

10 AM & 5 PM

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Sunday, December 1

First Sunday of Advent



TRINITY CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

Candlelight Carols is on **Sat., Dec. 14, at 4 pm and 7 pm,**
and **Sun., Dec. 15, at 2 pm;**

and the **Concert of Handel's Messiah**

& **Vivaldi's Gloria in D major** is on **Sun., Dec. 8, at 2 pm.**



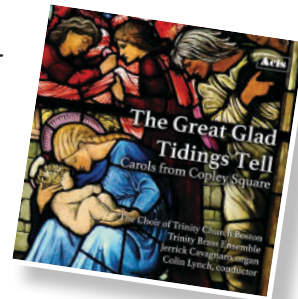
Scan the QR code for ticket links (\$4-\$145),
or visit trinitychurchboston.org/news



We are also excited for
our new **Christmas album,**
"The Great Glad Tidings Tell".



Reserve your copy now
at bit.ly/TRINBOS



Children's Christmas Pageant

Tues., 12.24, 2 pm, Church; early arrival recommended

Our Annual Christmas Pageant tells the story of Angels, Shepherds,
and the Magi arriving to the manger scene. The service will begin at
2 pm; arrive at 1:15 pm for your children to choose their costumes.
Participants will then come forward as part of our re-telling of this story.



Christmas Worship

Eve: 12.24, 4:30 pm

Eve: 12.24, 8 pm,

This service
livestreamed to
trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship;

scan the QR code



Eve: 12.24, 11 pm

Day: 12.25, 10 am

Free H + H Concert

Tues., 12/31, 1 pm, Church

Handel and Haydn return to Trinity for their free Emancipation
Proclamation concert on New Year's Eve.



TrinityEvents

We need you to help prepare Trinity for Christmas! Sign up to deck the church together on 12/14, 12/22, and 12/23.

Scan the QR code to sign up, or visit trinitychurchboston.org/calendar



TODAY

All-Ages Advent Wreath Making

Sun., 12/1, after all services, Undercroft

During the season of Advent we mark time preparing for Christmas day. Join us after each Sunday worship service and create your own Advent Wreath to take home with you as we pray the days of Advent together. 9 am will include light breakfast fare.



New Member Liturgy Today

Whether you've joined Trinity in the last few months or the last few years, we want to celebrate you! Today, the First Sunday of Advent, we'll observe a brief New Member Liturgy during our worship services to honor and welcome those who identify as new members of the community. New members will affirm their desire to grow in their life with Christ as part of Trinity Church, and the entire community will offer a resounding pledge of their support.

New to Trinity? Email the Rev. Brandon Ashcraft, bashcraft@trinitychurchboston.org



PRAYER MINISTRY

Advent Prayer Time on Zoom

Mondays through 12/23, 12:15-12:30 pm

A longstanding group of parishioners prays each day for those on our prayer list. We invite the parish to join us for a few short minutes on Mondays via Zoom to say prayers together and then pray our prayer list by name. Take a moment to join us each week as part of your Advent discipline of slowing down and making space for God. Scan the QR code or visit trinitychurchboston.org/calendar to join in.

LOOKING AHEAD

Early Christian Councils Forum Series: 'God From God' and 'The Lord the Giver of Life'

Sundays, 12/8 & 12/15, 11:15 am, Lloyd Forum

This series will explore the Early Christian Councils to help us arrive at a deeper understanding of what we "hold in common" with other Christians throughout the world. Though far from us in time, those who attended these Councils wrote the Creeds we proclaim together in our liturgies every Sunday. Far from being "dead" historical documents, these Creeds are living texts uniting all those who profess faith in the Trinitarian God revealed by the One who was God in our midst, both in the past and in the present.

Dr. Boyd Taylor Coolman is a historical theologian who studies early and medieval Catholic theology. He currently serves as Professor of Theology at Boston College. With his wife, Holly Taylor Coolman, who is a theologian at Providence College, he lives in Providence, RI and they have five (nearly) adult children and one granddaughter.



Pop-Up Shop Next Sunday

Sun., 12/8, 10:30 am - 1 pm, Undercroft

Stop by the undercroft for our annual Holiday Pop-up shop. You'll find a unique selection of gifts for family and friends including custom scarves, ornaments, puzzles and Fair Trade jewelry. Please note all transactions will be cashless.



Donate to the Christmas Flowers and Music Fund

Honorary and memorial donations for Christmas flowers and music will be accepted through Tues., Dec. 17.

