



Closing Tuesday, October 10!

Take the Parish Census today.

Scan the QR code or visit trinitychurchboston.org/news
to take the Parish Census and tell us about yourself.

10 AM & 5 PM

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Sunday, October 8

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost and Feast of St. Francis



TRINITY CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON



TrinityEvents

The Tutu Travel Seminar, led by the Very Rev. Dr. Michael Battle, is Jan. 9 - 17, 2024.

Learn more at trinitychurchboston.org/news or by scanning the QR code.



TODAY

Blessing of the Animals

Sun., 10/8, 10 am,
Church & Clarendon Lawn

As we give thanks for all God's creation, pets and their people will receive blessings, enjoy special treats, and share lively, community-building activities following the service. We will have special animal guests joining us!

We would love to see your animal photos from this morning!
Email your pictures to communications@trinitychurchboston.org.



Register for a Small Group by Oct. 11



Reflecting on Sundays,
10/15, 10/22, and 11/5 & 11/12

Ephesians Lectures (also livestreamed to trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship) will take place in the Church at 11:15 am

Small Groups will convene on- and off-campus

On **Sundays, October 15 and 22, November 5 and November 12**, we will focus our 11:15 am Adult Formation on the letter to the Ephesians. To allow for livestreaming and recording, each 45-minute program will take place in the church. A new set of small groups that will convene on-campus and off-campus, on different days and at different times, will then meet for discussion in response to the programs.

The simple small-group registration—which welcomes your preferences for meeting settings and dates—may be found at trinitychurchboston.org/news or by scanning the QR code above.

THIS WEEK

Zoom Compline Tues & Thurs, 8:30 pm; details on page 2

Women's & Men's Bible Studies Wednesdays, 7:30 am, on Zoom; get the link at trinitychurchboston.org/calendar

Choral Evensong Wednesdays, 5:45 pm, Church

Boston Warm Sandwich Making Fridays, 9 am, Undercroft

Fridays at Trinity Organ Concerts Fridays, 12:15 pm, Church

See all that's happening at trinitychurchboston.org/calendar



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LOOKING AHEAD

Episcopal City Mission (ECM) Annual Meeting

Sat., 10/14, 9 am - 12 noon;
138 Tremont Street or online

Join long-time Trinity affiliate, ECM, for its 179th annual meeting. Justice-centered Episcopalians from the Boston area and the Commonwealth gather to share breakfast, hear an update on ECM's past year's achievements and plans for the coming year, and learn how to participate in direct community engagement.

For questions or to register, check out the web calendar listing for this event at trinitychurchboston.org/calendar.

T-n-T Book Club

Tuesdays, 10/17, 11/14, & 12/12, 7 pm, on Zoom

Love to read? Want to read more about faith? Join other twenties and thirties in T-n-T for Book Club! Each month we will be reading a different book about faith, and we will convene on Zoom to discuss it. The first book is *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis. Reading questions will be provided to aid your reading. No stress if you can't commit to a yearlong book club; join as your schedule works for you.

Fill out the T-n-T Book Club interest form via the listing at trinitychurchboston.org/calendar;
Contact Katrina Leslie, kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org

Boston Camerata Presents *We'll be There!*

Sat., 10/21, 5 pm, Church; tickets \$11-66 at bostoncamerata.org/performances; use discount code TRINITY50 for tickets as low as \$5

We'll Be There!: American Spirituals, Black and White, 1800-1900 is the most recent in The Boston Camerata's long series of Early American musical productions, drawing on early songbook sources and oral traditions to tell the story of American spiritual singing: North and South, black and white.

Trinity Church
in the City of Boston

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TrinityEvents

New to Trinity? Whether you're new among us or you've been 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.

Candlelight Carols & Messiah Ticket Announcement

Dear Trinity Church and friends,

With a wonderful 2023-2024 Program Year already underway, we are delighted to announce ticketing for our treasured Advent-Christmas traditions, including:

- Candlelight Carols on **Sat., Dec. 16** at **4 pm and 7 pm**, and **Sun., Dec. 17**, at **2 pm**; and
- the Concert of Handel's *Messiah* on **Sun., Dec. 10**, at **2 pm**.

