

**9:45 AM**

MORNING PRAYER, RITE II

Sunday, December 13

*The Third Sunday of Advent*



TRINITY CHURCH  
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

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## TODAY

### Advent Forum Series New Heavens; New Earth: Hearing the Voices of Advent

Sun., 12/13 4 pm \*, **on Zoom**

Every Advent, four distinct personalities call to us in progression: Jesus voicing the end of the age, John, Isaiah, and Mary. What we hear, of course, changes as we age and as world events unfold. Join us on Sundays this Advent as dusk falls for in-depth consideration of Advent's prophetic voices. Today, the Rev. Patrick Ward explores the Prophet Isaiah.

**More info here.**



Dial-in info:  
1-646-558-8656,  
and enter Meeting ID  
827 2525 5709

\* Please note the Forum start time for Advent.



## CANDLELIGHT CAROLS & CHRISTMAS PEEK

### Help Decorate The "Trinity Trees"!

Sun., 12/13 - Wed., 12/16

We invite every Trinitarian to visit the church and help decorate our Narthex "Trinity Trees!"

**Sign up** to bring some of your own ornaments to the Narthex.

**Print out** our Star Ornament PDF and mail it in.\*

**Donate at least \$50** and we will add a Trinity-themed ornament from the Shop to the Trinity Trees.

\* *Candlelight Carols, Christmas Peek, and Christmas Services information, as well as the printable Star Ornament sheet, are included in the TrinityVoices section at the end of this document.*



## THIS WEEK

### Wednesday Winter's Tales

Wednesdays through 12/23, 4 pm, **on Zoom**

What could be better as Christmas approaches than a mid-week mug of something warm and a seasonal story read aloud? Set aside an hour every Wednesday afternoon in Advent for fifteen minutes of fellowship and then to listen to a fellow parishioner offer a favorite holiday tale.

On 12/16, Pam Waterman and Michelle Coleman will offer "Christmas is a Sad Season for the Poor" by John Cheever.



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## Sentences of Scripture

### Confession & Absolution

Dearly beloved, during this Advent season of expectation, we come together to pray for the Holy Spirit to fashion us in the very image of Immanuel. Preparing ourselves for our worship in heart and mind and body, then, let us now open ourselves with one minute of silence, making space and holding this quiet before the coming Christ, the infant King and our ever-present Companion ...

*Silence*

... meeting God in this stillness, let us pray with faithful hearts and confess our sins, that we may know God's goodness, mercy, and forgiveness:

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 your Son 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 us,  
forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen us in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit  
keep us in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

### Invitatory

Lord, open our lips.  
**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

*Title: O come, O come Emmanuel, H 56. Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940, alt. Music: Veni, veni, Emmanuel, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890); acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937) All Rights Reserved. Used by permission. Reprinted under OneLicense.net # A-711378 • Title: People, look East H724. Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965) Music: Besançon Carol, harm. John L. Hooker (b. 1944) All Rights Reserved. Used by permission. Reprinted under OneLicense.net # A-711378 • Title: Magnificat. Music: Cathedral of the Isles, Betty Carr Pukingham (1928-2019) All Rights Reserved. Used by permission. Reprinted under OneLicense.net # A-711378 • Title: On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry H 76. Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. Music: Winchester New, melody from Musicalishes Hand-Buch, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission. Reprinted under OneLicense.net # A-711378 • Title: Watchman, tell us of the night H 640. Words: John Bowring (1792-1872) Music: Aberystwyth, Joseph Parry (1841-1903) All Rights Reserved. Used by permission. Reprinted under OneLicense.net # A-711378 • Title: O heavenly word, eternal Light, H 64. Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. Hymnal 1982 Music: Puer nobis, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621); harm. Cowley Carol Book, 1902 All Rights Reserved. Used by permission. Reprinted under OneLicense.net # A-711378 • Title: Hark, the glad sound H 72. Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751) Music: Richmond, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820), adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816) All Rights Reserved. Used by permission. Reprinted under OneLicense.net # A-711378*

Canticle 'People, look East' vv. 1,4

Sung by all.

1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the  
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall

1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the  
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -

1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.  
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.

