

CHOIRS *of* TRINITY CHURCH

MUSIC DIRECTOR SEARCH

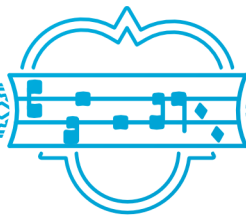
About Trinity

For nearly one hundred and ninety years, Trinity Church has been a beacon of faith, hope, and love in the very heart of Princeton. We are an Episcopal congregation in the Diocese of New Jersey devoted to striking, spirit-filled worship in the Anglican prayer book and choral traditions, lifelong Christian formation and fellowship, and the care and comfort of those most in need in our community and in the world, always aspiring to be a visible and tangible sign of Christ's ineffable love.

We welcome all people, regardless of gender, race, age, culture, ethnic background, sexual orientation, economic circumstance, family configuration, or difference of ability. We celebrate the worth, dignity, and gifts of every person as a child of God and invite all into the full life of the church.

Vision

Trinity Church is seeking a full-time Director of Music who holds specialized credentials in music and a thorough understanding of sacred choral music and its role in the Anglican liturgy. The Director will work closely with the clergy and Choir Steering Committee to lead, nurture, and grow the music program, all while fostering a safe and positive environment for all volunteers, choristers, and staff singers.



Our Program

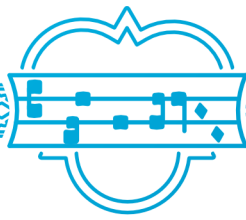
The choir program interacts with all aspects of the life of the church, including its outreach, evangelism, and Christian education and service. The program also includes organ recitals, a carillon, programs with the Sunday School, and performance opportunities for choristers studying musical instruments.

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Our Choirs

Treble Choir

Boys and Girls. Singers in this choir attend rehearsals twice a week and provide music for at least three services monthly with the Schola Choir. Choristers learn sight-singing, vocal production and technique in a variety of languages, and performance skills in a setting that promotes practice, teamwork, and leadership. Trebles participate in the Voice for Life RSCM America program, which provides cost-free group instruction in vocal training and music theory outside of regular rehearsal times. This choir sings biweekly (September through mid-June) and at Evensong on the fourth Sunday of the month.



Schola Choir

Joining the Treble Choir, the Schola Choir teens, professional adults, and parents of choristers provide the alto, tenor, and bass voice parts. This choir sings biweekly and at Evensong once a month. Schola Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings.

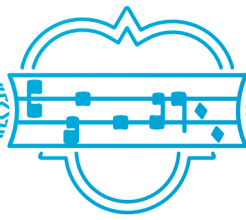
Adult Choir

Mixed choir, supported by a professional octet with Wednesday evening rehearsals. The Adult Choir sings biweekly and at Evensong once a month.

ABC Choir

This choir provides an opportunity for children in kindergarten through second grade to become familiar with the basics of choral singing, including matching pitch, rhythm, and basic musicianship. Generally, they sing on the first Sunday of the month. The ABC Choir is led by a member of the staff and rehearses on Thursdays.

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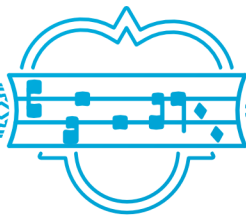


Responsibilities

- Lead weekday choral rehearsals for Trinity's Treble, Schola, and Adult Choirs, as well as the corresponding services for that week.
- Lead multiple choral and non-choral services on Sunday morning and afternoon, including Evensong and Compline.
- Select and prepare a wide range of repertoire for use in worship.
- Partner with clergy to develop programs for holy days and sacramental services which include but are not limited to: Christmas, Lessons and Carols, Easter, Funerals, and Weddings.
- Foster programs that would engage younger choir members from the community to develop and sustain Trinity's chorister program.
- Audition potential staff singers for each choir in agreement with the church's budget.
- Attend weekly staff meetings as required.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's Degree or higher in Music, Organ, or Choral Conducting.
- A proven track record of leading a music program in a church setting.
- Excellent keyboard skills.
- Ability to lead and conduct a choir in both rehearsals and worship services.
- Ability to work with musicians at all skill levels: children, youth, and adults.
- Passion for leading and enhancing worship through organ and choral music, as well as congregational hymn singing.
- Willingness to take part in all screening and human resource requirements.



Compensation

- Competitive salary commensurate with experience and AAM guidelines.
- Recently renovated housing nearby in Princeton, or an optional housing allowance.
- Benefits include medical, dental, disability, life, and annuity through the Church Pension Group.

Timeline

- The Trinity Music Search Committee will begin to review applications on March 1, at which time we will select candidates for first-round interviews via Zoom.
- In-person interviews will begin on Thursday April 13. Candidates selected for in-person interviews will visit Trinity for the day and lead a choir rehearsal.

Apply

Please email musicsearch@trinityprinceton.org with the following materials:

- Letter of introduction
- Resumé
- Three references, all of whom have observed you in a musical context.
- Three to five links to audio/video samples of your playing and choral conducting.