Scan the QR code or find more information at: donorbox.org/trinitychurch-christmas-flowers-and-music-gifts



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LOOKING AHEAD

- Sun., 12/1** **9 am, 11:15 am, 6 pm** All-Ages Advent Wreath Making
9 am Includes Light Breakfast Fare
New Member Liturgy
- Wed., 12/4 **5:45 pm** Weekly Choral Evensong
- Thurs., 12/5 **5:45 pm** 20s & 30s Advent Worship with SSJE
contact kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org
- Fri., 12/6 **12:15 pm** Free Weekly Fridays at Trinity Organ Recital
12:30 - 2 pm Friday Shop Sale 15% off, through 12/20
- Sun., 12/8** **11:15 am** God From God: Early Christian Councils Forum Part 1
11:15 am Youth Christmas Party
2 pm Handel's Messiah Concert get tickets at trinitychurchboston.org/news
- Tues., 12/10 **1 pm** PartnerCare Pastoral Circle
6:30 pm Bereavement and Beyond Pastoral Circle
for Pastoral Circles info, contact klonergan@trinitychurchboston.org
- Fri., 12/13 ❄️ New Trinity Christmas Album Release reserve your copy at bit.ly/TRINBOS
- Sat., 12/14 **10 am** Deck the Halls contact amoon@trinitychurchboston.org
4 pm & 7 pm Candlelight Carols get tickets at trinitychurchboston.org/news
- Sun., 12/15** **11:15 am** The Lord the Giver of Life: Early Christian Councils Forum Part 2
12:15 pm 20s & 30s Christmas Lunch contact kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org
2 pm Candlelight Carols get tickets at trinitychurchboston.org/news
- Tues., 12/17 Deadline to donate to the Christmas Flowers & Music Fund
Visit donorbox.org/trinitychurch-christmas-flowers-and-music-gifts
6:30 pm Cancer Journey Pastoral Circle
for Pastoral Circles info, contact klonergan@trinitychurchboston.org
- Sat., 12/21 **9:30 am** Stitching in the Spirit
- Sun., 12/22** **1 pm** Deck the Halls contact amoon@trinitychurchboston.org
- Mon., 12/23 **10 am** Deck the Halls contact amoon@trinitychurchboston.org
- Tues., 12/24 **2 pm** Christmas Pageant early arrival recommended
4:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship
8 pm Christmas Eve Worship with Livestream
11 pm Christmas Eve Worship
- Wed., 12/25 **10 am** Christmas Day Worship; No Choral Evensong on Christmas Day
- Sat., 12/28 **10 am** Un-Deck the Halls contact amoon@trinitychurchboston.org
- Sun., 12/29** **9 am & 5 pm** Holiday Worship Service Schedule
- Tues., 12/31 **1 pm** Free Handel and Haydn Emancipation Proclamation concert
- Wed., 1/1 Closed; No Choral Evensong

Our 10 am Sunday worship service is livestreamed to trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship

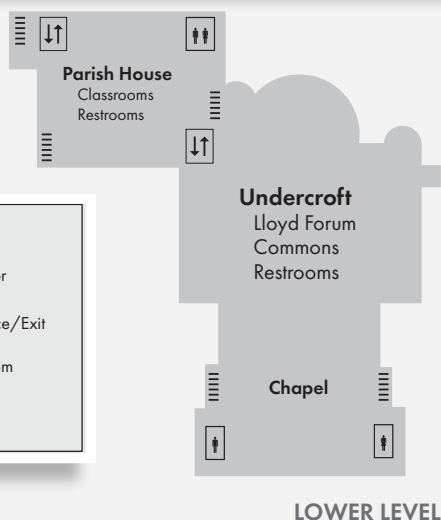
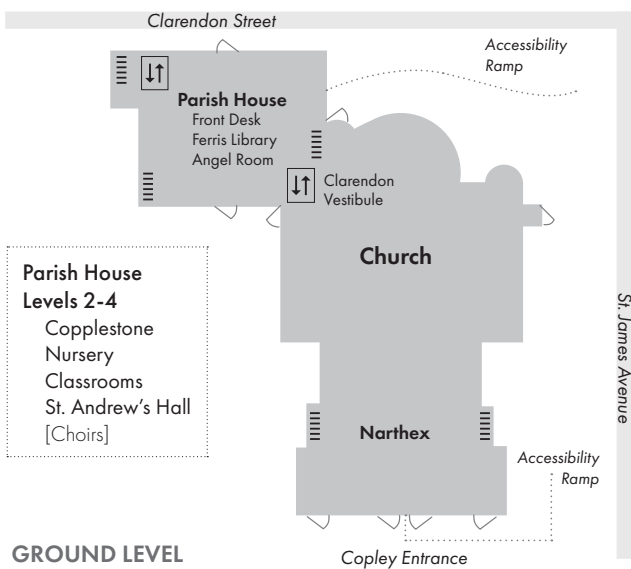
WELCOME



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 fifth Sunday of the month. 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) • Sukaina Garcia ('25) • Richard Henderson ('26) • Tim Kelly ('28) • Tim Martin ('27) • Niven Narain ('26) • Chuks Chijioko 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 bios can be found 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, 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 14 are free.

