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RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS &
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
Sunday, January 11
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ



TRINITY CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON





Trinity Events

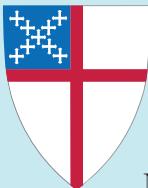
TODAY

Godparents Sunday

Sun., 1/11, at all services

Today we celebrate baptisms and **give thanks for all of our godparents and godchildren in our parish family.** We will have a special prayer for godparents and godchildren in all of our liturgies. No matter what age, godparents commit to praying for their godchildren and raising them up in the faith, come give thanks for all those who walk in faith with us.

NEW TO TRINITY?



Sign Up for Trinity 101

Sundays, 1/25, 2/1, & 2/8, 12:30-2:30 pm, Commons

New to Trinity or newly returning? Trinity 101 is a **three-week introduction to the parish** that explores the fullness of our community life, spanning worship & music, formation, outreach, fellowship, pastoral care, and more. Join us on three consecutive Sundays at 12:30 pm (following the Formation Hour) to meet clergy and ministry leaders, explore Trinity's mission and ministries, and discover your path into deeper belonging. Lunch will be served.

Questions or want to register? Scan the QR code to contact Brandon, bashcraft@trinitychurchboston.org.



Serve at Rosie's Place next Sun., 1/18:

Serve dinner to the shelter's guests from 2-5 pm. See more info and sign up at trinitychurchboston.org/rosiesplace

EPIPHANY FORUM SERIES

Generous Tables, Gracious Spaces

Sundays, 1/11 - 2/8, 11:15 am, Lloyd Forum

Epiphany encompasses all the ramifications of a newborn savior whose presence impacted the spaces around him: from the Magi travelling to see the Holy Family; the flight to Egypt under threat of death; the welcome back to Nazareth. **The intersection of who Jesus was, and where he was located, is part of Epiphany's liturgical invitation to recognize God's presence in what we might imagine are ordinary spaces.** Our Forums through Feb. 8 will intertwine our program year theme (Grateful Hearts, Gracious Lives) with the nuance of Epiphany's transformation of space: what spaces are ready to welcome God and God's people?



Jan. 11: What Can a Body Do? Encountering The Built World From a Different Angle

Today we are joined by guest speaker **Sara Hendren**, an artist, design researcher, writer, and professor at Northeastern University. Her book *What Can A Body Do? How We Meet the Built World* explores **the ways our many bodies meet our technologies, designed products, and built environments — in ways that liberate and constrain our lives.**

Jan. 18: Who Is Invited? Welcoming Bodies, Movement, and Joy

When we think of spaces which allow for connection, joy, and celebration; who feels as though they are invited and safe in them? Join members of Boston's **Gays for Patsy** (you may have seen them line dance through the Pride Parade!) to **hear about the work they have done in fostering spaces to encourage friendship, movement, and dance.** And yes, we will be learning a few line dances with them!

Jan. 25: What Does It Mean For Trinity To Be A 'Gracious Space'?

Presented by the Rev. Morgan S. Allen, Rector.

RSVP for Family Night at the Museum of Fine Arts

Connect with other Trinity families on Fri., Jan. 23, from 6:30-8 pm. Sign up at trinitychurchboston.org/mfa



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Signs & Wonders

Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles.

ACTS 5:12

Trinity's Decarbonization Efforts Recognized by BERDO; Reported Energy Usage Has Decreased by 30%+ Compared to 2019



In Boston, building owners are required to report total energy and water use from the previous calendar year to the city through the Building Emissions and Reduction Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO). The law aims to reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions generated by large buildings in the city. Trinity's reported

energy usage has decreased from 2019, with our reported greenhouse gasses (GHG) going down by more than 30% from that year. Trinity was recognized at BERDO Fest in October 2025 for this effort. BERDO Fest is a free event dedicated to bringing together the stakeholders driving Boston's reduction of building emissions.

Trinity achieved these reductions by innovative use of geothermal energy technologies and more accurate reporting of our energy usage data for BERDO. The installation of Trinity's six geothermal wells — the first ever in Back Bay — in the early 2000s has been a valuable green investment.



