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HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Sunday, November 30

First Sunday of Advent



TRINITY CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON





TrinityEvents

We are offering one final 150th Anniversary Visioning Party at 12 pm on Tues., 12/2, via Zoom.

Scan the QR code to register, or visit trinitychurchboston.org/150.



TODAY

All-Ages Advent Wreath Making

Sun., 11/30, after all services, Commons

During the season of Advent we mark time preparing for Christmas day. Join us and create your own Advent Wreath to take home as we pray the days of Advent together.

THIS WEEK



Copley Square Tree Lighting Open House

Mon., 12/1, 4 -6 pm, Church

Copley Square is reopening with a tree lighting, and Trinity is pleased to offer an Open House on that day. Enjoy the tree lighting and **take a tour, or see what's new** in the Shop.

Online Shop Sale

Through Thurs., 12/4, use code **THANKS** to save **20%** at shop.trinitychurchboston.org

Find a **beautiful, curated collection of items** that reflect the rich artistic heritage and spiritual life of our church at shop.trinitychurchboston.org. Each piece is thoughtfully designed using patterns and imagery drawn directly from Trinity's own decorative details.



NEXT WEEKEND

Lend a Hand for First Sunday Community Breakfast

Sat., 12/6, 10:30 am

- 2:30 pm, Kitchen

Sun., 12/7,

7:30 - 11:30 am,

Kitchen & Commons

Sign up at trinitychurchboston.org/communitybreakfast2025

Advent is a great season to **try something new!** Join in on Sat., Dec. 6, for food prep or on Sun., Dec. 7, for heating, serving, and cleaning up our First Sunday Community Breakfast. **Ready to break bread together? From cereal to bacon, there is something for everyone at our First Sunday Community Breakfast at 9 am on Sun., Dec. 7.** This is a parish-wide gathering and a fantastic way to meet new folks. Mark your calendar and make plans to join us!



VOLUNTEER



See all volunteer dates and sign up at trinitychurchboston.org/volunteer

Women's Lunch Place

Wed., 12/10, 7-11 am,
67 Newbury Street, Boston

Deck the Halls

Sat., 12/13, 10 am-12 pm, Church
Mon., 12/22, 10 am-2 pm, Church

Rosie's Place

Sun., 12/21, 2-5 pm,
889 Harrison Ave, Boston



Choose Your Own Advent-ure Formation

Sun., 12/7 & 12/14, 11:15 am

Learn more at trinitychurchboston.org/adventure



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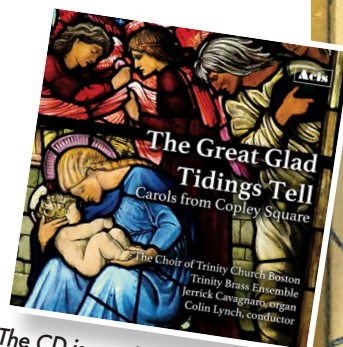


The Concert of Handel's **Messiah**
& Bach's **Magnificat** is on **Sun., Dec. 7**, at **2 pm**, and
Candlelight Carols is on **Sat., Dec. 13**, at **4 pm and 7 pm**,
and **Sun., Dec. 14**, at **2 pm**.

Scan the QR code for ticket links (\$4-\$145), ❄️
or visit trinitychurchboston.org/cc2025



We are also excited for
the vinyl release of our 2024 Christmas
album, "**The Great Glad Tidings Tell**".
Reserve your copy now at bit.ly/TRINBOS



The CD is available for purchase
at shop.trinitychurchboston.org,
or you can listen on your
favorite streaming service.

Children's Christmas Pageant

Wed., 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 Wed., 12/31, 1 pm, Church

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

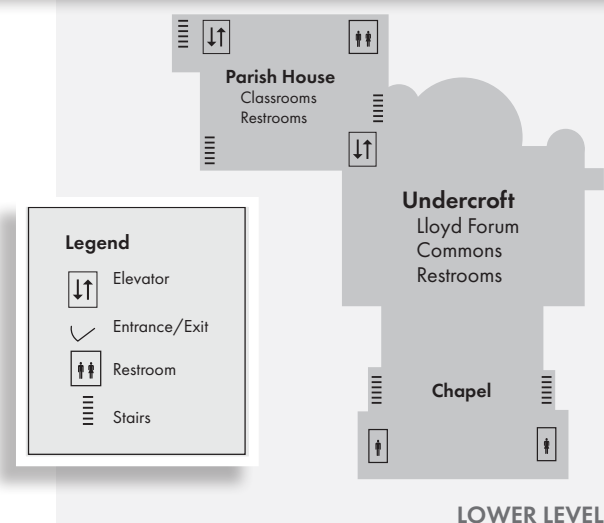
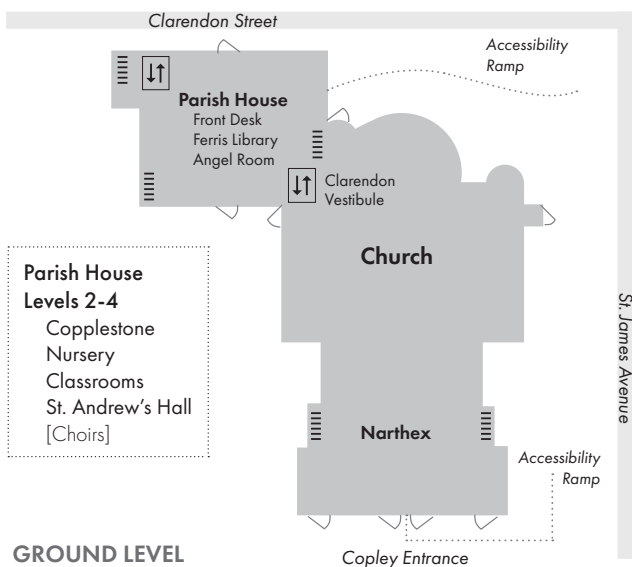
WELCOME