We will again ticket all these events with half the admissions regular-priced, and half the admissions offered for a reduced price (\$4/ticket). Likewise, all attendees – whether discounted or not – will once more be ticketed by section, rather than by seat, and there will be an equal number of regular-priced and reduced-priced seats in every section. There will be no distinction between ticket type at the door, and, within sections, all attendees will be seated first-come, first-served.

To honor the spirit of these plans, we ask all who can afford to pay, to purchase their seats. Reduced price seat reservations will be limited to four per registration. We anticipate all these events will sell out.

The ticketing schedule is as follows:

- Regular-priced tickets will go on sale to our parish community **Fri., Oct. 6** at 12 pm ET.
- Reduced-price tickets will become available to our parish community on **Fri., Oct. 13** at 12 pm ET.
- All remaining tickets will become available to the public on **Fri., Oct. 20** at 12 pm ET.

Be on the lookout for the registration links in our weekly Thursday “This Week at Trinity” eblasts. Sign up to receive those messages at trinitychurchboston.org/welcome.

Candlelight Carols

Handel's Messiah

Though we will build on what we learned in the past few years, operating these beloved programs in this way remains new. Therefore, your forbearance will inevitably be required. Do know that all of us privileged to serve you will be aiming to meet your grace with our very best efforts as, together,

we again make our way to the Christ child's manger crib.

For ticketing questions, please contact Alison Poor at apoor@trinitychurchboston.org.

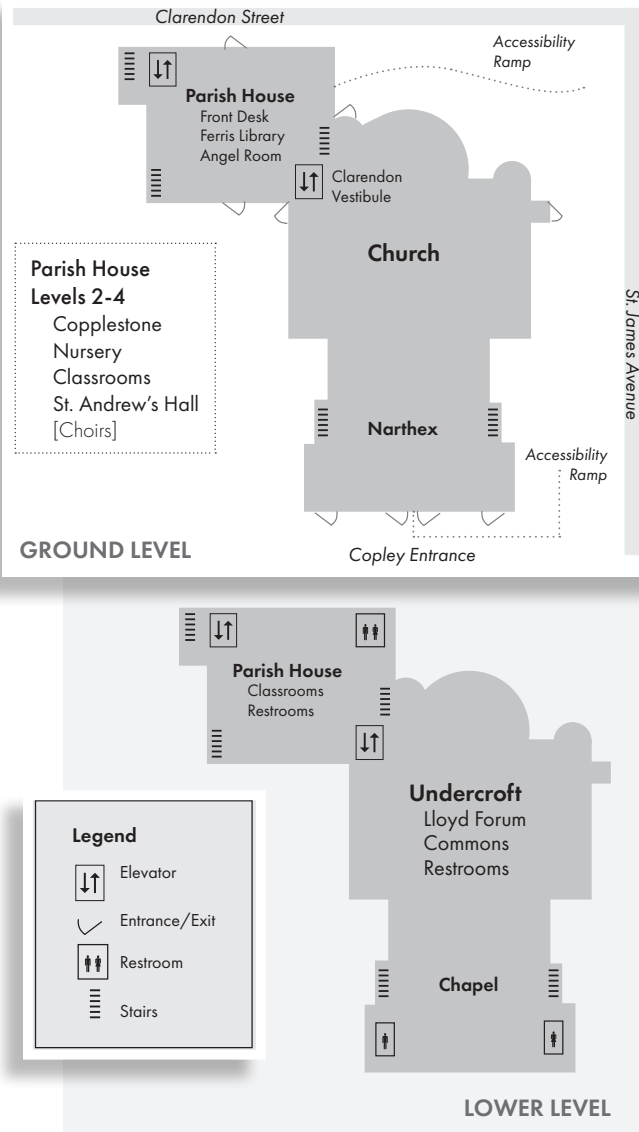
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FINDING YOUR WAY



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.

