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HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Sunday, February 23

The Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany



TRINITY CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON



TrinityEvents

Help prepare Pancake Breakfast for 3/2 at 9 am. Helping hands are needed in the kitchen on Sat., 3/1, and Sun., 3/2.

Scan the QR code to sign up, or email pfisher@trinitychurchboston.org



TODAY



WWJD? A Primer on Christian Behavior for When You Just Don't Wanna

Sun., 2/23, 11:15 am., Lloyd Forum

What would Jesus **do?** The frameworks for “acting like a Christian” are moving targets—largely based on scriptural, theological, and ecclesiological authority. This Forum will not be an historical overview, but rather a practical look at what is asked of faithful people in terms of their relationships with one another as a reflection of their faith. Especially in times when we just don't wanna.



Share Your Photos

of Living in Love at Trinity

This is Trinity parishioner Tyler, who enjoys helping out at Community Breakfasts; here he is decorating a cake for Epiphany Brunch. Tyler works together with the other volunteers and likes listening to the stories they tell in the kitchen.



Send your photos of Trinity's vibrant community living in love to communications@trinitychurchboston.org.



Learn more about this call to share your photos from Morgan's Annual Parish Address at trinitychurchboston.org/living-in-love, or scan the QR code.

LOOKING AHEAD



Level 99 Afternoon for 4th-12th Grade

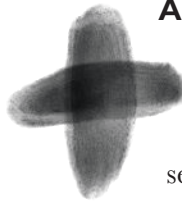
Sat., 3/1, 2-4 pm, at Level 99 in the Natick Mall

All 4th through 12th graders are invited to a fun afternoon of games and community building at Level 99 Natick! The cost is around \$35 per person. *Parent chaperones, who will play the games with the youth, are needed for this event. If you would like to be a chaperone, Trinity will pay for your admission ticket. Scan the QR code to RSVP, or email Katrina Leslie, kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org*

The Future of the Church: A Youth-Led Forum

Sun., 3/2, 11:15 am, Lloyd Forum

Our Trinity High Schoolers will be sharing their goals for the Church's future in this special forum. Join us to listen and learn to the youth perspective and see what their vision is. There will be a time for Q&A with our high schoolers.



Ash Wednesday Worship

Wed., 3/5, 7:30 am, 12 pm, and 7 pm (livestreamed), Church

We will impose ashes at each Ash Wednesday service. The 7:30 am service will be spoken; the noon service will include congregational hymnody; and the evening service will include choir.

Serving Your Neighbor This Lent

Thurs., 3/ 6, 7-11 am, Women's Lunch Place, 67 Newbury St

Sun., 3/23, 2-5 pm, Rosie's Place, 889 Harrison Ave

Sat., 4/12, 4:30-6 pm, Pine Street Inn, 444 Harrison Ave

Consider adding service to your Lenten observance and join your fellow Trinitarians to serve a meal at one of our shelter partners. Alongside existing partnership with Rosie's Place and Pine Street Inn, Trinity will now also prepare and serve meals at our Back Bay neighbor Women's Lunch Place, a day shelter community for women experiencing poverty and homelessness. *Interested? Contact the Rev. Brandon Ashcraft, bashcraft@trinitychurchboston.org*



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FORUM SERIES

We Are God's Plan: The Source of Our Meaning and Purpose

March 9 & 16,
and April 6 &
13, 11:15 am,
Lloyd Forum

Morgan Allen the demanding theological idea that God—loving creator rather than scheming puppeteer—has entrusted responsibility for the cosmos to none other than each of us. Weaving theological, philosophical, and popular-culture resources, Morgan will present

God's gift of freedom as the Christian hope's essential ground.



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PRICE LECTURER 2025

Dean Emerita of the Seminary of the Southwest, Anglican biblical scholar, feminist theologian, and poet, **the Very Rev. Dr. Cynthia Briggs Kittredge**, received degrees from Williams College and Harvard University, and was ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. Dr. Kittredge will join our Lenten explorations for two Sundays – March 23 and 30 – as a preacher and as the 2025 Price Lecturer.



