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HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Sunday, January 29

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



TRINITY CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON



TrinityEvents

The 2023 Slate has been posted to the Parish House front desk and to the website.

Scan the QR code to see the Slate or visit trinitychurchboston.org/news.



LOOKING AHEAD



Community Breakfast Next Sunday

Sun., 2/5, 9 am, Commons



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

Many hands make light work. Whether you like to set tables or fry bacon, there is something for you! Scan the QR code to go to the SignUpGenius link or email Paige Fisher to volunteer at pfisher@trinitychurchboston.org.

Join Team Trinity in the Winter Walk

Sun., 2/12, 9 am-12 noon

The Winter Walk raises awareness and funds to help end homelessness in our communities— centering on an annual two mile walk around Boston in February, the coldest month of the year. The Winter Walk is our chance to link arms with those who experience homelessness and to listen to their stories. It is our chance to show that this city cares about the lives of those experiencing homelessness, and affirms our commitment to do all it takes to ease their struggles.

To register and be a part of Team Trinity, email Abi Moon, amoon@trinitychurchboston.org

TODAY

LOOK for LIGHT

Epiphany Formation Series

Sundays, 11:15 am, Church & livestreamed

January and February can feel awfully dark to us in New England, with the street lights lit by mid-afternoon. Even so, the day is at work to overcome the night, even if we can't immediately see it! Join us as we **Look For Light** this Epiphany season. From January 15 through February 12 we will explore stories of dawn – literal and metaphoric – in the Hebrew and Christian Testaments. Find hope in the promise of God, and in community, here at Trinity.

These lecture-style programs during our Sunday Formation hour will begin at 11:15 am in the Church, allowing us to livestream and record the presentations. Tune in at trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship.

1.29 • “Jesus’ face shone like the sun ...”

Convert (Matthew 17:1-9), *The Rev. Paige Fisher*

2.5 • “Jesus’ appearance was like lightning ...”

Converge (Matthew 28:1-15), *The Rev. Kit Lonergan*

2.12 • “Look! He is coming with the clouds ...”

Continue (Revelation 1), *The Rev. Abi Moon*

Catch up on recordings of previous **Look for Light** Forums at trinitychurchboston.org/blog



‘Welcomes You’ Afternoon Forum Series

Sundays through 2/5, 4 pm, Forum, refreshments served & childcare available

In Part II of our Forum Series, **today at 4 pm**, we will trace the twists, turns, and affections of our Episcopal tradition, from its Anglican roots to the faithful cohort of nearly 2 million Episcopalians in over 6,000 congregations today. And in Part III on **Feb. 5**, 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.



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Thoughts from the Theologian: Favoring Time and Announcing the ABB Symposium

Dear Trinity Boston,

I pray I find you well in this New Year.

My New Year's resolution has been to favor time and fertilizer over the axe. Let me explain.



I remain struck by a saying from Keith Nelson, one of The Episcopal Church's monks from the Society of Saint John the Evangelist. He writes this about growth: "Jesus's fundamental stance is to wait; to tend; to apply therapeutic rather than punitive measures; **to favor time and fertilizer over the axe.**

This is the love of the gardener."

As we wade into 2023, we do well to listen to Brother Keith's wisdom—especially his insight regarding Jesus's disposition always toward growth and not destruction. Instead of flimsy and often capricious New Year's resolutions, I invite you into the perennial resolution to find health in being God's garden. In short, there is deep wisdom in constantly recognizing how we, the church, are a holy place—God's garden.

As I look back to the summer when I started with you at Trinity Church and forward again to now, I echo Jacob's sentiment about holy places: "Surely the Lord is in this place. . . How awesome is this place!" (Gen. 26:16-17) Trinity is a holy place in which the Holy Spirit both waits upon and tends the fruits of our community together. For me this looks like participating in worship, eating meals with you, celebrating milestones, sensing the increase of Sacred Ground, ART (Anti-Racism Team) and Ubuntu Circles and so much more. All of this makes me join in Jacob's glee for the holy place and Brother Keith's love of the gardener.

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As we grow into the Holy Spirit's garden, a few advertisements of things recently passed and things to come are in order. A pilot team from Trinity joined my Desmond Tutu Travel Seminar this month, January 10-18. I host the program in Cape Town, South Africa in January and August of each year. We focus upon Archbishop Tutu's legacy of restorative justice, *Ubuntu*, and Christian spirituality, and this most recent cohort is still processing our meaningful experience together. We look forward to sharing those reflections with you this spring, hopefully to pique your interest in the next Cape Town Seminar, now set for August 9-16, 2023.

I also enjoyed teaching this last Sunday as part of our Epiphany, "Look For Light" series. If you missed either of the first two lectures, you can find them on our parish website at trinitychurchboston.org/blog. I hope you will join us for the final three installments.