GATHERING

Prelude 'Sheep may safely graze'
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Hymn 400 'All creatures of our God and King'



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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.

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.

Gloria

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

WORD OF GOD

Reading Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We will pray the Psalm
responsively, by whole verse.

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

During this hymn at the
10 am service, preschool and
elementary-aged children may
meet members of our Children's
Ministries staff under the pulpit
to travel downstairs to the
Chapel for an age-appropriate
children's homily. The children
return to the service during
The Peace.

Hymn 'For the beauty of the earth'

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Gospel Matthew 11:25–30

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Very Rev. Dr. Michael Battle, *Theologian in Community*

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

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us draw near to God and pray,
“Lord, have mercy.”

For peace in the world and for the joyful union of all people, let us pray to
the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For faithfulness in our ministry, today remembering Trinity’s ... , and for the
thriving of the whole Church, remembering the Episcopal parishes of the ... ,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For grace among the leaders of nations and for wisdom to all in authority, let us
pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For dedication among public officials in Boston and our local governments, and
for the welfare of all our communities, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For constancy in our care for God’s creation, and for the flourishing of all the
earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For relief to those who suffer, and for knowledge of God’s presence among those
who have requested our prayers, remembering ... let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For fulfillment of our abiding hopes, and for joy in the blessings of this life,
remembering those expecting a child ... let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For perfection to all who have died, today remembering ... , and for consolation
to all who grieve, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another,
and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

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

At the 5 pm service you are invited to gather around the altar for 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.

Offertory

Anthem “Rejoice in God, O ye tongues” from *Rejoice in the Lamb*
Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

Rejoice in God, O ye Tongues;
Give the glory to the Lord,
And the Lamb.
Nations, and languages,
And every Creature
In which is the breath of Life.
Let man and beast appear before him,
And magnify his name together.

Let Nimrod, the mighty hunter,
Bind a leopard to the altar
And consecrate his spear to the Lord.

Let Ishmail dedicate a tyger,
And give praise for the liberty
In which the Lord has let him at large.

Let Balaam appear with an ass,
And bless the Lord his people
And his creatures for a reward eternal.

Let Daniel come forth with a lion,
And praise God with all his might
Through faith in Christ Jesus.

Let Ithamar minister with a chamois,
And bless the name of Him
That cloatheth the naked.

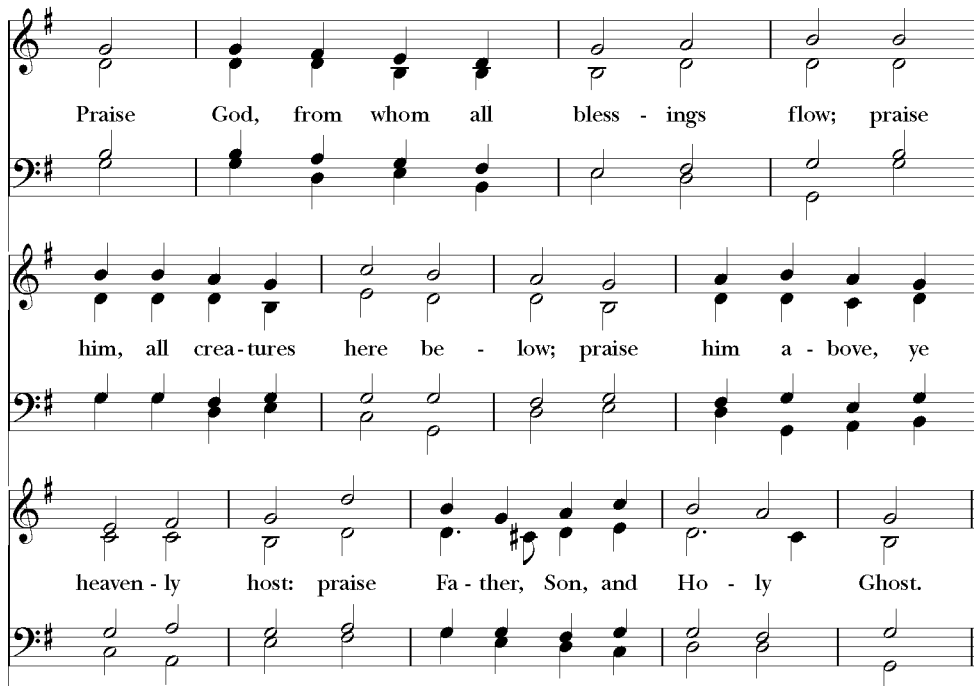
Let Jakim with the satyr
Bless God in the dance,
Dance, dance, dance.