Psalm 126

We will pray the psalm in unison.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
**then were we like those who dream.**  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
**and our tongue with shouts of joy.**  
Then they said among the nations, \*  
“The Lord has done great things for them.”  
The Lord has done great things for us, \*  
**and we are glad indeed.**  
Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
**like the watercourses of the Negev.**  
Those who sowed with tears \*  
**will reap with songs of joy.**  
Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
**will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

# THE LESSONS

Reading Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 'Magnificat'  
Betty Carr Pulkingham (1928-2019)

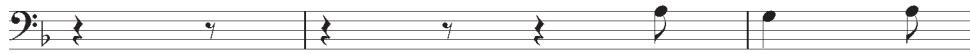
All sing the antiphon.

*Antiphon*

*Unison or harmony*



1. My soul pro - claims the great - ness



1. My soul pro -



of the Lord, my spi - rit re - joic - es in



claims the great - ness of the Lord, my



God my Sa - vior; for he has looked



spi - rit re - joic - es in God



with fa - vor on his low - ly ser - vant.



He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise  
of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for  
ever.

*Antiphon*

Reading John 1:6-8,19-28

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.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



Hymn 76 'On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry'

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**  
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 and born of the Virgin Mary.**  
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.**  
**He descended to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose again.**  
**He ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

# THE PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

## The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## Suffrages B

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Day by day we bless you;

**We praise your name for ever.**

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**For we put our trust in you.**

In you, Lord, is our hope;

**And we shall never hope in vain.**

## Intercessions

Remembering especially ... have compassion on all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, remembering especially ...

We hold before you all those expecting the birth of a child, remembering especially ...

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Remembering especially ... give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for all your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

## Collect of the Day

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*Collects are prayers that "collect" our intentions for any given occasion. In addition to the "Collect of the Day," the Officiant will pray additional collects appropriate for this Sunday.*

## Concluding Collect

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversary; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## Announcements

### Hymn 640 'Watchman, tell us of the night'

1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom - ise  
2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high - er yet that star a -  
3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn - ing seems to

are. Trav - eler, o'er yon moun - tain's height, see that glo - ry -  
scends. Trav - eler, bless - ed - ness and light, peace and truth its  
dawn. Trav - eler, dark - ness takes its flight, doubt and ter - ror

beam - ing star. Watch-man, does its beau - teous ray  
course por - tends. Watch-man, will its beams a - lone  
are with - drawn. Watch-man, let thy wan - derings cease;

aught of joy or hope fore - tell? Trav - eler, yes; it  
gild the spot that gave them birth? Trav - eler, a - ges  
hie thee to thy qui - et home. Trav - eler, lo! the

brings the day, prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.  
are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.  
Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God is come!

Sermon The Rev. Morgan S. Allen, *Rector*

Offertory Anthem 'This is the record of John'  
Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not, and said plainly, I am not the Christ.

And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou that Prophet? And he answered, No.

Then said they unto him, What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What say'st thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord.

TEXT: JOHN 1:19-23

### Presentation Hymn

To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and  
God the Spi - rit, ev - er One, praise, ho - nor, might, and  
glo - ry be from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

*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](#) and you will be taken to the secure form on our website.*

## SENDING

Blessing

Hymn 72 'Hark! the glad sound!'

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior  
2 He comes, the pris - oners to re - lease in Sa - tan's  
3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - ery heart pre -  
bond - age held; the gates of brass be -  
soul to cure; and with the trea - sures  
shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.  
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

The Dismissal

'Vesper Responsory'  
Palestrina

*Sung by the choir.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude 'My soul doth magnify the Lord, Op. 18, no. 10'  
Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)





# Trinity Voices

## CANDLELIGHT CAROLS, OUR CHRISTMAS PEEK, & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Dear Trinity Church and Friends,

As Boston readies for a Christmas like none before, your Trinity Church ... is readying for a Christmas like none before! As you will read below, we have planned a season of magic, surprise, and hope to support you and yours during these difficult times. In a very merry mix of familiar and creative celebrations marking the arrival of Immanuel, the incarnate God with us – in this year, as always – we invite you to share in all the frivolity and solemnity of these holy days:

### Candlelight Carols & Christmas Peek

*Sat., 12/19/20 – Wed., 1/6/21, 4:30 -7:30 pm*

Since 1909, Trinity Church has annually hosted “Candlelight Carols” during the weekend before Christmas Eve. A favorite tradition of the New England season and of our parish family, this year’s opening night will be Sat., Dec. 19, at 5:30 pm, via [Facebook](#)

[Live](#) and through Vimeo at [our parish website](#).

Intending to share this treasured event with the whole city in a new way, we are pleased to welcome the [Boston City Singers](#), conducted by Jane Money and Matthew Leese, to join the program, along with our Trinity Church Choirs and Choristers.

