



CANDLELIGHT CAROLS

Saturday, December 16 | 4 & 7 pm
& Sunday, December 17 | 2 pm



TRINITY CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON



TrinityEvents

FYI: The Shop will be open in the Narthex from 2 to 4:30 pm today. Check out our puzzles, cards, Fair Trade jewelry, and more.
All proceeds support the ministries of Trinity Church.

LOOKING AHEAD

Tutu Travel Seminar

Tues., 1/9/24-Wed., 1/17/24, Cape Town

Join the Rev. Michael Battle, Ph.D. and his Peace Battle Institute for the Tutu Travel Seminar in South Africa to spread the good news about a Spirituality of Restorative Justice. The Seminar focuses upon Desmond Tutu's witness of contemplative prayer, restorative justice and African concept of Ubuntu.

Learn more at michaelbattle.com/tututravelseminar

Questions? Email Michael at mbattle@trinitychurchboston.org.

Donate to the Christmas Flower Fund

Christmas flower and music dedications are a beautiful way to honor friends, family, and loved ones, whether far or near, living or deceased.

Donations accepted online through **Sun., Dec. 17**, in



order to meet Christmas bulletin print schedules. We invite a minimum contribution of \$50 per name. Make your donation at trinitychurchboston.org/news, or scan the QR code.



EVERY SUNDAY

Nursery Care from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
in the Parish House

Children's Homily at 10 am
downstairs in the Chapel

Church School in the Parish House
classrooms through 12.17.23;
returning 1.14.24

Discounted parking; ask at
the Parish House Front Desk

See more at trinitychurchboston.org/calendar

CHRISTMAS

12.24

4:30 pm Children's Pageant
arrival by 3:45 pm recommended



8 pm Festival Eucharist

with the Trinity Choirs, Brass Ensemble & organ; also livestreamed to trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship



11 pm Choral Mass with

the Trinity Choirs, Brass Ensemble & organ

12.25

10 am Festival Eucharist
with organ



MUSIC

Do You Know a Child Who Loves To Sing?

The Trinity Choristers is open to all children aged 8

to 18, regardless of religious affiliation.

No previous musical experience is necessary. The Chorister program at Trinity Church offers an extraordinary opportunity to learn music, singing, leadership, teamwork, responsibility, commitment, have fun, and to see the world! Choristers learn about the faith and engage in the life of the church through their active leadership of worship. Parents often say that the Chorister program is a deeply transformative experience for their children.

To learn more about the Chorister program please email Colin Lynch, Director of Music at clynch@trinitychurchboston.org.



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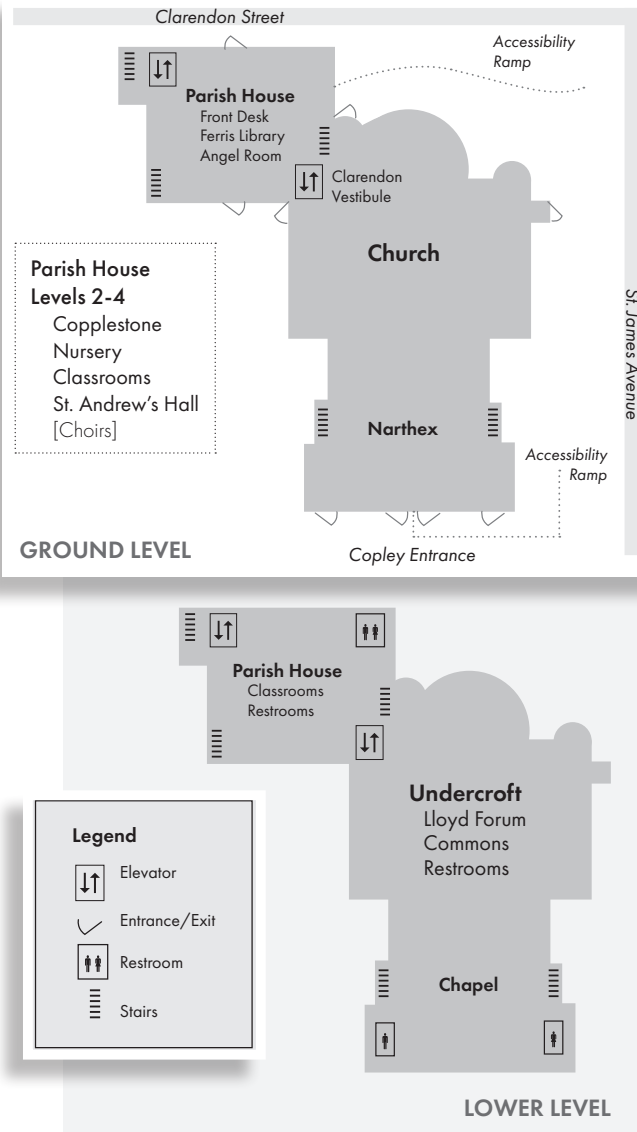
WELCOME



