# **7 PM** ASH WEDNESDAY March 5, 2025 Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes



TRINITY CHURCH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON



Whether you're new among us or you've been here for years, we look forward to helping you make a home for faith at Trinity.



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## TODAY

### 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.



## LENT

## Coming Up at Trinity in Lent

There are many events and opportunities at Trinity in Lent, including those listed below and more. Learn more by scanning the QR code or visiting *trinitychurchboston.org/news* 

We Are God's Plan, the Rector's Forum Series on Sundays 3/9 & 3/16, and 4/6 & 4/13 at 11:15 am

Meatless Mondays on Mondays, 3/10-4/14

Price Lecturer The Very Rev. Dr. Cynthia Briggs Kittredge on Sundays, March 23 and 30.

20s & 30s SSJE Lenten Worship Night on Tues., 3/11. Email Katrina Leslie, kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org, to learn more about the 20s & 30s Ministry or to RSVP.

### **Evensong and Family Service Project Night**

on Wed., 3/12, starting at 5:45 pm. Evensong followed by dinner and an opportunity to learn about our unhoused neighbors as we come together to make sandwiches for them.

Book Discussion Group Jesus and the Disinherited, by Howard Thurman; Weekly Conversations on Thursdays in Lent, 3/13-4/2, 6:30-7:45 pm, on Zoom. Email Brandon Ashcraft, bashcraft@trinitychurchboston. org, to learn more.

Opportunity to Serve Your Neighbors at Pine Street Inn on Sat., 4/12. Learn more at trinitychurchboston.org/ servelent2025



COMMUNITY

## Formation for All Ages

Sundays, 11:15 am

At Trinity Church Boston, all of us—committed Christians as well as those just beginning to explore—are pilgrims on the way. We offer formation opportunities for learners across the life spectrum. From our youngest in the Nursery to those who are more "experienced learners"— Trinity welcomes all to explore and grow in their faith journey.

To learn more about formation for **infants through children in third grade**, contact the Rev. Abi Moon at **amoon@trinitychurchboston.org**.

To learn more about formation for those in **fourth grade through high school** or those in their **20s and 30s**, contact Katrina Leslie, at **kleslie@trinitychurchboston. org**.

The Trinity Choristers is open to **all children ages** 8-18 who love to sing. Contact Colin Lynch, **clynch@** trinitychurchboston.org

## **EVERY SUNDAY**

Nursery Care from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm in the Parish House

Children's Homily at 10 am

downstairs in the Chapel

Church School in the Parish House classrooms

Discounted parking; ask at the

Parish House Front Desk

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## WELCOME

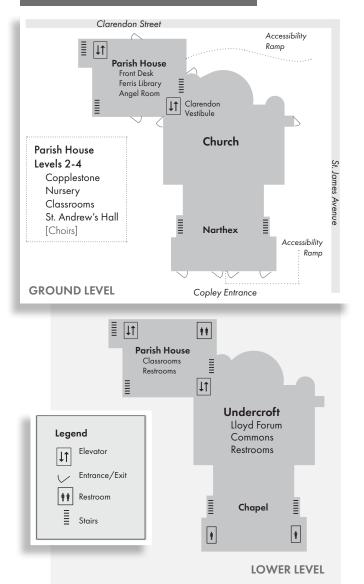


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## FINDING YOUR WAY



#### Statement of Affirmation

Trinity Church in the City of Boston is a congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts and welcomes and honors everyone. In accordance with our baptismal covenant, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person. We strive to include all persons without regard to sexual orientation, race, nationality, gender, family configuration, ethnic background, economic circumstances, difference in ability, culture, or age. Our love and acceptance of each other embody our commitment to unity with God and each other in Christ.

## HOURS & INFORMATION

#### Sunday Schedule

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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
11:15 am	Formation for All Ages
5 pm	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Weekday W	'orship at Trinity
Tues/Thu	'S.
8:30 pm	Online Compline join us on Zoom at <b>bit.ly/tcbTTcompline</b> Tor dial in with <b>1-646-558-8656</b> and enter Meeting ID <b>206 654 379</b>
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 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

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 Sentences**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. **God's mercy endures forever.** 

#### Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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 Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

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The liturgy for Ash Wednesday begins on p. 264 in The Book of Common Prayer (BCP). The service begins in silence. All stand as the ministers enter.

