interim Rector

Listening devices for the hearing impaired are available from an usher.

We look forward to greeting you after the service.
Prelude Music

In dulci jubilo BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

arr. Stephen Jackson

Noël Nouvelet

‘Noël Nouvelet’, we sing a newborn King.
With our earthly song the firmament shall ring.
See how the love of God such joy doth bring.
‘Noël Nouvelet’ for Christ the newborn King.

Shepherds from the fields, let gladness fill your mind.
Go to Bethlehem, the Lamb of God to find!
Lo, from the sky the angel voices sing
‘Noël Nouvelet’ for Christ the newborn King.

Thus they left their sheep, and to the stable bare
Came with haste and found Joseph and Mary there.
With them they marveled at this holy thing:
‘Noël Nouvelet’ for Christ the newborn King.

Soon the three wise men, who by a star were led,
Journeyed from the East, and at the lowly bed
Each bowed the knee and made an offering:
‘Noël Nouvelet’ to Christ the newborn King.

Take my heart, Lord Jesus, who for me wast slain,
Thou who on the Cross hast borne my grief and pain,
Bringing me healing through Thy suffering.
‘Noël Nouvelet’ for Christ the heavenly King.

Noël Nouvelet we sing a newborn King
With our earthly song the firmament shall ring.
See how the love of God such joy doth bring.
‘Noël Nouvelet’ for Christ the newborn King.

TEXT: FRENCH TRADITIONAL; TRANSLATED BY MARION JACKSON

What child is this?

arr. Paul Halley (b. 1952)

The text is that of Hymn 115.

Nativité from Symphonie-Passion, Op. 23

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)
O come, all ye faithful (Adeste Fideles)

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O
2 God from God, Light from Eternal,
3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

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

All stand.

Unison

Refrain
Opening Sentences  Remain standing.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light! For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given. His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. The word became flesh and dwells among us! Glory to God in the highest and peace to God’s people on earth.

Gloria in excelsis  Remain standing. Sung by the choir.

from ‘Communion Service in F Major’, Harold Darke (1888-1976)

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

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 him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Be seated.
Word of God

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7

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 a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, 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 onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord. 

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96: 1-9  Sung by the choir.

Ivor Algernon Atkins (1869-1953)

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.
As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

Gradual Hymn 105

God rest you merry, gentlemen (God Rest You Merry)

Gospel  Remain standing.

Luke 2:1–20

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 swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room 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 swaddling clothes 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, goodwill to men!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.
Litany for Christmas Eve

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

Creator God, on this holy night your Son our Savior was born in human flesh.  
Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.  
Holy God, hear our prayer.  
There was no room for your son in the inn.  
Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty.  
Holy God, hear our prayer.  
Mary, in the pain of labor, brought your Son to birth.  
Hold in your hand all who are in pain or distress.  
Holy God, hear our prayer.  
Your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness.  
Bring comfort to all who suffer in our world.  
Holy God, hear our prayer.  
Herod’s rage brought weeping and lamentation to Bethlehem.  
Rid our world of violence and comfort those mourning lives lost to violence in our city and across the world.  
Holy God, hear our prayer.  
The angels sang, ‘Peace to God’s people on earth.’  
Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in the all the world.  
Holy God, hear our prayer.  
Shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy.  
Give each of us grace to preach the gospel of Christ’s love.  
Holy God, hear our prayer.  
Strangers found the Holy Family and saw the baby lying in a manger.  
Bless our homes and all whom we love.  
Holy God, hear our prayer.  
In this holy night, heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven.  
Hold in your hand all those who have passed through death in the hope of your coming kingdom.  
Holy God, hear our prayer.  
Holy God, angels and shepherds worshiped at your manger.  
Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph and the saints, through him who is your Word made flesh, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace  All stand.

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.  
The Ministers and People greet one another with a sign of Christ’s Peace.

Welcome & Announcements  Be seated.
Holy Communion

All people, regardless of faith, tradition, or age, 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; simply request one from a priest.

A floor-level communion station is located in the Clarendon Street vestibule to the left of the pulpit.
Please take any valuables with you when you leave your seat.