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 at Trinity.

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

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

- 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.

- 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.

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

Vestry

Chris Allen ('27) • Christine Arcese ('26) • Christopher Atwood ('26) • Barbara Dortch-Okara ('25) • Josh Fiala ('27) • Richard Henderson ('26) • Vincent W. James ('24) • Tim Martin ('27) • Niven Narain ('26) • Chuks Chijioko Okoli ('25) • Constance Perry ('24) • Peter Renner ('25) • Mary Roetzel ('27) • Olaf J. Thorp ('24) • Pam Waterman ('25) • Katie Wisley Shelby ('24)

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.

Prelude

'Sonata in A major (*Concerto San Marco*)'

IV. *Allegro*

'Vor deinen Thron tret ich hiermit'

'La Nativité'

'Symphony No. 7 in B flat major'

III. Jig (*Allegro assai*)

'Passameze'

from *Terpsichore*

'Noël X'

'Alleluia, Alleluia'

Tomaso Albinoni (1671-1751)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

William Boyce (1711-1779)

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

William Byrd (1543-1623)

About Candlelight Carols

A beloved Boston tradition since 1909, Candlelight Carols celebrates the birth of Christ through Scripture readings; congregational carols; choral anthems; and instrumentalists joining the Trinity choirs.

Worship at Trinity

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.

Welcome to Trinity Church

The Rev. Morgan S. Allen, *Rector*

Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ, today we gather in preparation to hear again the message of the angels and, in heart and mind, to go even unto Bethlehem and greet this joy which shall come to pass, the Babe lying in a manger. Let us read in scripture and voice in song, tales of our God's loving purposes, from the first days and unto the glorious Redemption brought to us by the Holy Child.

In what we do this day, may God, the Creator of all things, bless us with abundant grace; may Christ, the Word made flesh, give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the saints in light, may the Holy Spirit guide us all.

Amen.

Hymn 102 'Once in royal David's city'

Solo
Choir
ALL Harmony
Harmony
Unison
Unison

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is
*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a
4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,
*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her
2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -
4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -
5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so
6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in

1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry
2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this
4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he
5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he
6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —
2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.
4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —
6 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

The Collect

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son, Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Lesson Genesis 2:15-17, 3:6-13, 17-19 *Read by a member of the Trinity choir.*

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.”

And to the man he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Carol ‘Adam lay ybounden’

Frank Boles (b. 1955)

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond:
Four thousand winter thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple, an apple that he took.
As clerkes finden written in their book.
Ne had one apple taken been, the apple taken been,
Ne had never our lady abeen heavné queen.
Blessed be the time that apple taken was.
Therefore we moun singen: *Deo gracias!*

TEXT: ANONYMOUS (15TH CENT.)