Moreover, our debut evening will begin from Copley Square with the lighting of Trinity Church, specially decked for this year. We

have commissioned local artist Steve Rose, of Boston Ice Effects, to create a life-sized nativity scene. Located near the Phillips Brooks statue, this ice sculpture will stand as a loving homage to the celebrations of First Night that we and so many will miss as the calendar turns from this pandemic year.

That happy evening, we will also debut our West Porch twinkling with lights; a grove of Christmas trees enlivening a festive tableau in the Narthex; the sights and sounds of Candlelight Carols playing on the tableau’s screens and airing through speakers facing the Square; all with seasonal greenery and poinsettias framing our historic space’s center aisle, altar, and chancel crèche.

These features will comprise our “Candlelight Carols & Christmas Peek,” a program that will then continue most evenings from 4:30-7:30 pm, through Wed., Jan. 6 (the Feast of the Epiphany) and including Christmas Eve. On Dec. 19 and during the showings that follow, the main, West Doors will be opened to reveal the glassed nook’s “peek” into all these glad signs of the season. As though enjoying a decorated

shop window of old, we hope these scenes will frame a joyful selfie, inspire a Christmas prayer, rouse a family outing, and offer a glimpse of God’s glory – all by the safest possible means.

**Candlelight Carols opening night  
will be Sat., Dec. 19, at 5:30 pm,  
via [Facebook Live](#)  
and [our parish website](#)**

We ask all to remain masked, to socially distance, and to keep any queue moving. There is no need to make a reservation to join in this joy! And, beginning Dec. 19, we will share a livestream link to see, from the inside, out, who is taking a peek into Trinity.

## Help Decorate The “Trinity Trees”!

Beginning this Sun., Dec. 13, and continuing through Wed., Dec. 16, we invite every Trinitarian to visit the church and help decorate our Narthex “Trinity Trees!” [Following this link](#), we invite you and yours to sign-up for one of the many ten-minute slots to visit the Narthex, enjoy the early décor, and to add some number of your ornaments to our trees. As noted, we will first open this festive tableau on Saturday evening, Dec. 19, as we launch Candlelight Carols. For those who will drive into the city to share your decorations, you are welcome to park (for up to your ten minutes) in the small lot along Saint James. Signage and a parish greeter will direct you through the one-way into and out of the building via the west side-doors.

Scheduled for safety, we ask that you wear a mask while you are in the building even for this short while. We also request that you bring ornaments that are not either too fragile or too precious to your family. We will, of course, be careful when undecorating the trees in January; however, we will be only a small band of elves with a big task before us, continuing our pattern of de-densifying to keep everyone healthy. We will then stow the ornaments until a happy 2021 Sunday when we are back together in person and can invite everyone to come and retrieve theirs from a table in the Undercroft.

Finally, for any who cannot make the trip to Copley Square, we invite you to share in the decorating by one of two ways: we welcome you to [visit this link](#) on our parish website and print, cut, decorate, and mail to our parish office

ATTN: Trinity Tree Ornaments

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the paper ornament design you will find there. (This design is also included as the last page of this document.)



Alternatively, our gift shop has an inventory of Trinity-themed ornaments that we can add to the tree on your behalf. [Following this link](#), we invite you to make a donation (choosing “Trinity Tree Ornaments” from the drop-down menu) of at least \$50, and we will add these special ornaments in the number of donations we receive. You may also send a check to the above address, noting the same, “Trinity Tree Ornaments,” on the memo line. All these donations will go toward offsetting the considerable financial losses sustained by the closure of our Visitor Services’ ministries during the pandemic.

## Christmas Eve

*Thurs., Dec. 24*

At 4:30 pm we will convene live via Zoom for our annual Christmas Pageant. Telling the

Christmas story with scripture and song, we will assemble a tableau from near and far, featuring the familiar angel chorus, starry sky, and wild beasts! If you would like your wee one to join in the story, please visit our website to find instructions for creating a simple costume or prop, as your child prefers. Encouraging as much creativity as the season’s Spirit inspires, this Sunday, December 13, at 2 p.m, Cathy Portlock-Pacitto, our Director of Children’s Ministry, will host a fun costume-making session, also via Zoom. [Please email Cathy here](#) if you would like to join!