Finally, mark your calendars for our Trinity Lenten Series, entitled "**Romans and Righteousness.**" Slightly adapting the lectionary (with Bishop Gates' permission), Morgan and I will tether the series to each Sunday's lesson from Paul's letter to Rome. As part of the series, we will host the Anne Berry Bonnyman Symposium the weekend of March 19. Drawing on Romans 5:12-19, those sessions will explore the intersection of climate, race and justice.

The Symposium will welcome Dr. Kent A. McConnell, History Chair at Phillips Exeter Academy. Dr. McConnell's dissertation explored religiosity following the Civil War, he has contributed to Oxford University's Encyclopedia of African American History: 1896 to the Present, and he recently addressed the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of American History and the National Park Service's academic symposium on John Brown. We look forward to welcoming Dr. McConnell and will share more details in the weeks ahead.

Always Peace,
Michael

The Rev. Michael Battle, Ph.D.
Trinity Church Theologian-in-Community

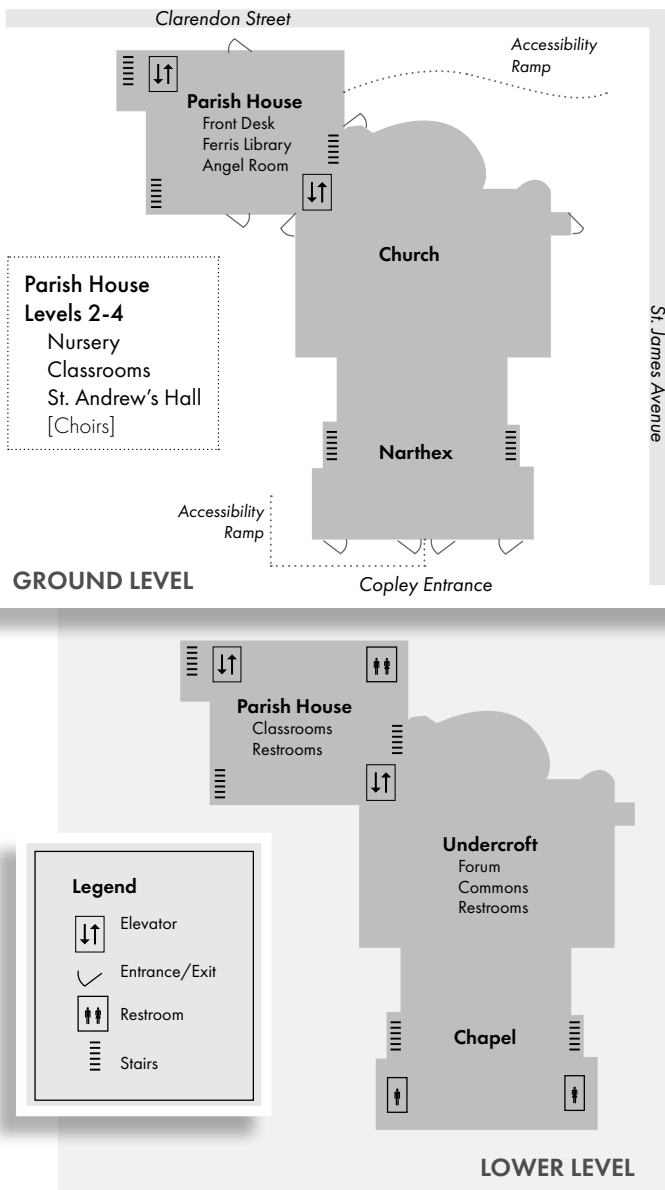
WELCOME



Whether you're new among us or you've been worshipping 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.

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 ('23) • Christine Arcese ('26) • Christopher Atwood ('26) • Barbara Dortch-Okara ('25) • Richard Henderson ('26) • Vincent W. James ('24) • Sarah E. McGinty ('24) • Mark Morrow ('23) • Niven Narain ('26) • Chuku Chijioke Okoli ('25) • Christopher Parris ('23) • Constance Perry ('24) • Peter Renner ('25) • Olaf J. Thorp ('24) • Pam Waterman ('25) • Ania Wiecekowsky ('23)

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

Weds - 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 & Collect for Purity

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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. Kindly return crayons at the end of the service.

We will pray the Psalm
responsively, by whole verse.

Psalm 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
**Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.**
There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
**In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.**
He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
**He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**
Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Kit Lonergan, *Priest for Welcome & Care*

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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

This week, we pray for ...

God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace, praying especially for people and communities facing war in Ukraine; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us. In the Trinity Parish Cycle of prayer we pray for ...

God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Today we remember ...

God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; remembering ...

We pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

God of love and mercy

Hear our prayer.

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

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 B from the Book of Common Prayer, p. 367.

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.

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 the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Christ. For in these last days you sent your Christ to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O God,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and the Blood of your new Covenant. Unite us in this sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through Christ, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

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

Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.
Eternal God,
heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord.
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

Dismissal

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