Offertory

The offering received during the anthem is our opportunity to give of ourselves to the glory of God. It supports our parish ministries and service to our city and beyond.

Offertory Anthem  Joys Seven  Sung by the choir.

The first good joy that Mary had,
It was the joy of one;
To see the blessèd Jesus Christ
When he was first her son:
When he was first her son, good man;
And blessèd may he be,
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
To all eternity.
The next good joy that Mary had,
It was the joy of two;
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,
To make the lame to go:
The next good joy that Mary had,
It was the joy of three;
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,
To make the blind to see:
The next good joy that Mary had,
It was the joy of four;
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,
To read the Bible o’er:
The next good joy that Mary had,
It was the joy of five;
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,
To bring the dead alive:
The next good joy that Mary had,
It was the joy of six;
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,
Upon the crucifix:
The next good joy that Mary had,
It was the joy of seven;
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,
To wear the crown of heaven:

Arr. Stephen Cleobury
Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

Refrain
Gloria

in excelsis Deo.
Gloria

in excelsis Deo.
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, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. ...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 and Benedictus in F Major Sung by the choir. Darke
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.

Remain standing or kneel.

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 Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

...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 his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 Mary the Mother of our Lord, and with Joseph his earthly father, and with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; 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.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Agnus Dei Sung by the choir. Darke
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Please follow the direction of the ushers, who will guide you to the altar to receive the sacrament. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail to receive Communion.
Music During Communion  Communion begins in silence.

O magnum mysterium
O magnum mysterium
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum
jacentem in praesepio.

O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt
portare Dominum Jesum Christum.
Alleluia!

O great mystery
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the new-born Lord
lying in a manger!

O blessed is the Virgin, who
was worthy to bear Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!

Anthem  Lux Aurumque

Lux,
calida gravisque pura velut aurum
et canunt angeli molliter
modo natum.

Edward Esch

Light,
warm and heavy as pure gold
and the angels sing softly
to the new-born baby.

Translated by Charles Anthony Silvestri
O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, was written by Phillips Brooks, beloved Rector of Trinity Church from 1869-1891.
Music after Communion

Hymn  It is customary to kneel for this hymn, as you are able.  Silent night, holy night (Stille Nacht)

Silent night, holy night, all is calm,
Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake
Silent night, holy night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon virgin mother and child.
at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar,
love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face,

Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly

heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is

with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy

peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.
born!
Christ, the Savior, is

birth.
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Postcommunion Prayer  Please stand.

Let us pray.

Loving God,
we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.
Going Into the World

Blessing Remain standing
May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the wonder of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ child
be with you this Christmas;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Dismissal
Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Thanks be to God,
Hymn in Procession  
Remain standing.

1 Hark! the herald angels sing, 
glory to the newborn King!
2 Christ, by highest heaven adored; 
Christ, the everlastling Lord;
3 Mild he lays his glory by; 
born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mercy mild, 
God and sinners reconcile!
late in time behold him come, 
offspring of the Virgin’s womb;
born to raise us from the earth, 
born to give us second birth.

Postlude  
Dieu parmi nous (God among us) from La Nativité du Seigneur

Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992)
The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and …