Lesson Isaiah 27:2-6, 12-13 *Read by a member of the Trinity vestry.*

On that day: A pleasant vineyard, sing about it! I, the Lord, am its keeper; every moment I water it. I guard it night and day so that no one can harm it; I have no wrath. If it gives me thorns and briers, I will march to battle against it. I will burn it up. Or else let it cling to me for protection, let it make peace with me, let it make peace with me. In days to come Jacob shall take root, Israel shall blossom and put forth shoots, and fill the whole world with fruit. On that day the Lord will thresh from the channel of the Euphrates to the Wadi of Egypt, and you will be gathered one by one, O people of Israel. And on that day a great trumpet will be blown, and those who were lost in the land of Assyria and those who were driven out to the land of Egypt will come and worship the Lord on the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Carol 'Jesus Christ the Apple Tree'
Elizabeth Poston (1905 – 1987)

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

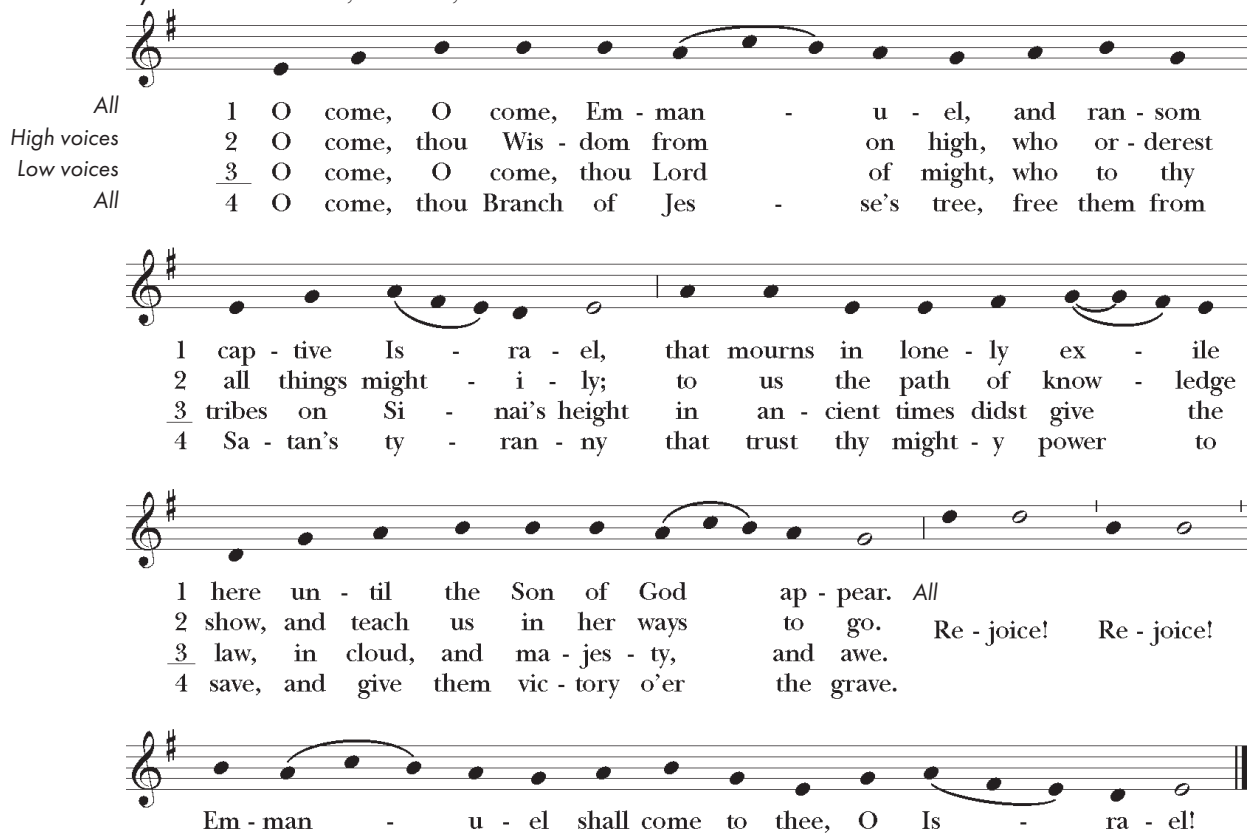
For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

TEXT: ANONYMOUS

Hymn 56 'O come, O come, Emmanuel'



All
High voices
Low voices
All

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. All
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Lesson Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7 Read by a member of Trinity's Ministry Council.

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 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.

