

8 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Sunday, December 10

The Second Sunday of Advent



TRINITY CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON



TrinityEvents



THIS WEEK

Service of Hope and Healing

Thurs., 12/14, 12 noon, Church

In a season of ‘merry and

bright’, our experiences of grief and loss can feel especially tender. Join us for a liturgy holding space for grief and lament, where — together — we can be still, and find comfort in the Holy One who meets us wherever we are. Casual soup lunch to follow with fellowship.

Drape Garland and Deck the Church

Sat., 12/16, and Sat., 12/23, 10 am

All of us have an opportunity to come and prepare for the myriad of Trinity Advent and Christmas Offerings. There is a place for you and the whole family! Please consider how you might



be called to be a part of the team as we, too, prepare a place for our Savior to be born!

To sign up, scan the QR code or visit trinitychurchboston.org/news

Send in Photos of Your Nativity Scene

All ages invited as we mark Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem with our first virtual Posada! *Posada* means “inn” in Spanish and is a Mexican tradition during the weeks leading up to Christmas. Children dressed as Mary and Joseph travel from house to house asking for a room for the night, and tell people about the arrival of Jesus. This year, parishioners can submit photos of their own figurines of Mary and Joseph (and donkey!), which will be posted on Trinity’s Instagram and Facebook



pages (@trinitychurchboston) during Advent.

Contact Cathy Portlock Pacitto at cportlock@trinitychurchboston.org or scan the QR code to check out the nativity photos on Trinity’s Instagram.

FYI: The Shop will be open in the Narthex from 2 to 4:30 pm, today and Sun., 12/17. Check out our puzzles, cards, Fair Trade jewelry, and more.

All proceeds support the ministries of Trinity Church.

TWENTIES & THIRTIES

T-n-T Book Club

Tues., 12/12, 7 pm, on Zoom

Love to read? Want to read more about faith? Join T-n-T for book club!! Each month we

will read a different book about faith, and we will convene on Zoom to discuss it. December’s book is *The Meaning is in the Waiting* by Paula Gooder. Only the Introduction, and Chapters 1 & 2 are required before our meeting because the book is based on the weeks of Advent.

No stress if you can’t commit to a yearlong book club. Join us each month as your schedule works for you!

Contact Katrina Leslie, kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org



NEXT SUNDAY

Guest Forum Led by SSJE Brothers

Sun., 12/17, 11:15 am, Lloyd Forum

We welcome brothers from the Society of Saint John the Evangelist (SSJE), an Episcopal monastic community in Cambridge, who will lead the second of two Forums linking to our program theme “companions in the household of God.” Hear about the unique companionship of monastic life. Learn how we can prepare this season to welcome the incarnate God in Christ into our own households.

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-publication/2023-christmas-music-flower-dedications, or scan the QR code.



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Dates to Remember

**Handel's
Messiah**

12.10

2 pm, Church;
tickets \$4 - \$70

*Handel's Messiah and 12.16, 7 pm Candlelight Carols tickets
may be purchased at trinitychurchboston.org/news*

