9 AM

HOLY BAPTISM & HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II Sunday, September 1

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



TRINITY CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON



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





Sign Up Today for Parish-Wide Meal Packing

Sun., 9/8, All Day

Say farewell to summer with a day of service with the parish! Following the 9 am service next Sunday, Trinity Church will pack 55,000 meals with End Hunger New England for local meal partners in the City of Boston and



globally. Before the 5 pm service, Trinity Church will work with our local nonprofits to support their ministries. All hands welcome to spread God's love in the City! Sign up today at trinitychurchboston.org/calendar, or scan the QR code.

ART & ARCHITECTURE

Yale Exhibit Features La Farge Study for Trinity's Tower Mural

Fri., 9/6 - Sun., 1/5/25, Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT.

The Dance of Life: Figure and Imagination in American Art, 1876-1917 opens Sept. 6 at Yale. This exhibit includes a John La Farge watercolor study of Isaiah that appears in Trinity's tower.

We will return to our program year worship schedule on **Sun.**, **Sept. 15**. Join in worship at 8 am, 10 am (also livestreamed), and 5 pm.







LOOKING AHEAD

20s and 30s Kickoff

Tues., 9/10, 6-8 pm, Chapel & Commons

All 20s and 30s are invited to our Young Adults Program Year Kickoff with Eucharist in the Chapel, followed by dinner and fellowship! Join us downstairs in the Commons at Trinity Church by entering via the Parish House on Clarendon St. Contact Katrina Leslie, kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org

Open Creation Care Meeting

Wed., 9/11, 6-7:30 pm, Ferris Library

All are warmly invited to join the Creation Care Team as we plan for the coming year. Hear news about the Episcopal Path for Creation Justice, which members of the Trinity Team worked to develop; the Sacred Grounds pollinator garden, climate justice activities and more.

Contact Brandon Ashcraft, bashcraft@trinitychurchboston.org

Volunteer at Pine Street Inn

Thurs., 9/12, 4:30-6 pm, 444 Harrison Ave

We're pleased to revive our volunteer partnership with Pine Street Inn, the largest homeless services provider in New England. Join fellow Trinitarians to serve dinner at the Men's Inn location.

Email Brandon Ashcraft.

bashcraft@trinitychurchboston.org to volunteer.

Refugee Ministry Discernment

Thurs., 9/12, 7-8:30 pm, Ferris Library

There are 2.4 million refugees worldwide who have fled their home countries in fear of persecution and are currently in need of resettlement. Trinity can partner with a major resettlement agency to support refugees in our area and live more fully into our baptismal promises to strive for justice and love our neighbor. We will meet to pray, read scripture, reflect, and discern how Trinity might be called to this ministry.

All are welcome, and we are eager to learn who in our community has experience working with refugees. Interested? Email bashcraft@trinitychurchboston.org to RSVP.

Trinity Church

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WELCOME



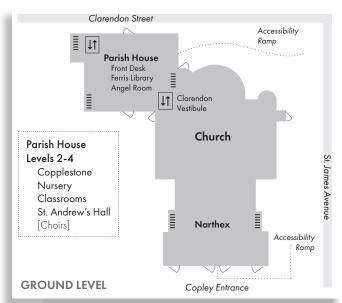
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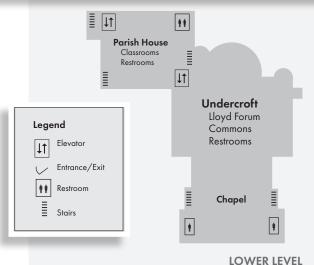
for years, we look forward to helping you make a

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 (through 9.8.2024)

9 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II,

with organ and summer choir.
Includes Children's Homily & Nursery.
Morning Prayer last Sunday of most months.

online at

trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship and facebook.com/trinitychurchboston

5 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Vestry

Chris Allen ('27) • Christine Arcese ('26) • Christopher Atwood ('26) • Barbara Dortch-Okara ('25) • Josh Fiala ('27) • Sukaina Garcia ('25) • Richard Henderson ('26) • Tim Kelly ('28) • Tim Martin ('27) • Niven Narain ('26) • Chuks Chijioke Okoli ('25) • Constance Perry ('28) • Peter Renner ('28) • Mary Roetzel ('27) • Pam Waterman ('25) • Katie Wrisley Shelby ('28)

Liturgy

Clergy

The Rev. Morgan S. Allen, *Rector* • The Rev. Brandon Ashcraft, *Priest for Outreach* • The Very Rev. Dr. Michael Battle, *Theologian-In-Community* • The Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman, *Assisting Priest* • The Rev. Paige Fisher, *Priest for Hospitality and Care* • The Rev. Kit Lonergan, *Priest for Parish Care* • The Rev. Abigail W. Moon, *Senior Associate*

Music

Jerrick Cavagnaro, Associate Director of Music • Colin Lynch, Director of Music

Vestry can be reached at bit.ly/TrinityVestry

Clergy and Staff can be reached at bit.ly/TrinityStaff



Tours

Tues - Sat 10 am - 5 pm Trinity Church offers self-guided, docentled, 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 14 are free.