GATHERING

Prelude ‘*Nun komm der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 659’
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome

Introit ‘*Matin Responsory*’
G.P. da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)

Hymn 56 ‘*O Come, O come, Emmanuel*’ *stanzas 1-4*

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.

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Worship at Trinity

Please note that our use of the BCP text may vary slightly to incorporate gender-expansive 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.

Song of Praise 'People, look East'

Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 8/8 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, the second system covers the next two lines, and the third system covers the final line of lyrics. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

WORD OF GOD

Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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 disap/pointed / 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 / ever/lasting.

**Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans/gressions; *
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.**

All the paths of the Lord are love and / faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant / and his / testimonies.

Hymn 66 ‘Come, thou long-expected Jesus’

Gospel Luke 21:25-36

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glorify you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Abigail W. Moon, *Senior Associate*

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 to the Chapel for an age-appropriate children’s homily. The children return to the service during The Peace.

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

I ask your prayers for the Church: for faithfulness to our Presiding Bishop, Sean; to our bishops, Julia and Carol; to us gathered here; and to all who serve the Church, today remembering ... :

Let us pray for fidelity and flourishing.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the people of the world: for goodwill among nations and integrity among leaders; for healing among those who suffer in places of war and danger, today remembering the people of Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, and Lebanon; and for courage among those offering care to the wounded and reassurance to the frightened.

Let us pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those who feel alone: for connection with those we have ignored for our convenience; with those who have troubled us; and with those we have failed to serve.

Let us pray for companionship and community.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God: for inspiration to those visiting Trinity for the first time today; to those exploring The Episcopal Church; and to all those renewing their faith.

Let us pray for wonder and hope.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, today remembering ... :

Let us pray for God's comfort and presence.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those who have died, today remembering ... :

Let us pray for the communion of the saints in light and the consolation of all those who grieve.

Silence

I ask your thanksgivings for all the blessings of our common life: for the marvel of the cosmos; for the beauty of the world; and for the gift of this parish family ... :

Let us pray for grateful hearts and gracious lives.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

May we have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Concluding Collect

Welcome Liturgy

Dear friends in Christ, today we welcome new companions into the community of Trinity Church in the City of Boston, to join us as we seek to love God with heart and soul, mind and strength, and to love all our neighbors as ourselves.

I present these persons for welcome into this community.

Do you desire to continue your journey with Christ at Trinity Church?

I do.

Will you who join in this welcome, support these persons in their life in Christ?

We will.

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for the gift of this parish community. Hold us in common, that by your love for us, we would love one another and the world you have made. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Whether you are here for the day or a long-time member, we invite everyone who has recently or will soon celebrate a birthday or the anniversary of a marriage or union to come forward for a prayer.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory


Anthem 'We wait for thy loving kindness O Lord'
William McKie (1901-1984)

We wait for Thy loving kindness, O God: in the midst of Thy temple.
Alleluya.
O God, according to Thy Name, so is Thy praise unto the world's end.
Thy right hand is full of righteousness:
Alleluya.

We wait for Thy loving kindness, O God: in the midst of Thy temple.
O Lord send us now prosperity. Amen.

TEXT: THE REV. C.M. ARMITAGE, PRECENTOR OF WESTMINSTER

The Presentation



All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose
ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther
we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

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 sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

At the 5 pm service all 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.

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

Sanctus S-114

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Fraction Anthem S-158

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

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 'Drop down, ye heavens'

Judith Weir (b. 1954)

Drop down ye heavens from above,
And let the skies pour down righteousness.
Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people;
My salvation shall not tarry.
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions.
Fear not, for I will save thee;
For I am the Lord thy God,
The holy one of Israel, thy redeemer.
Drop down ye heavens from above,
And let the skies pour down righteousness.

TEXT: ISAIAH 45:8, PSALM 85:10-11

Hymn 53 'Once he came in blessing'

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

Hymn 57 'Lo! He comes with clouds descending'

Dismissal 'Vesper Responsory'
G.P. da Palestrina

*During the season of Advent,
the Dismissal will be sung by the choir.*

Postlude 'Wachet auf ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645'
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)