

10 AM & 5 PM

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Sunday, December 7

Second Sunday of Advent



TRINITY CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON





TrinityEvents

Candlelight Carols tickets for Sat., 12/13, at 4 & 7 pm, and Sun., 12/14, at 2 pm are going fast. Purchase your tickets at trinitychurchboston.org/cc2025



TODAY

There are one million ways to be busy during December and Advent. We won't try to stop you from the hectic—but we invite you to choose your own adventure as we **slow down for 45 minutes of creativity and connection** and the bliss of doing a little something which won't change the world, but which can change our spiritual framework for the season. Choose something discussion-based or craft-based. No experience or crafty genes necessary! Formation for Children and Youth will continue in their regular classrooms.

20s & 30s Bible Study: The Herald Angels

In the Angel Room

The 20s and 30s Bible Study invite others to join them for a discussion about Angels in the Bible. Come learn about the divine in our midst.

Stitching in the Spirit *In the Commons*

Have you ever wished you could try the meditative practice of knitting or crocheting? Come learn how we spend the third Saturday of every month.

**CHOOSE
YOUR OWN
ADVENT-URE
FORMATION
Dec. 7 & 14
11:15 am**

Candles and Snail Mail

In the Lloyd Forum

Dec. 7: Make a Candle (or two)! We'll have beeswax sheets and pillar candles ready to be crafted and decorated to bring a bit of light into your household this season.

Next Sunday, Dec. 14: Send that Letter!

Forgot your Christmas cards? Need some specific cards for the holidays? Bring your cards, address list, and envelopes, and get them done with friends! OR, create a card or use a Trinity card and finally write that note to someone you have been meaning to connect with, but just haven't yet. We will have materials, pens, and cards on hand, or bring your own!

Parents of Young Families Bible Study

In the Ferris Library

Parents of young children are invited to gather and share conversation about the Annunciation to the Birth Story of Jesus. Being a parent isn't easy, being in community helps!

LOOKING AHEAD

Pop-Up Shop

Today, 12/7, & Sun., 12/14, 10 am - 2 pm, outside the Chapel

Join us for a festive Pop-Up Shop and discover unique gifts inspired by the artistic soul of Trinity, including fair-trade jewelry, elegant silk scarves, hand-blown glass pieces, ornaments, stationery, and more.



Donate to the Christmas Flowers & Music Fund by Dec. 16

Honorary and memorial donations for Trinity's Christmas Flowers and Music Fund are welcome now through **Tues.,**

Dec. 16, the deadline for including names to be printed in Christmas worship bulletins. Scan the QR code to learn more and make a gift at trinitychurchboston.org/flowersandmusic

VOLUNTEER

See all volunteer dates

and sign up at

trinitychurchboston.org/volunteer

Women's Lunch Place

67 Newbury Street, Boston

Wed., 12/10, 7-11 am



Deck the Halls

Sat., 12/13, 10 am-12 pm, Church

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

Rosie's Place 889 Harrison Avenue, Boston

Sun., 12/21, 2-5 pm



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The Concert of Handel's **Messiah** & Bach's **Magnificat** is on **Sun., Dec. 7, at 2 pm.**

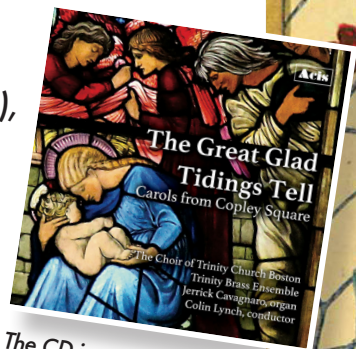
Messiah tickets may be available at the door.



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; childcare available

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

childcare available

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.