#### 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 congregation, we invite you to participate as you are able and as your piety prefers.

#### Psalm 103 8-14

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \* slow to anger and of great kindness.

#### He will not always accuse us, \* nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \* nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

## For as the heavens are high above the earth, \* so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, \* so far has he removed our sins from us.

#### As a father cares for his children, \* so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

For he himself knows whereof we are made; \* he remembers that we are but dust.

Hymn 147 'Now let us all with one accord'

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#### Holy Gospel Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

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

Sermon The Rev. Abigail W. Moon, Senior Associate

#### Invitation to a Holy Lent

Dear People of God:

The first Christians observed with great faithfulness the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence, fasting, and renewal. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

#### Prayer over the Ashes

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. We invite all to the Broadstep for the Imposition, when a priest will mark your forehead with ashes in the shape of a cross. During the Imposition, the Choir will sing a setting of Psalm 51.

#### Imposition of the Ashes

Motet Miserere mei, Deus Gregorio Allegri (1582-1652)

> Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam. Et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum: Dele iniquitatem meam.

Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea: Et a peccato meo munda me.

Quoniam iniquitatem meam ego cognosco: Et peccatum meum contra me est semper.

Tibi soli peccavi, et malum coram te feci.

Ut justificeris in sermonibus tuis, Et vincas cum judicaris.

Ecce enim in iniquitatibus conceptus sum: Et in peccatis concepit me mater mea.

Ecce enim veritatem dilexisti: Incerta et occulta sapientiae tuae manifestasti mihi.

Asperges me hyssopo, et mundabor: Lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.

Tunc acceptabis sacrificium justitiae, Oblationes, et holocausta: Tunc imponent super altare tuum vitulos.

Have mercy upon me, O God: after Thy great goodness.

According to the multitude of Thy mercies, do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me from my sin.

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

Against Thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that Thou mightest be justified in Thy saying, and clear when Thou art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness: and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, Thou requirest truth in the inward parts: and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burntofferings and oblations:

then shall they offer young bullocks upon Thine altar.

TEXT: PSALM 51

#### Litany of Penitence

Most holy and merciful God: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault 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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

#### Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have ignored your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. **Have mercy on us, Lord.** 

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives, **We confess to you, Lord.** 

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, **We confess to you, Lord.** 

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

#### We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

#### We confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

#### We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our willful inattention to human need, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

#### Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, **Accept our repentance, Lord.** 

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

#### Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us; Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation, **That we may show forth your glory in the world.** 

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord, Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection. Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

### The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

#### Announcements

## HOLY COMMUNION

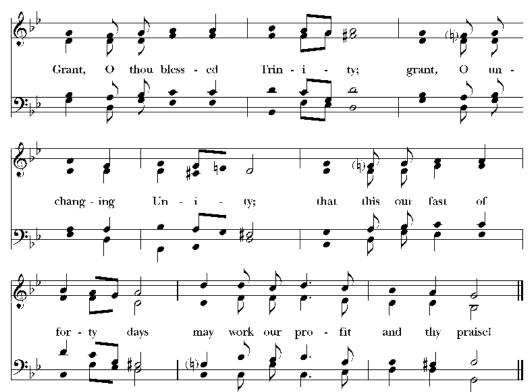
#### Offertory

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



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.

#### The Great Thanksgiving

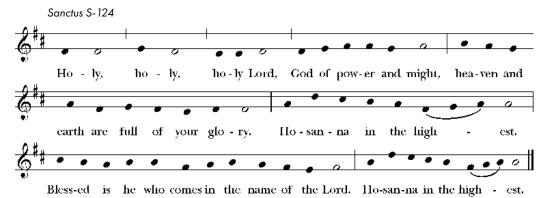
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

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. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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 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.

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.

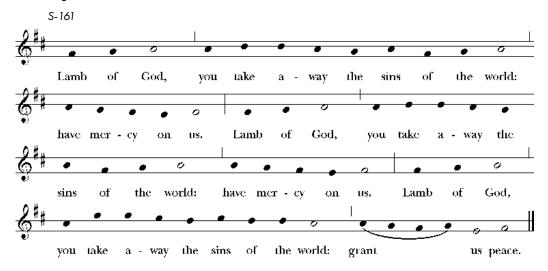
#### AMEN.