On March 23, Dr. Kittredge will preach all three services, and, at the 11:15 Forum hour, she and Morgan will share a conversation about scriptural engagement. Bringing perspectives from the pew, pulpit, and academy, they will ask one another: Who wrote the Gospels and why does that matter? What does it mean to "believe" scripture? How do I make sense of scriptural passages that don't make sense?

On March 30, Morgan will preach all three services, and Dr. Kittredge will build on the prior week's discussion, presenting a lecture entitled, "**Faithful and Critical Engagement with the Theology of Luke the Evangelist.**" Liberation theologians laud the gospel of Luke as the gospel of the poor, yet others criticize the same text for its accommodation to empire. As we engage the gospel with historical perspective and poetic imagination, we will encounter Jesus' vision for healing, forgiveness, and salvation for all flesh.

March
23 & 30



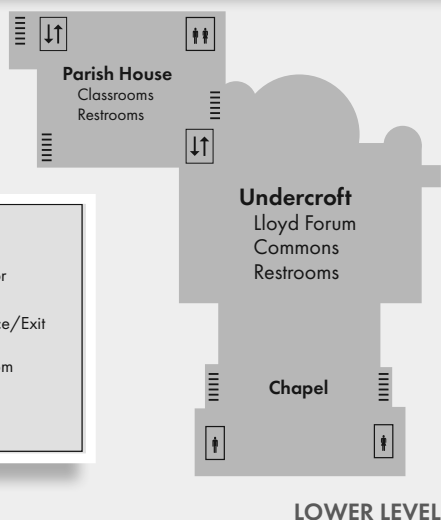
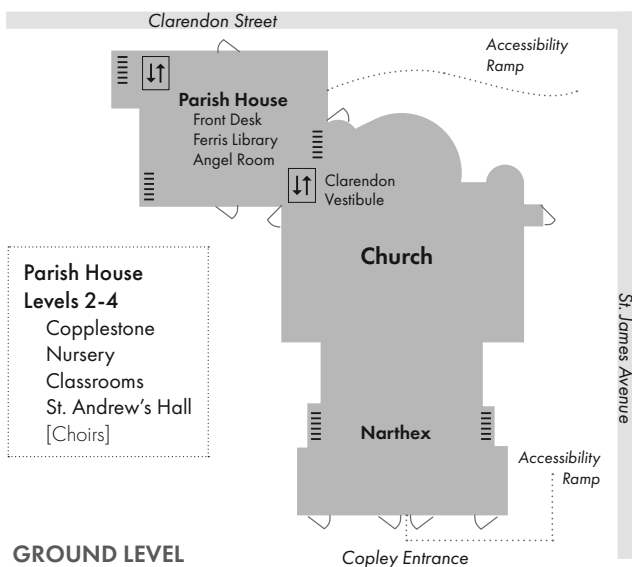
WELCOME



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 ('26) • Josh Fiala ('27) • Sukaina Garcia ('28) • Richard Henderson ('26) • Tim Kelly ('28) • Tim Martin ('27) • David McFerrin ('28) • Niven Narain ('26) • Chuks Chijioke Okoli ('28) • Constance Perry ('28) • Peter Renner ('28) • Mary Roetzel ('27) • Katie Wisley 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

- Wed - 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

Welcome

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.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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.

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.

WORD OF GOD

Reading 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*We pray the psalm responsively,
by whole verse.*

Psalm 37 1-8

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

**For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.**

Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

**Take delight in the Lord, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.**

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.

**He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.**

Be still before the Lord *
and wait patiently for him.

**Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

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. We pray faithfulness for our Presiding Bishop, Sean, and our Bishop, Julia. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we remember...

God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray comfort and strength for those suffering war; and we pray you to guide the people of all nations in the ways of justice and peace, 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 ...

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: today remembering ...

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.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

Whether you are here for the day or are a long-time member, we invite everyone celebrating a recent or upcoming birthday or anniversary of a marriage or union to come forward for a prayer.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

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. 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

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

The Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.