In loving memory of
Caroline and Rob Abernathy
Mackey Abernathy
Dorothy Bass Alexander
Dave Allen
Alden Atwood
Jane Marshall Baird
James Peter Baker
Mrs. Charlie Baker
Mr. & Mrs. Chester Baker
Andrew John Baker
Monte J. Baugh
Virginia Bearden
Douglas F Beaven
Robert and Carol Beaven
Mary and George Bereday
John Billows
Mrs. Beryl Bonaparte
John de Brangara
Mr. & Mrs. Charles P. Britton
Paul Kenneth Brown
Anne and David Burnham
Alice T. and Joseph A. Burns
Sister Marion Carey
Cecilia Silvagni Caruso
Giulio and Giuseppina Del Gizzi Castrucci
Winifred Cheston
Ruth Clough
Herbert, Ann and Curtis Coe
Donald S. Coffey
Dorothy Olive Cook
Victor N. Cook
Dr. S. Allen Counter
Thomas Elwood Cox
Fran Czech
Theresa L. Devine
Talbot Dewey, Sr.
Luigi and Elisa Carolina DiGiustini
Susan K. DiMartino
Vera & Douglas Dixon
Glover & Mary Dixon
Jane Anderson Dudley
Edward Duffy
Katherine & Bill Early
Natalie Eastmond
Claudia Eberle
Eleanor, Lila and Polly
Amerigo Eramo
Domenica Del Gizzi Eramo
Sister Giulia Eramo
Pietro Eramo
Danielle Steele Ann Fagg
Thomas & Elaine Fagg
Kerri Ann Marie Fagg
Barbara Foote Fales
Samuel Fales
Winifred Farrell
Sigrid Elizabeth Fastingsen
Rev. John T. Finnegan, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. George Peabody Gardner
Sammy Gier
Dr. Domenico Giubilei
Jane Stebbins Greenleaf
Robert Grimmett
Judith Grimmett
Mary Hall
Macdonald Halsey
Anne Ingram Halsey
Macdonald Brooke Halsey
Macdonald Brooke Halsey II
W. E. Hansell
Winona Milo Hansell
Michael Hansell
Milan A. Heath
Don Hemingson
Jane and James Henry
Gerrit Henry
Sandra Fales Hillman
Myrtle Hollis
Amos and Leola Hostetter
Priscilla Blackett Dewey Houghton
Barbara Burleigh Howe
Mary Camorali Hoyt
James and Emeline Humphrey
John Kannar Hurley
Jeraw Hurst

John & Mildred Iserman
John D. Kane
Lovel Kaufman
Margie Keene
Jane Howell Kieffer
William Henry Kieffer II
Peter Kimball
Maury and Anna Lehman
Kathleen and Thomas Leonard
Vincent LoPiccolo
Stephanie Lord
Anthony LoRusso Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Lovejoy
Joseph E. Lovejoy
Dr. & Mrs. Frederick H. Lovejoy Jr.
Therese Lovejoy
Clifford & Ann Lumm
Siria Eramo Maggi
Pauline Alice Rubbelke Maier
Susannah Cook Mavison
Patricia Roland May
Kathleen Baird McCahan
Elsa Liane McKay
Susan Baird McClure
Ryan McCutcheon
Katherine of the Tjdited
John E. McGinty
Marilyn May McNamara
The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and …

James McNeely
Randy McQueen
Dan McQueen
Joan and Marvin Metcalfe
Elizabeth Meyer
Sister Mary Michael
Julia and James Miller
Benjamin Charles Milner
Kenneth Andrew Moskow
Eva S. Moyer
Per Naas
Amy Anne Northcutt
Victoria Sears Thaler O’Gorman
Jarmila and Pater Packard
George W. W. Packard
Glennita Pensoneau
Norman Pensoneau
Mary Ann Pepper
Henry and Avalo Petri
Anne Wright Phillips
Asa E. Phillips Jr.
Dr. William Pien
Cindy Pratt
Nancy Purbeck
Isabel & Clifford Rendell
Alan Britton Rice
Deborah Ann Robbins
Michael Rosewell
John L. Rossi

Melba M. Sandison
Leland H. Sandison
J. Woodrow Savacool
Lucille M. Savacool
Anne Schult
Helen Jane Sears
Luciano Serafini
Robert Simonds Shaw
The Rt. Rev. M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE
Harriet Manice Shiland
William McAlpin Shiland
Alex C. Silvagni
Mrs. Carrie Stark
Ken Starr
Elise Steele
Dr. & Mrs. W. H. Steffensen
Arville I. Stephen
Hale Sturges II
Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Sturges
Francis J. Sullivan
Anne Taggart
Grace Yoemans Thaler
Richard Winston Thaler, M.D.
Kathryn Wellman Thomas
Charlotte and Carl Thorp
Kjellfrid Lone Thorp
Margaret Merriam Treimann
Dr. John Trump
Joan B. Vernon
Matthew D. Vernon
Laird Vielbig
Dr. Hermann Viets
Millie Smith Walker
George V. Walker
George and Mary Walmsley
Richard O. Walsh
Henry J. and Theresa A. Ward
William W. Wells
Paul Windels
Mack Wolfe
Sara Jane Woodward
William and Caryll Wood
Michael F. Wynne-Willson
Clinton Babcock Yeomans
Joan Barrows Yeomans

