



**One more week to take the Parish
Census. Be known and loved at Trinity!**

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8 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Sunday, October 1

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



TRINITY CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON



TrinityEvents

Join us on Fridays at 12:15 pm for our weekly series of organ concerts featuring innovative programs by recitalists from the US and around the world on Trinity's historic Skinner organ.

TODAY

Community Breakfast

Sun., 10/1, 9 am, Commons

Enjoy a hot breakfast with the Trinity community between the morning services. All are welcome!



Creation Care Forum Series

Sundays through 10/1,
11:15 am, Lloyd Forum;
6:15 pm, Ferris Library



God's call to care for all of creation is part of our life and vocation as the faithful—how we pray, learn, act and advocate for 'this fragile earth, our island home' (*Book of Common Prayer*, Eucharistic Prayer C) is part of our lives as individuals and as stewards.

Our three-week Creation Care forums will use the scripture and Sunday's sermon as our starting points for individual reflection as a group regarding our care and stewardship of God's whole creation.

Welcomes You Forum Series

Sundays through 10/1, 3:45 pm, Ferris Library

Having traced our Christian and Episcopal roots, we will come home to Trinity Church in the City of Boston, exploring from our founding in 1733, to our present-day, Beloved Community.



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

LOOKING AHEAD

New Small Group Registration Open

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

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.

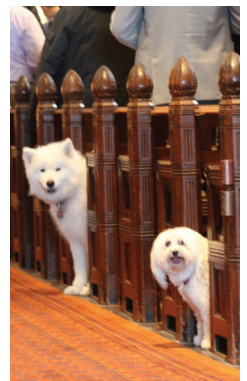


The simple small-group registration – which welcomes your preferences for meeting settings and dates – may be found at trinitychurchboston.org/news or by scanning the QR code.

Blessing of the Animals

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

Calling all feathered and furry, scaled and stuffed friends to join their humans for our annual Blessing of the Animals! 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!



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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.

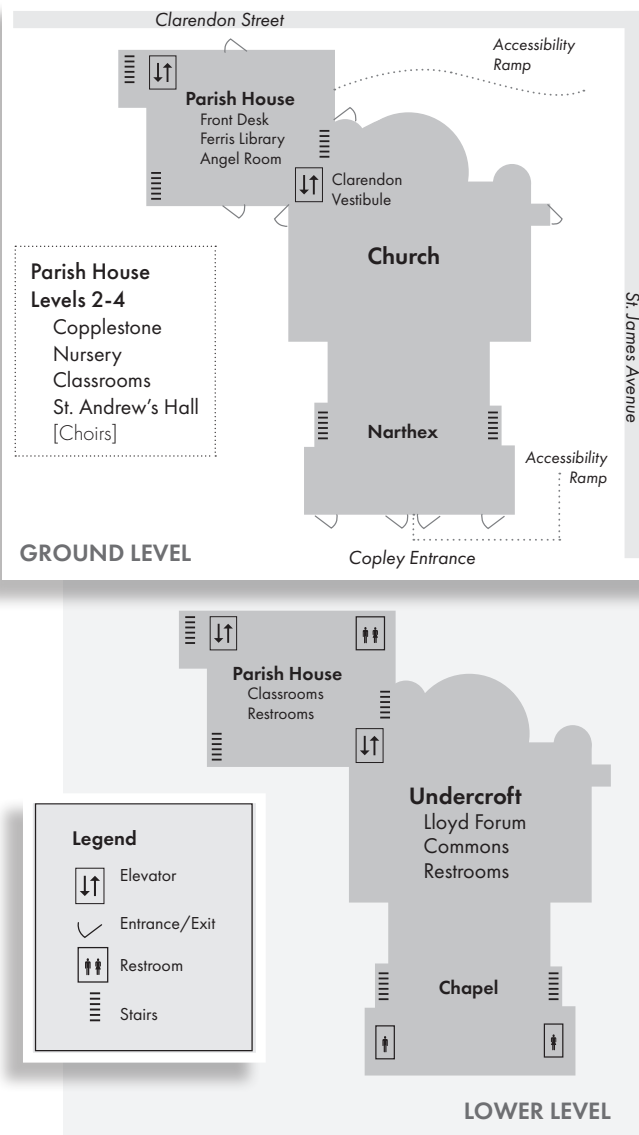
WELCOME



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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 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

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.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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 25:1-8

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
**Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

**Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

Gospel Matthew 21:23-32

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

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, remembering ... 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
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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 C from the Book of Common Prayer, p. 369.

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.

God of all Love, Creator of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth humankind, and you blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You charged us as stewards of creation, but we turned against you, and betrayed your trust. We turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteousness. And in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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.

And so we who have been redeemed by Jesus, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

God of our ancestors; God of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

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.