At 7 pm we will then gather in the grandest fanfare of a Trinity Church Christmas. Convening on [Facebook Live](#) and, on [our parish website](#), through Vimeo, our worship will begin with a single voice singing “Once in royal David’s city,” before we continue with congregational hymnody including “O come, all ye faithful” at the open; “Angels we have heard on high” as a hymn of praise; “Hark! The herald angels sing” at the Gospel; and Trinity Church’s own “O little town of

## At A Glance

### Help us decorate our “Trinity Trees”

Sun., 12/13 – Wed., Dec. 16, Copley Square

[See all options here.](#)

### Opening Night of Candlelight Carols

Sat., 12/19, 5:30 pm, [Facebook Live](#)

and [Trinity's website](#)

### Debut of “Candlelight Carols & Christmas Peek” with Lighting of Trinity & Ice Sculpture Nativity

Sat., 12/19, 6:30 pm, Copley Square

### Candlelight Carols & Christmas Peek

Sun., 12/20–Wed., 1/6,

4:30-7:30 pm, daily\*, Copley Square

\*Closed the evenings of Dec. 24 & 31, and Jan. 1

### Christmas Pageant

Thurs., 12/24, 4:30 pm, on Zoom

[RSVP to Cathy Portlock Pacitto by email](#)

### Christmas Eve Festival Worship

Thurs., 12/24, 7 pm, [Facebook Live](#)

and [Trinity's website](#)

### Christmas Eve: A Christmas Compline

Thurs., 12/24, 11 pm, [Facebook Live](#)

and [Trinity's website](#)

### Christmas Day Radio Hour

Fri., 12/25, 6 am;

Podcast via [trinitychurchboston.org](#)

Bethlehem” at the Offertory. We will pray the service in the Eucharistic form, and, following our shared “Table Prayer,” we will invite the congregation to dim their setting, light a candle, and sing “Silent Night,” before sending us all forth with “Joy to the world!” to close.

At 11 pm we will offer “A Christmas Compline from Trinity Church in the City of Boston.” An intimate worship prayed from our Copley Square altar and shared via [Facebook Live](#) and, on [our website](#), through Vimeo, this service will conclude our holy day together. Telling once more the story of the babe born in a manger, we will sing quiet settings of “O little

town of Bethlehem” as we gather; “Away in a manger” as we anticipate the Gospel; “In the bleak midwinter” as we reflect on the Nativity narrative; and “Silent Night” as we light candles on the very edge of the Incarnation.

## Christmas Day

Fri., Dec. 25

At dawn, we will launch the grand finale of the [daily Advent calendar](#) we’ve been sharing: the “Christmas Day Radio Hour from Trinity Church in the City of Boston,” a podcast featuring Christmas music, lessons, and reflections. As you light your morning fire or sip your coffee, begin the gift exchange or take a solitary, winter walk, tune into Trinity to soundtrack this gladdest of days with the company of God and the love of parish friends. Hymnody will include samplings not heard on Christmas Eve, before concluding with the season’s final “O little town of Bethlehem.”

Between now and when we will share in these glad tidings together, I hope you will also continue joining us for our many Advent offerings, from our worship on Sundays at 9:45 am, to our [seasonal read-alouds](#) on Wednesdays at 4 pm. Visit [our parish website](#) often for updates and schedules, and, in the meantime, let us all continue to dare hope in this long season of waiting:

*How silently, how silently  
the wondrous gift is giv’n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heav’n.*

*No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.*

Advent blessings,

The Rev. Morgan S. Allen  
Rector

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## DIY-Star Ornament Mail-in

First, if you like, **DECORATE** the stars or **WRITE** on the blank sides with your prayer for Christmas.

*Note: The ✨ is where we will hang your finished star from a tree in the Narthex*

Next, **CUT** along the grey dotted lines.