Carol 'Now may we singen'
Cecilia McDowall (b. 1951)

The Babe to us that now is born,
Wonderful works He hath ywrought,
He would not loss what was forlorn,
But boldly again it bought;

*And thus it is Forsooth ywis,
He asketh nought but that is His.
Now may we singen as it is.
Quod puer natus est nobis.*

This bargain loved He right well,
The price was high and bought full dear.
Who would suffer and for us feel
As did that Prince withouten peer? *Refrain*

His ransom for us hath ypaid;
Good reason have we to be His.
Be mercy asked and He be prayed,
Who may deserve the heavenly bliss. *Refrain*

To some purpose God made man;
I trust well to salvation.
What was his blood that from him ran
But fence against damnation? *Refrain*

Almighty God in Trinity,
Thy mercy we pray with whole heart,
Thy mercy may all woe make fell
And dangerous dread from us to start. *Refrain*

TEXT: ANONYMOUS 15TH CENTURY

Lesson Luke 1:26-38 *Read by a member of the Trinity youth community.*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Carol *'Nova! Nova!'*

Ian Farrington (b. 1977)

Nova! Nova!

Gabriel of high degree,
He came down from the Trinity
From Nazareth to Galilee,

He met a maiden in a place;
He kneeled down before her face;
He said: "Hail, Mary, full of grace!"

When the maiden saw all this,
She was sore abashed, ywis,
Lest that she had done amiss.


Then said the angel: "Dread not you,
You shall conceive in all virtue
A child whose name shall be Jesu."

Then said the maid: "Verily,
I am your servant truly,
Ecce ancilla Domini."

Nova! Nova!

TEXT: TRADITIONAL


Hymn 109 'The first Nowell'



All 1. The first No - well the an - gels did say was to
 High Voices 2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing
 Low Voices 3. And by the light of that same star three
 High Voices 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, o'er
 Low Voices 5. Then en - tered in those wise men three full
 All 6. Then let us all with one ac - cord sing



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields where they lay; in fields as they lay,
 in the east be - yond them far, and to the earth it
 wise men came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was
 Beth - le - hem it took its rest, and there it did both
 rev - erent - ly u - pon their knee, and of - fered there in
 prais - ses to our heaven - ly Lord; that hath made heaven and



keep - ing their sheep on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 gave great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 their in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 stop and stay right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 his pre - sence their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.
 earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought.



All No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Lesson Luke 2:1-7 Read by a leader of Trinity Boston Connects.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Carol ‘*Audete, Gaudete*’

arr. Ward Swingle (1927–2015)

*Audete, Gaudete, Christus est natus,
Ex Maria Virgine, Gaudete.*

*Tempus adest gratiae, Hoc quod optabamus;
Carmina laetitia Devote redamus.*

*Deus homo factus est, Natura mirante;
Mundus renovatus est, A Christo regnante.*

*Ezechielis porta Clausa pertransitur;
Unde lux est orta, Salus invenitur.*

*Ergo nostra concito Psallat iam in lustris;
Benedicat Domino: Salus Regi nostro.*

Rejoice, rejoice! Christ is born
Of the Virgin Mary – Rejoice!

The time of grace has come—What we have wished for;
Songs of joy let us give back faithfully.

God has become man, with nature marvelling,
The world has been renewed by the reigning Christ.

The closest gate of Ezekiel is passed through,
Whence the light is risen; salvation has been found.

Therefore, let our preaching now sing in brightness
Let it bless the Lord: greeting to our King.

TEXT: TRADITIONAL LATIN

Lesson Luke 2:8-14 *Read by a member of the Trinity parish.*

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 Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 78 'O little town of Bethlehem'

Unison
Harmony
Harmony
Harmony
Unison

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!

Carol 'Coventry Carol'

B.E. Boykin (b. 1989)

Lullay, lullay, thou little tiny child,
Bye, bye, lully, lullay.

O, sisters too, how may we do
For to preserve this day
This poor youngling for whom we sing,
Bye, bye, lully lullay?

Herod the king, in his raging,
Charged he hath this day
His men of might, in his own sight,
All children young to slay.