Let David bless with the bear
The beginning of victory to the Lord,
To the Lord the perfection of excellence.

Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah from the heart of God,
And from the hand of the artist inimitable,
And from the echo of the heavenly harp
In sweetness magnificent and mighty.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

TEXT: JUBILATE AGNO BY CHRISTOPHER SMART (1722–1771)

The Presentation



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
 him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

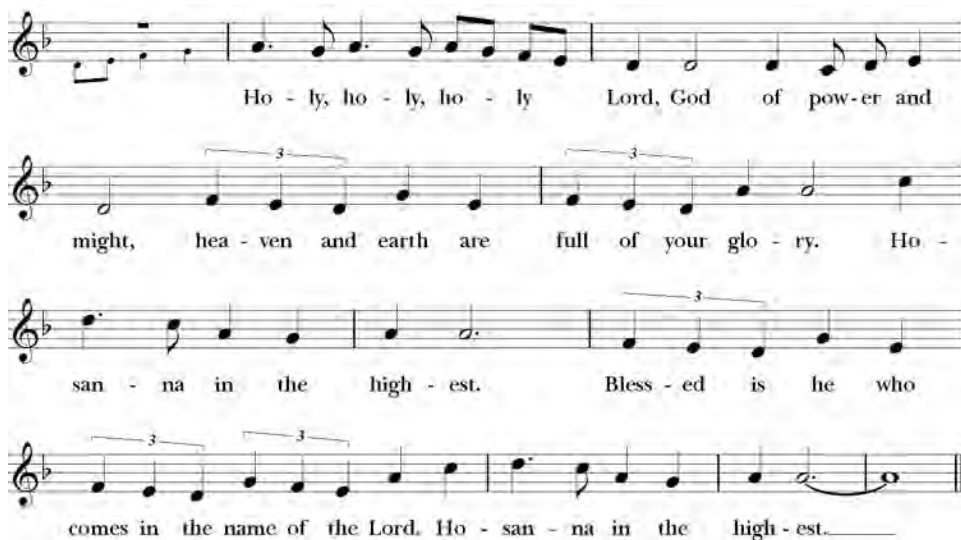
We lift them to the Lord.

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 are greatly glorified in the assembly of your saints. All your creatures praise you, and your faithful servants bless you, confessing before the rulers of this world the great Name of your only Son. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Sanctus S-129



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Eucharistic Prayer A from the
 Book of Common Prayer, p. 361.*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus, your only and eternal Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Jesus, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus, for 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

Fraction Anthem S-169

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -
deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my
flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My
flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

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

Anthem "For I will consider my cat Jeffrey" from Rejoice in the Lamb' Kristine Caswelch, soprano
Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

For I will consider my Cat Jeffrey.
For he is the servant of the living God.
Duly and daily serving him.

For at the first glance
Of the glory of God in the East
He worships in his way.
For this is done by wreathing his body
Seven times round with elegant quickness.
For he knows that God is his saviour.
For God has bless'd him
In the variety of his movements.
For there is nothing sweeter
Than his peace when at rest.

For I am possessed of a cat,
Surpassing in beauty,
From whom I take occasion
To bless Almighty God.

TEXT: JUBILATE AGNO BY CHRISTOPHER SMART (1722-1771)

Hymn 398 'I sing the almighty power of God'

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, I 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 of the Animals

Blessing

Hymn 598 'Lord Christ when first thou cam'st to earth'

Dismissal

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

Postlude 'Five Short Pieces' Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)
V. Paean