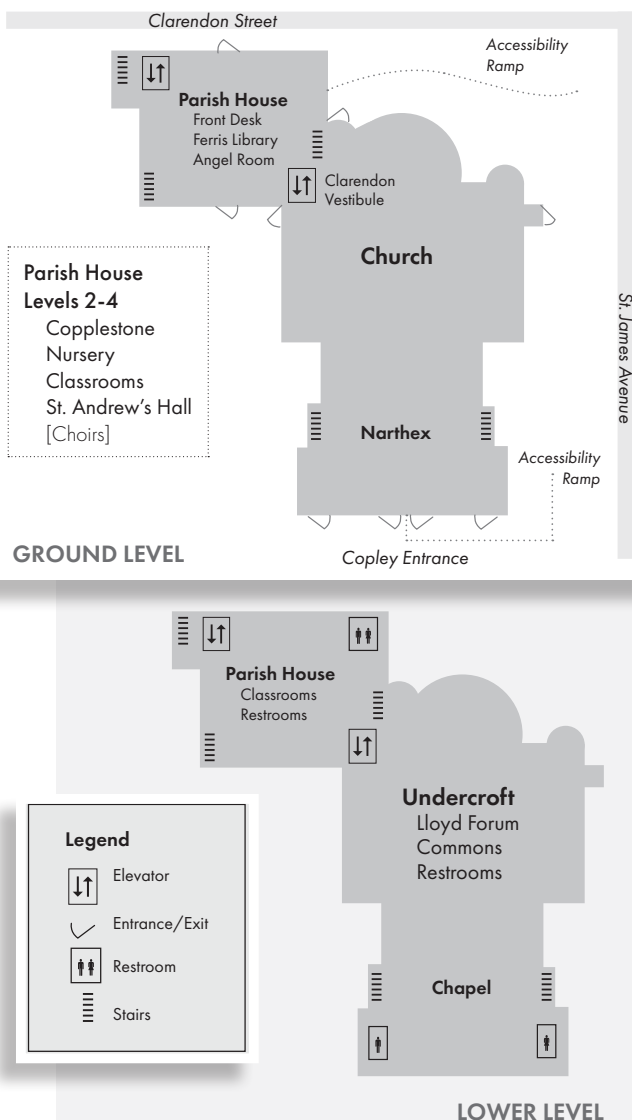
WELCOME



*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 'O Antiphon Sequence' Cecilia McDowall (b. 1951)

I. O Sapientia

II. O Adonai

III. O Radix Jesse

IV. O Clavis David

Welcome

Introit 'Matin Responsory'

G.P. da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)

Hymn 76 'On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry'

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.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

WORD OF GOD

Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fating together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 72:1-7



Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

Hymn 54 'Savior of the nations, come'

We will pray the Psalm
responsively, by whole verse.

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.

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'"

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.*

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Anthem 'This is the record of John' at 10 am
Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him: Who art thou?

And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly: I am not the Christ.

And they asked him: What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No.

Then said they unto him: What art thou? That we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?

And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness: Make Straight the way of the Lord.

TEXT: JOHN 1:19-23

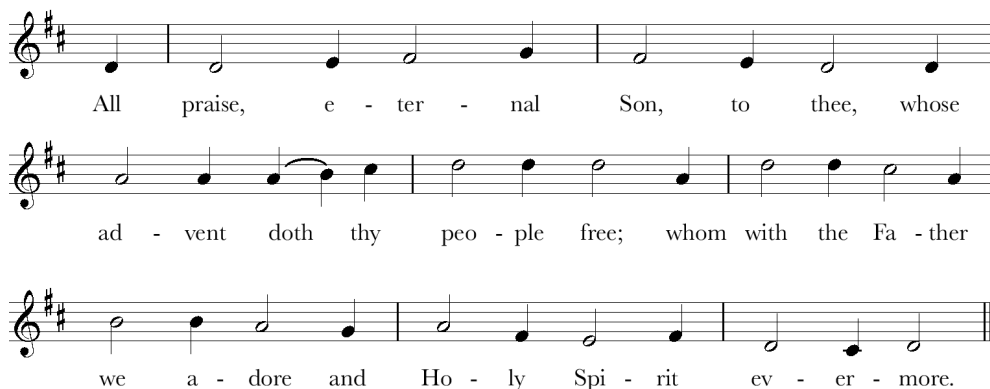
'A tender shoot' at 5 pm
Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)

A tender shoot hath started
up from a root of grace,
as ancient seers imparted
from Jesse's holy race.
It blooms without a blight,
blooms in the cold bleak winter
turning our darkness into light.

This shoot, Isaiah taught us,
from Jesse's root should spring,
The Virgin Mary brought us
the branch of which we sing.
Our God of endless might,
Gave her this child to save us,
thus turning darkness into light.

TEXT: WILLIAM BARTHOLOMEW (1793-1867)

The Presentation



At the 5 pm service, we invite all 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 plates 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, 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 'Kindle a light'

Michael Fleming (1928-2006)

Kindle a light to lighten the darkness
Kindle a light each nation and race:
God in the poor is coming to meet us
Kindle a light to shine on his face.
Kindle a light to lighten the darkness
Kindle a light for all who despair:
God in the poor is coming to judge us
Kindle a light with fasting and prayer.
Kindle a light to lighten the darkness
Kindle a light in places of shame:
God in the poor is coming to heal us
Kindle a light with hope in its flame.
Kindle a light to lighten the darkness
Kindle a light for sorrow to cease:
God in the poor is coming to free us
Kindle a light for justice and peace.
Christ is coming,
Coming in judgement, in truth and in grace,
Meet him and greet him, and share his embrace.

TEXT: MICHAEL FORSTER (B. 1946)

Hymn 67 'Comfort, comfort ye my 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 at 10 am, 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 65 'Prepare the way, O Zion'

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

Dismissal 'Vesper Responsory'
G.P. da Palestrina

Postlude 'Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661'
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)