*Note the distinct center line on each star.*

**ATTACH** Star 1 to Star 2 by guiding Slot A into Slot B.

*The finished star can stand by itself if you rotate out Star 2 by 90°.*

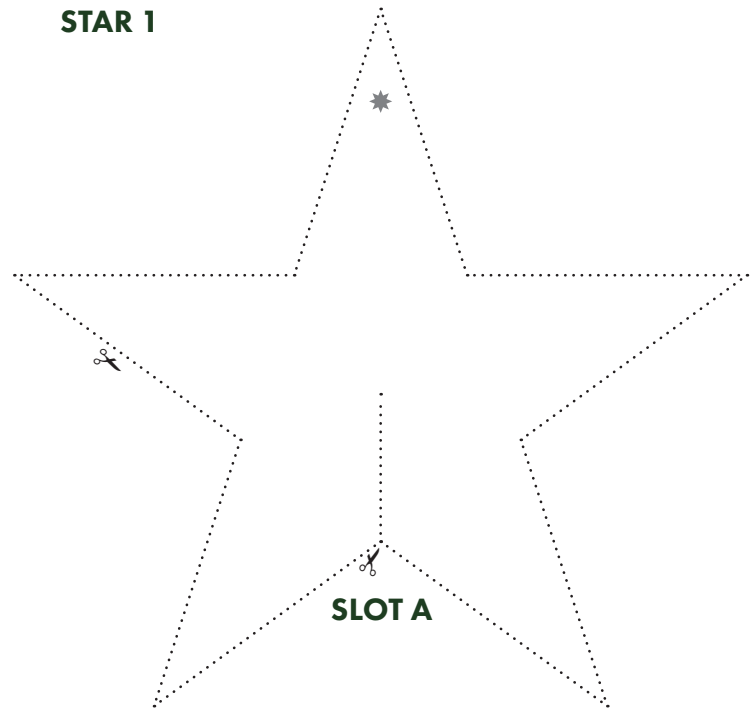
**PLACE** the two pieces of your star, or a finished star, carefully flattened, into an envelope.

*A No. 10 envelope will fit both star pieces without folding them.*

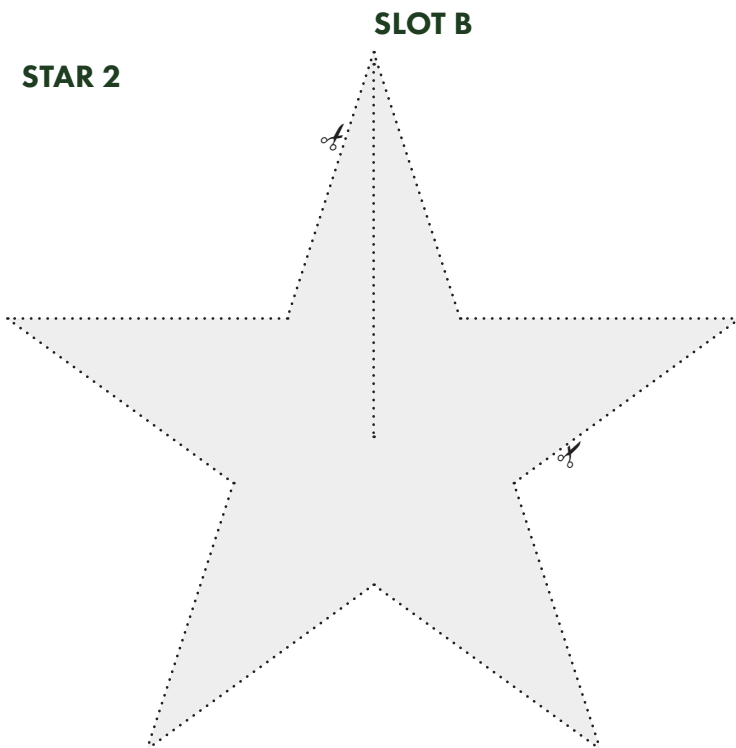
**ADD** a first-class stamp and **MAIL** it to:

Trinity Church in the City of Boston  
ATTN: Trinity Trees  
206 Clarendon Street  
Boston, MA 02116

### STAR 1



### STAR 2



### YOU WILL NEED:

Scissors

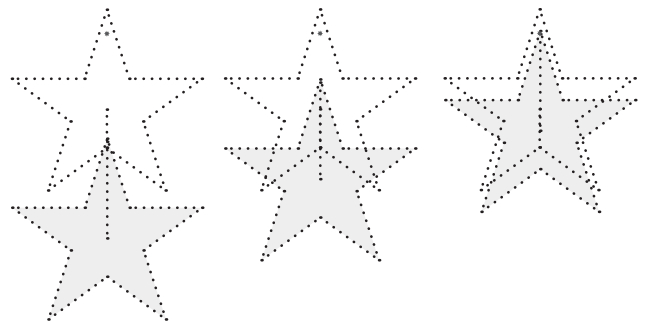
An envelope

A stamp

(Optional) Crayons or

Colored Pencils

(Not Optional) Your Imagination



**ATTACH** Star 1 to Star 2 by guiding Slot A into Slot B so the stars intersect.