Then woe is me, poor child for thee!
And ever morn and say,
For thy parting, nor say nor sing
"Bye bye, lully lullay"

TEXT: 15TH CENTURY FROM THE COVENTRY PAGEANT OF THE SHEARMEN AND TAILORS

Lesson Luke 2:14-20 *Read by a Trinity usher.*

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 Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Offertory Invitation

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.



Offertory Carol 'Tomorrow shall be my dancing day'
James Burton (b. 1974)

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day:
I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play,
To call my true love to my dance:

*Sing O my love, O my love;
This have I done for my true love.*

In a manger laid, and wrapped I was
So very poor, this was my chance
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass
To call my true love to my dance. *Refrain*

Then afterwards baptized I was;
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice heard I from above,
To call my true love to my dance.
Sing O, my love, my love, my love.

Into the desert I was led,
Where I fasted without substance;
The Devil bade me make stones my bread,
To have me break my true love's dance.

For thirty pence Judas me sold,
His covetousness for to advance:
Mark whom I kiss, the same do hold!
The same is he shall lead the dance.
This have I done for my true love.

Before Pilate the powers me brought,
Where Barabbas had deliverance;
They scourged me and set me at nought,
Judged me to die to lead the dance.
This have I done for my true love.

Then on the cross hanged I was,
Where a spear my heart did glance;
There issued forth both water and blood,
To call my true love to my dance.

Then down to hell I took my way
For my true love's deliverance,
And rose again on the third day,
Up to my true love and the dance. *Refrain*

Then up to heaven I did ascend,
Where now I dwell in sure substance
On the right hand of God, that man
May come unto the general dance. *Refrain*

TEXT: TRADITIONAL ENGLISH CAROL

Hymn 96 'Angels we have heard on high'

Unison
Harmony
Harmony
Unison

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

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Lesson John 1:1-14a *Read by a member of the clergy.*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Interlude 'The Holy Boy'
John Ireland (1879-1962)

Carol 'In the bleak midwinter'
Ola Gjielo (b. 1978)

In the bleak mid-winter frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron water like a stone:
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him nor earth sustain:
Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him give my heart.

TEXT: CHRISTINA ROSSETTI (1830-1894)

Hymn 111 '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.

The Prayers

With the Incarnation alighted on our lips and in our lives,
let us pray for the needs of all God's world:

For peace and goodwill over all the earth;
Lord, hear our prayer.

For unity and peace within the Church that Christ came to build;
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the poor and the cold, the hungry and the oppressed;
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the sick and the suffering, the lonely and the mourning;
Lord, hear our prayer.

Finally, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon
another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number,
whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus,
we for evermore are one;
Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

The Blessing

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the
armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again
in his glorious majesty, we may rise to the life immortal; and may the blessing of
the holy and undivided Trinity, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be upon us
and remain with us for ever.

Amen.

Hymn 83 'O come, all ye faithful' verses 1-3, 6

Unison
Harmony
Unison

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.

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

Hymn 87 'Hark! the herald angels sing'

Unison
Harmony
Unison

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!

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude 'Bring a Torch Jeannette, Isabella'
arr. Keith Chapman (1945-1989)

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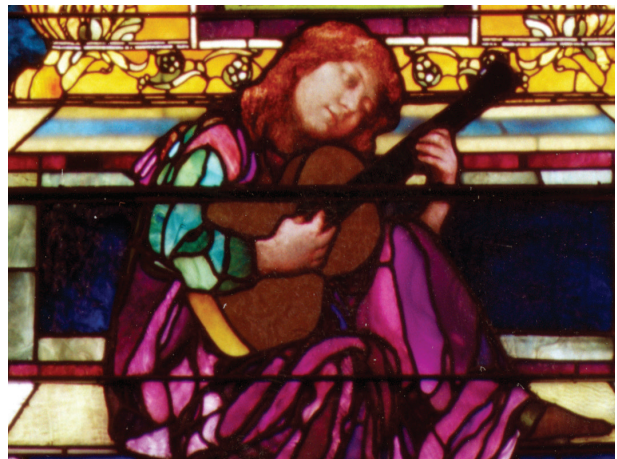
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