About

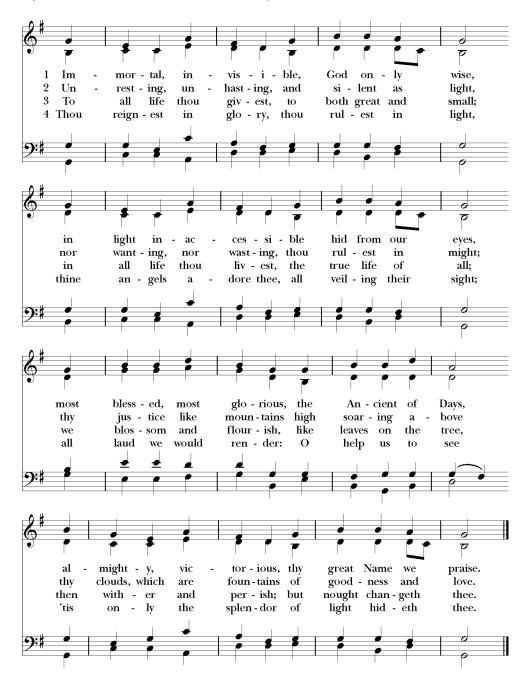
Trinity Church in the City of Boston was founded in 1733, and has made its home in Copley Square since 1877. The parish, part of The Episcopal Church, continues to thrive as a community engaged in worship, music, education, and community-service activities seven days a week. More than 70,000 people annually visit to pray, tour, or come together in this National Historic Landmark, recognized by the American Institute of Architects as one of the ten most architecturally significant buildings in the U.S. Learn more at trinitychurchboston.org

GATHERING

Prelude "Elegy and Melody" from Three shorts pieces for organ' Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912)

Welcome

Hymn 423 'Immortal, invisible, God only wise'



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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.

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

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

There is one Body and one Spirit;.

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Creator of all.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; 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 Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We will pray the Psalm responsively, by whole verse.

My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; * my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

You are the fairest of men; *
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.

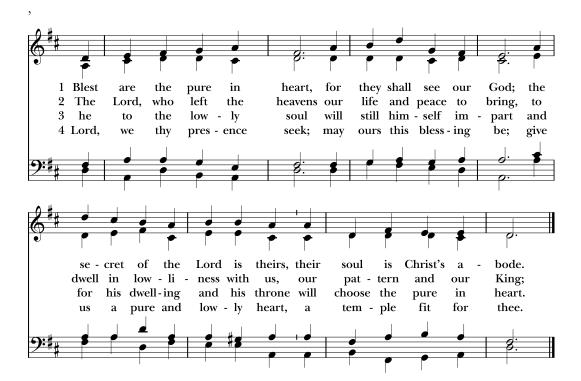
Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, * a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom; you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you * with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, * and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; * on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

Hymn 656 'Blest are the pure in heart'



During this hymn at the 9 am service, preschool and elementary-aged children may meet members of our Children's Ministries staff under the pulpit to travel to the Chapel for an age-appropriate children's homily. The children return to the service during The Peace.

Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Brandon Ashcraft, Priest for Outreach

HOLY BAPTISM

Presentation of the Candidates

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

I present (n.) to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Examination

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

I will, with God's help.

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? *I renounce them.*

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

I do.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

We will.

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Candidates for Holy Baptism Miller Georgiana Clark Maryam Nessa Callaway Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? I will, with God's help.

Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

Let us now pray for these children who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Baptism

(N.), I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

(N.), you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

Amen.



Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain these children, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give these children an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

Amen.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood. We invite all celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week to come forward for a blessing.

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

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Announcements & Blessings

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

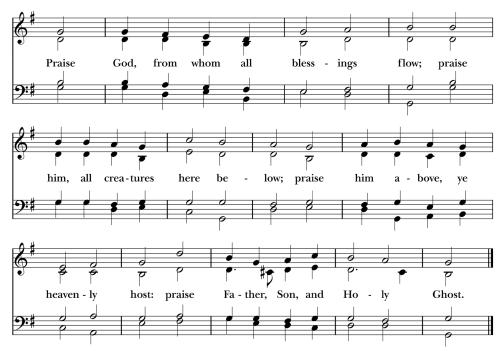
Anthem 'Wash me throughly'
Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Wash me throughly from my wickedness, and forgive me all my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

TEXT: PSALM 51: 2-3

The Presentation



The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

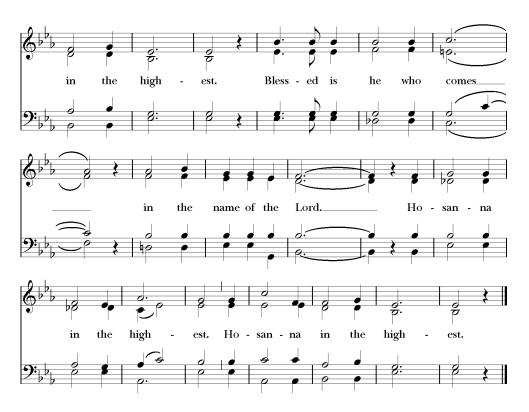
We lift them to the Lord.

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 in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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.





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



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 'Blessed are the pure in heart'
Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

Blessed are the pure in heart. For they shall see our God; The secret of the Lord is theirs, Their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul He doth himself impart, And for his cradle and his throne Chooseth the pure in heart.

TEXT: JOHN KEBLE

Hymn 574 'Before thy throne, O God, we kneel'



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.

Blessing

Hymn 432 'O praise ye the Lord!'



Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

Postlude 'Organ sonata no. 4 in B flat, Op. 6' Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) I. *Allegro con brio*