In honor of and thanksgiving for
Justin, Jackson & Juliet Beebe
Alice Eckstein
The Hon. Amory Houghton, Jr.
Gustavus Reed Ide, III
Ministry of the Rev. Sam Lloyd III
Professor Charles S. Maier
J. Arthur May
Dr. Garth O. McCavana
Sally and Darrell McIntyre
Marriage of Mark O’Connor & Sandra Bedoya
Bill Patterson
Harry Sloper
June Sloper
Derby Sloper
Anne Teschner
Trinity Facilities Staff
Ministry of the Rev. Dr. William W. Rich
The Clergy of Trinity Church
Welcome to Trinity Church

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 and click on New to Trinity, or contact Mark Kharas, at mkharas@trinitychurchboston.org, 617-536-0944 x360.

NEW TO TRINITY?

Join Compass Sun., 1/21, 10:15 am, Angel Room

Join us for this introduction to Trinity. Compass is an opportunity to ask questions about the Parish, meet fellow parishioners, and learn how to get involved in our common life.
Contact Mark Kharas, mkharas@trinitychurchboston.org, 617-536-0944 x360

NEW YEAR’S EVE

December 31: One 10 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Join us for Christmastide Holy Eucharist at 10 am on Sun., Dec. 31. This is the only worship service on this day.

Handel + Haydn Society Jubilee Day Concert
Sun., 12/31, 2 pm, Trinity Church

On Jan. 1, 1863, Bostonians celebrated the first Jubilee Day, the day on which the Emancipation Proclamation was signed by President Lincoln. As part of First Night activities, Handel + Haydn Society, in conjunction with the Museum of African American History, will present a concert inspired by that time. Scott Allen Jarrett leads members of the H+H Chorus in joyous music, woven together by National Poetry Slam Champion Regie Gibson, giving power to the Proclamations’ words. Free and open to all.

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist
Mon., Dec. 25, 10 am

Sunday Services Schedule
Returns on 1/7/2018

7:45 am Simple, quiet Holy Eucharist
9 am Community Holy Eucharist with youth Choristers & Choir
11:15 am Traditional Morning Prayer with Choir; Holy Eucharist first Sundays
6 pm Come as you are Holy Eucharist; with Choir
7:15 pm Sacred Silence: Contemplative Prayer
8 pm Compline: Choral music, candlelight, plainsong, silence, peace

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

We invite you to share your God-given gifts with the parish, the city, and beyond, by participating in one of Trinity’s many ministries. You may find that lives—including your own—will be changed for the better. For a full list and calendar of opportunities, please visit trinitychurchboston.org/serve

Rosie’s Place Weds., 12/27, 4 pm, 889 Harrison Ave., Boston

Join our team to prepare and serve an evening meal at Rosie’s Place, a shelter for women and their children. RSVP to Simone John, sjohn@trinitychurchboston.org

Send the Choir to England:
Donate Items for Silent Auction
Send donations by Sun., 1/7/2018

The Trinity Choirs are still seeking items for the winter Silent Auction to defray the cost of our 2019 England tour. Do you have season tickets, or time in a vacation home you’re willing to share? Can you bake a pie or teach a skill? Maybe your favorite restaurant would donate a gift certificate? To donate an item of at least $50 in value, contact Ron Aldridge, aldrige30@gmail.com by Sun., Jan. 7.
STEWARDSHIP

Pledge Now for 2018

More than 400 households have made their pledge commitments to support Trinity’s ministries in 2018. If you have not yet pledged, Trinity needs you! Trinity’s staff and vestry are shaping our 2018 budget, and our ministries depend on your support. Our 2018 annual pledging goal of 775 households committing $3M will fund all the ways in which our church will show up, step up, and look up in 2018. To make your pledge today, visit trinitychurchboston.org/2018-annual-pledge, stop by the Stewardship Table, or fill out a pledge card in the pews or at the entrances to the church. Contact Director of Stewardship, Adam Dawkins, adawkins@trinitychurchboston.org, 617-536-0944.