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. at trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship and facebook.com/trinitychurchboston
- 11:15 am** Formation for All Ages
- 5 pm** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with organ & choir

Weekday Worship at Trinity

- Tues.**
- 12:15 pm** Holy Eucharist
- Tues/Thurs.**
- 8:30 pm** Online Compline via Zoom
join us at trinitychurchboston.org/compline
or dial in with **1-646-558-8656**
and enter Meeting ID **206 654 379**
- Wed.**
- 5:45 pm** Choral Evensong

Vestry

Chris Allen ('27) • Christine Arcese ('26) • Christopher Atwood ('26) • Barbara Dortch-Okara ('26) • Josh Fiala ('27) • Sukaina Garcia ('28) • 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 trinitychurchboston.org/vestry
Clergy & Staff can be reached at trinitychurchboston.org/staff

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. Learn more at trinitychurchboston.org/tours

GATHERING

Prelude ‘Antiphons for Divine Wisdom and the Virgin’

Hildegard von Bingen (1098 – 1179)

*O virtus Sapientie,
que circuiens circuiisti,
comprehendendo omnia
in una via que habet vitam,
tres alas habens,
quarum una in altum volat
et altera de terra sudat
et tertia undique volat.
Laus tibi sit, sicut te decet, O Sapientia.*

*O frondens virga,
in tua nobilitate stans
sicut aurora procedit:
nunc gaude et letare
et nos debiles dignare
a mala consuetudine liberare
atque manum tuam porrige
ad erigendum nos.*

O Wisdom’s energy!
Whirling, you encircle
and everything embrace
in the single way of life.
Three wings you have:
one soars above into the heights,
one from the earth exudes,
and all about now flies the third.
Praise be to you, as is your due, O Wisdom.

O blooming branch,
you stand upright in your nobility,
as breaks the dawn on high:
Rejoice now and be glad,
and deign to free us, frail and weakened,
from the wicked habits of our age;
stretch forth your hand
to lift us up aright.

TEXT: HILDEGARD VON BINGEN, TRANSLATED NATHANIEL M. CAMPBELL

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: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God’s reign, 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.

Assistive listening devices are available upon request from any usher.

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.

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 Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122



*We will sing the Psalm
responsively, by whole verse.*

I was glad when they said to me, *

“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

Now our feet are standing *

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city *

that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, *

the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.

For there are the thrones of judgment, *

the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *

“May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls *

and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions' sake, *

I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, *

I will seek to do you good.”

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.

Hymn 66 'Come, thou long expected Jesus'

Gospel Matthew 24:36-44

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that wicked slave says to himself, "My master is delayed", and he begins to beat his fellow-slaves, and eats and drinks with drunkards, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know. He will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Morgan S. Allen, *Rector*

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

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us draw near to God and pray,
“Lord, have mercy.”

For the loving-kindness of God and for the hope of restoration with God and one another, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For peace in the world and for the joyful union of all people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For faithfulness in our ministry, today remembering... And for the thriving of the whole Church.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For grace among the leaders of nations and for wisdom to all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For dedication among public officials in Boston and our local governments, and for the welfare of all our communities, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For constancy in our care for God’s creation, and for the flourishing of all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For relief to those who suffer, and for knowledge of God’s presence among those who have requested our prayers, remembering: ...

For all who suffer in places of war, violence, need, and danger; and for those helping to restore peace, and offer dignity to all humanity;

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For fulfillment of our abiding hopes, and for joy in the blessings of this life, remembering those expecting a child; ...

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For perfection to all who have died, and for consolation to all who grieve, today remembering: ...

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

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 plates passed during the Offertory.

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Anthem 'O Thou the central orb'

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

O Thou the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most high,
Eternal light of this our wintry world,
Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith,
Hope soars above, above.

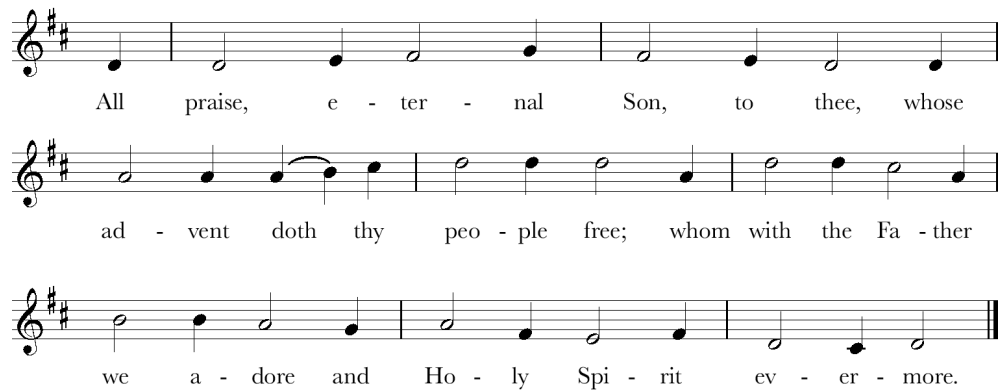
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight
gives measur'd grace to each, Thy power to prove.

Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day,
In fellowship with Thee,
Transforming clay to souls while ere unclean,
now pure within, now pure within. Amen.

TEXT: H.R. BRAMLEY (1833-1917)

The Presentation



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

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:

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'

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

Dismissal 'Vesper Responsory'
G.P. da Palestrina

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