Read all of the Signs & Wonders, including more photos and articles, at trinitychurchboston.org/signsandwonders



IN BRIEF

Hundreds Attend *Interstellar* Concert with Museum of Science and Roger Sayer

Roger Sayer, the organist from the *Interstellar* film soundtrack, played a concert at Trinity on Nov. 21. During the concert, the chancel was illuminated by colorful and dynamic projections from our friends at the Museum of Science. *The Boston Musical Intelligencer* reviewed the concert and noted: "We could feel the deepest notes thrumming in the soles of our shoes." After the concert, Mr. Sayer signed autographs and posed for pictures in the Narthex. Several attendees identified themselves as engineering or medical students who had listened to the soundtrack continuously while studying.

Trinity Featured on 'Accidentally Wes Anderson'

Accidentally Wes Anderson (AWA) is a photo project that collects real-world places and scenes that look like they came from a Wes Anderson film, which are stylistically symmetrical, quirky, old-fashioned, and whimsical. In mid-August, AWA travelled to Boston with their partners at Shepley Bulfinch and Trinity Church was one of the top suggested locations from the AWA Community to check out. A visit was coordinated; and a staff member took AWA's team of four through the Church and the Parish House, showing stained glass details and symmetrical views. Trinity was mentioned on the AWA Instagram ([@accidentallywesanderson](https://www.instagram.com/@accidentallywesanderson)) and is now featured with an entry on the AWA website ([accidentallywesanderson.com](https://www.accidentallywesanderson.com)) telling Trinity's story to Wes Anderson fans everywhere.

WELCOME

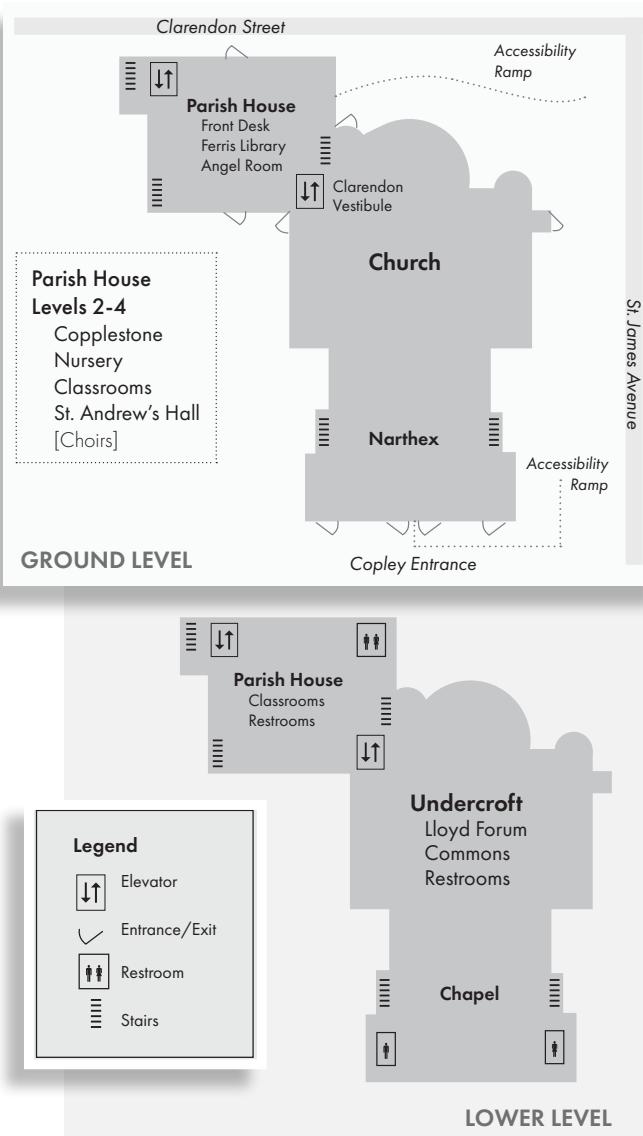


Whether you're new among us or you've been worshiping here for years, we look forward to helping you make a home for faith at Trinity.



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

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. Learn more at trinitychurchboston.org/tours

GATHERING

Prelude 'Prelude sur l'Introit de l'Epiphanie'
Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Welcome

Hymn 569 'God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest'

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Creator of all.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

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.

Sung by all.

Gloria S-278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.

WORD OF GOD

Reading Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29:1-8



Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
 worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
 the God of glory thunders; *
 the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
 the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor. *Refrain*

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
 the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
 the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
 the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
 and strips the forests bare. *Refrain*

Hymn 121 ‘Christ, when for us you were baptized’

Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by George Garrett (1834-1897)

The refrain is sung by all when indicated.

Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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

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

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Dear friends: in the waters of Baptism, we are buried with Christ in his death, we are raised into resurrected life; and we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful remembrance, we renew the promise and vows by which we once renounced the wiles of the world and promised to serve God faithfully in the Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Creator?

I believe in God, the Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus, the Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God’s help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God’s help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God’s help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God’s help.

Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?

I will, with God’s help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God’s help.

May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in the grace of eternal life, all by Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 ...

And for those who were baptized at the 10am service today.

God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray comfort and strength for those suffering war, that all people would honor one another with justice and peace.

God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Give us 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, that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as Christ loves us.

God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lend comfort and healing to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that they would share your hope in their troubles. 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.

*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.*

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Anthem 'The blessed son of God'

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The blessed son of God only
In a crib full poor did lie;
With our poor flesh and our poor blood
Was clothed that everlasting good.
Kyrie eleison.

The Lord Christ Jesu, God's son dear,
Was a guest and a stranger here;
Us for to bring from misery,
That we might live eternally.
Kyrie eleison.

All this did he for us freely,
For to declare his great mercy;
All Christendom be merry therefore,
And give him thanks for evermore.
Kyrie eleison.

TEXT: MYLES COVERDALE (C. 1488-1569), AFTER MARTIN LUTHER (1483-1546)

The Presentation

To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -
vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly
Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

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 in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. 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. 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.

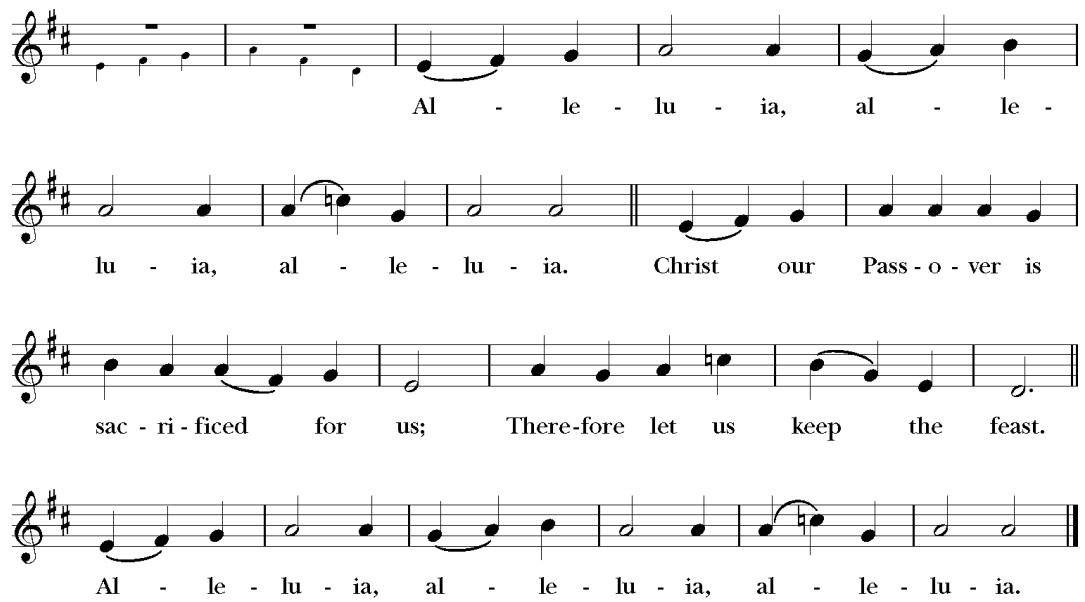
**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.**

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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 ‘*Vidi Aquam*’

Michael McCarthy

*Vidi aquam egredientem de templo, a latere dextro, Alleluia:
Et omnes ad quos pervenit aqua ista, salvi facti sunt,
Et dicent: Alleluia, Alleluia.*

I saw water flowing out of the Temple, from its right side, Alleluia:
And all to whom this water came were saved,
And they shall say: Alleluia, Alleluia.

Hymn 339 ‘Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness’

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 448 'O love, how deep, how broad, how high'

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude '*Epiphanie*'

Gaston Litaize (1909-1991)