**Candlelight
Carols**

**12.16 &
12.17**

Sat., 12.16, 4 & 7 pm;
and Sun., 12.17, 2 pm;
Church; tickets \$4 - \$135

CHRISTMAS

12.24

4:30 pm Pageant 3:45 pm arrival
8 pm with Brass
11 pm Choral Service

12.25

10 am Service

New Year's Eve

10 am Service

12.31

Epiphany Brunch

11:15 am, Undercroft

1.7



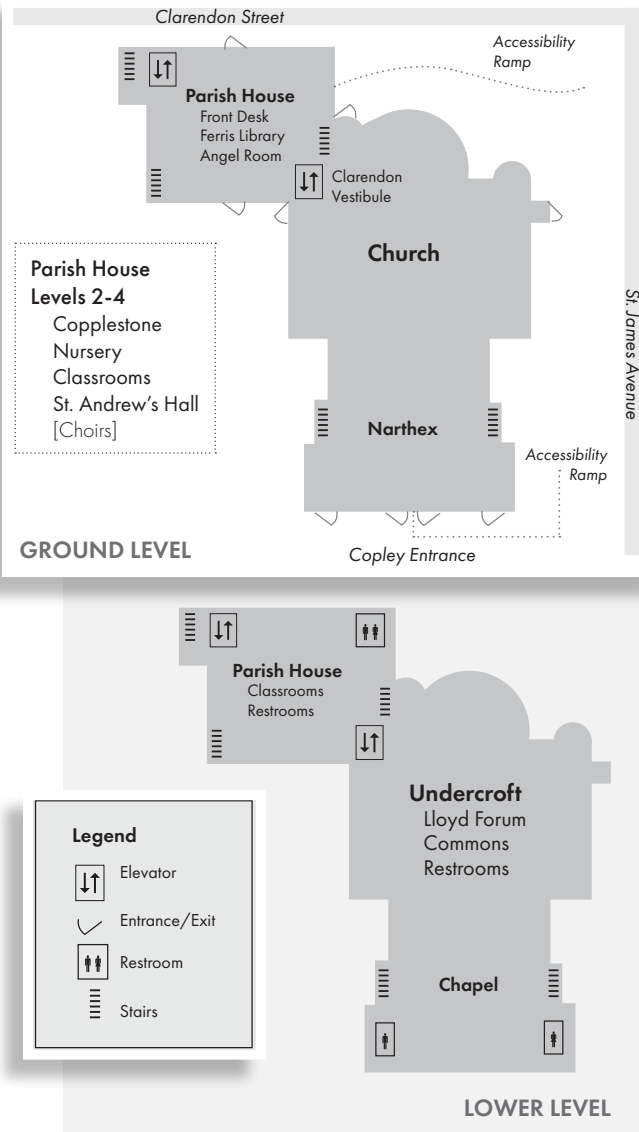
WELCOME



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 Wrisley 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.

GATHERING

Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

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

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

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

WORD OF GOD

Reading Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.

The service of Holy Eucharist begins on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

Children's Gospel pages and crayons are available in baskets in both the Copley narthex and the Clarendon vestibule.

We will pray the Psalm
responsively, by whole verse.

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

**You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.**

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

**Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

Gospel Mark 1:1-8

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

I ask your prayers for God's Church throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Michael; our Bishops Alan and Carol; for this gathering; and for all who serve the Church faithfully, remembering the Episcopal parishes of ... , and for Trinity's ...

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; integrity and courage for leaders; and for the well-being of all people, remembering those who suffer with war in Ukraine, the Holy Land, and around the globe.

Let us pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those we push towards the margins; those who are underserved; and those who are without community.

Let us pray for commitment to connection and mercy.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who are seeking God's continuing love and presence.

Let us pray for those who are here in wonder, curiosity and hope.

Silence

I ask your thanksgivings for the wonder of creation and all the blessings of this life, remembering those who are expecting a child, ...

Let us pray for increasingly grateful hearts and minds.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those who have asked for prayer from this congregation: ... May they feel the comfort of God's presence and our prayers.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those who have died: ...

May they receive eternal rest, and may we come to share with them in that heavenly kingdom.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored; may we have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Concluding Collect

Confession & Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name.**

Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

Complete the short Welcome
Form at [trinitychurchboston.
org/welcome](http://trinitychurchboston.org/welcome) so we can get



to know you
better. You can
also scan the
QR code to
reach the form.

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

Eucharistic Prayer B from the Book of Common Prayer, p. 367.

Offertory

The Presentation

All things come of thee, O Lord.
And of thine own have we given thee.

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 sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

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

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

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

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

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

AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father,

**who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those**

who trespass against us.

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

SENDING

Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,

we thank you

for feeding us with the spiritual food

of our Savior, Jesus Christ,

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries

that we are living members of Christ's Body –

heirs of your eternal kingdom.

Now, send us out

to do the work you have given us to do,

to love and serve you

as faithful witnesses of your Good News.

To Christ, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

When Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take Communion to the sick or homebound, the following is offered:

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ.

We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.