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 'Emendemus in melius' William Byrd (1543-1623)

> Emendemus in melius quae ignoranter peccavimus, ne subito praeoccupati die mortis quaeramus spatium poenitentiae et invenire non possumus. Attendite, Domine, et miserere, quia peccavimus tibi.

Let us atone for the sins we have committed in our ignorance, lest, should the day of death suddenly overtake us, we seek time for repentance and cannot find it. Hear us, Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against you. Hymn 693 'Just as I am, without one plea'



6 Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove, here for a season, then above:
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## 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 149 'Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church'



#### Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

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LOOKING AHEAD



<b>Sun., 3/9</b> Mon., <b>3/10</b>		11:15 am Rector's Forum Series, We Are God's Plan, begins 12:15 pm Praying our Prayer List Together on Zoom. Weekly during Lent.
		Contact <b>pfisher@trinitychurchboston.org</b> Lenten Meatless Mondays begins. Learn more at <b>trinitychurchboston.org/meatless</b>
		8:15 pm Youth Bible Study on Zoom. Weekly during Lent.
		Contact kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org
Tues., <b>3/11</b>		<b>1 pm</b> Monthly PartnerCare Pastoral Circle <i>online</i>
		6:30 pm Monthly Bereavement & Beyond Pastoral Circle
		for Pastoral Circles info, contact <b>klonergan@trinitychurchboston.org</b>
		5:45 pm 20s & 30s SSJE Lenten Worship Night
		contact <b>kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org</b>
Wed., <b>3/12</b>		7:30 am Weekly Women's & Men's Bible Study, on Zoom
-		Get the link at <b>trinitychurchboston.org/zoombiblestudy</b>
		5:45 pm Evensong & Family Service Project Night
		RSVP at <b>trinitychurchboston/march12</b>
Thurs., <b>3/13</b>		<b>6:30 pm</b> Weekly Conversations During Lent: Jesus and the Disinherited, by Howard Thurman, on Zoom. Contact <b>bashcraft@trinitychurchboston.org</b>
		Easter Flowers & Music Donations open
		Donate at trinitychurchboston.org/flowersandmusic
Fri., <b>3/14</b>		12:15 pm Weekly Free Fridays at Trinity Organ Recitals
Sat., <b>3/15</b>		9:30 am Monthly Stitching in the Spirit
Sun., 3/16		11:15 am Rector's Forum Series, We Are God's Plan
Tues., <b>3/18</b>		<b>6:30 pm</b> Monthly Spiritual Journeys with Cancer Pastoral Circle
		for Pastoral Circles info, contact klonergan@trinitychurchboston.org
Wed., <b>3/19</b>		5:45 pm Weekly Choral Evensong
Sun., 3/23	and the second second	Price Lecturer: The Very Rev. Dr Cynthia Briggs Kittredge
Tues., <b>3/25</b>	6- <b>&gt;</b>	6:30 pm 20s & 30s In-Person Book Club contact kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org
Thurs., <b>3/27</b>		<b>5:30 pm</b> 20s & 30s Treats for Pine Street Inn contact kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org
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Sun., 3/30	and the second second	Price Lecturer: The Very Rev. Dr Cynthia Briggs Kittredge
Tues., <b>4/1</b>		6:30 pm New: Monthly CareGiving Pastoral Circle
		for Pastoral Circles info, contact <b>klonergan@trinitychurchboston.org</b>
Sat., <b>4/5</b>		10 am - 3 pm April Community Breakfast Volunteers needed contact pfisher@trinitychurchboston.org
Sun., 4/6		9 am Monthly Community Breakfast contact pfisher@trinitychurchboston.org
		11:15 am Rector's Forum Series, We Are God's Plan
		<b>2 pm</b> Monthly First Sunday Choral Evensong

## 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 Building on last fall's twopart series, 'Beyond the God of Good Outcomes,' explore with **Rector** 

**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 popularculture resources, Morgan will present

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

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

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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.



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