PARISH LIFE

Epiphanytide Brunch with Children’s Ministries

Sun., 1/7, 10 am, Commons

Come celebrate the feast! Join Children’s Ministries for our annual potluck Epiphany Brunch, complete with royal visitors. Please bring your favorite side items (e.g., muffins, bagels, Munchkins, sausages), or contact us for an assignment. We need people to make egg stratas, baked cheese grits, and fruit salad; recipes available at trinitychurchboston.org/event/epiphanytide-brunch. Signups welcome at bit.ly/2018Epiphanybrunch. Spiral-cut baked ham is also welcome! Contact Robin Babcock and Sarah Boehs, epiphanybrunch@gmail.com

12 Lives: Faith, Action, and Witness Guest Speaker Forums

Select Sundays, 10:15 am, Forum

Join us for our Forum guest speaker series to explore the lives of a diverse cast of ancient and modern people of faith whose life’s work—in theology, art, contemplation, or social justice—can have a transformational impact on our own lives today.

On 1/29, we will learn about Teresa of Avila from Professor Stephanie Paulell. On 2/11, we welcome Professor Peter Hawkins as he illuminates the life of Dante. And on 2/25 filmmaker Arleigh Prelow presents on Howard Thurman.

Book Club & Performance Event

Book Discussion: Sun., 1/28, 12:15pm-2pm, Ferris Library

This winter our Anti Racism Team is reading Citizen: An American Lyric, the New York Times bestseller by poet and MacArthur Genius Claudia Rankine. Citizen, called “a provocative meditation on race,” recounts mounting racial aggressions in ongoing encounters in twenty-first-century daily life and in the media. The group will also have the opportunity to participate in Citizen Read, a dynamic project through ArtsEmerson that includes a public dialogue featuring Rankine and an opportunity to attend the world premiere of her new play, The White Card. For more information, contact Stephanie Bode Ward at bodeward@mac.com or 617-524-5515.

MUSIC

Join the Trinity Choristers

Do you know a child or youth who loves to sing? Trinity Choristers is open to all boys and girls, ages 8 to 18. In the context of superb musical training, this choir fosters personal growth, commitment, teamwork and development of leadership skills. Along with the Trinity Choirs, the Choristers regularly tour England, recently serving as choir-in-residence at Westminster Abbey and Winchester Cathedral. An age-appropriate stipend is offered to choristers. Contact Richard Webster, rwebster@trinitychurchboston.org, 617-536-0944 x240

St. Andrew’s Singer Series

Sun., Jan. 7, 2 pm, 4th floor of Parish House

Join us for a recital of the new “St. Andrew’s Singer Series” (SASS), featuring Trinity’s fabulous stuff singers in recital in the intimacy of St. Andrew’s Hall, on the fourth floor of Trinity’s Parish House. Each 45-minute program offers a range of repertoire in this “chamber music” setting, followed by a reception to meet and chat with the artists. The Jan. 7 recital features Christopher Carbin (bass-baritone) and Alyssa Weathersby (soprano) and highlights the many intricacies of love: burning passion, ecstasy, heartbreak, and everything in between. Tickets are $20 at the door; those 18 and under are free!

Cabaret, Silent Auction & Parish Party

Fri., 1/26/18, 6-9 pm, Undercroft & Church

Join the Trinity family for an evening of fun and fellowship. The talented Trinity staff singers will lead us on an evening of Global Travels with music from Scotland, India, Iran, and many other countries. Downstairs enjoy a festive cocktail party and Silent Auction, which will benefit the choir’s 2019 England tour where they will serve as choir-in-residence at Salisbury and Wells Cathedrals.

Tickets are available at three price points to make this event affordable to all while also covering costs. Get yours today at bit.ly/TrinityParishParty

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.