



**8 AM**

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Sunday, March 8

*The Third Sunday in Lent*



TRINITY CHURCH  
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON



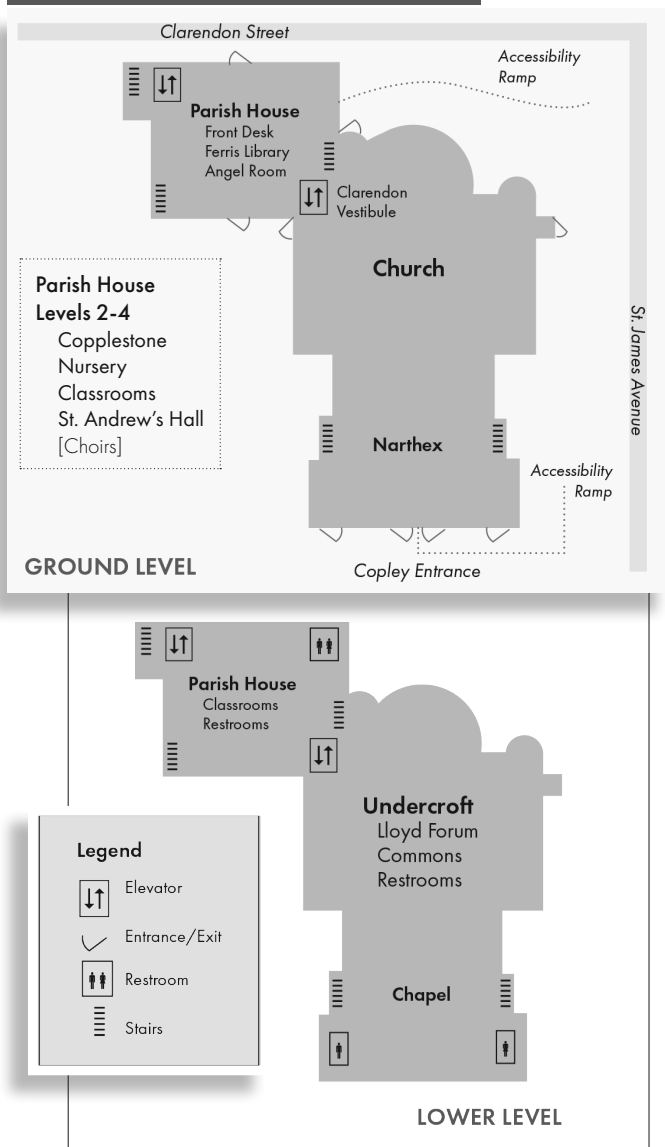
## WELCOME



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.

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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

- 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](http://trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship) and [facebook.com/trinitychurchboston](https://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](http://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) • Gaye Bok ('29) • Matt Diver ('29) • Josh Fiala ('27) • Sukaina Garcia ('28) • Tim Kelly ('28) • Tim Martin ('27) • David McFerrin ('28) • Kathy Moon ('29) • Chuks Chijioke Okoli ('28) • Constance Perry ('28) • Peter Renner ('28) • Mary Roetzel ('27) • Peter Smiledge ('29) • Katie Wisley Shelby ('28)



### Liturgy

#### Clergy

The Rev. Morgan S. Allen, *Rector* • The Rev. Brandon Ashcraft, *Priest for Outreach* • The Very Rev. Dr. Michael Battle, *Theologian-In-Community* • The Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman, *Assisting Priest* • The Rev. Paige Fisher, *Priest for Hospitality and Care* • The Rev. Kit Lonergan, *Priest for Parish Care* • The Rev. Abigail W. Moon, *Senior Associate*

#### Music

Jerrick Cavagnaro, *Associate Director of Music* • Colin Lynch, *Director of Music*

Vestry bios can be found at [trinitychurchboston.org/vestry](http://trinitychurchboston.org/vestry)  
Clergy & Staff can be reached at [trinitychurchboston.org/staff](http://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](http://trinitychurchboston.org/tours)

# GATHERING

## Welcome

### A Penitential Order

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**God's mercy endures forever.**

Let us kneel for the commandments of God.

### The Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to the people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

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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.*

## Sentence of Scripture

### Confession & Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

### Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95:1-7

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

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Gospel John 4:5-42

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world.

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and those in need.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Julia, our Bishop; and in our Diocesan cycle of prayer we remember...

We pray for the ministry of all the baptized,

**For all who serve God in the Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Today we remember...

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life; remembering ...

We will exalt you, O God;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal Kingdom, remembering...

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

## Concluding Collect

### 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

### The Presentation

All things come of thee, O Lord.

**And of thine own have we given thee.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, the Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

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.

*Eucharistic Prayer A from the Book of Common Prayer, p. 361.*

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

**Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

**Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

**Grant us 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

# SENDING

## Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,  
**we thank you**  
**for feeding us with the spiritual food**  
**of our Savior, Jesus Christ,**  
**and for assuring us in these holy mysteries**  
**that we are living members of Christ's Body –**  
**heirs of your eternal kingdom.**  
Now, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of your Good News.  
To Christ, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*When Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take Communion  
to the sick or homebound, the following is offered:*

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts,  
that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ.  
**We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

## Blessing

### The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



# TrinityEvents

Join in Women's & Men's Bible Studies  
each Wednesday on Zoom at 7:30 am.

Learn more at  
[trinitychurchboston.org/biblestudies](http://trinitychurchboston.org/biblestudies)



## TODAY

**Okoli Family Thanksgiving & Reception**  
Sun., 3/8, during today's 10 am worship; seated  
lunch to follow downstairs in the Undercroft

On Dec. 23, 2025, Vestry member Chuks Okoli  
drove the short distance to his hometown of

Ubulu from the state capital of Owerri, Nigeria. After diverting  
to a smaller road because of traffic, members of a separatist  
movement kidnapped Chuks and held him captive for 30 hours in  
an open tent until the payment of a ransom. His captors took his  
car, wedding ring, and other items of value on his person, but they  
did not physically harm Chuks, despite their threats and history  
of violence. At the Okolis' request, **today we join their thanks  
to God with our own – along with family and friends  
livestreaming from Nigeria – for Chuks' swift passage  
through this dangerous ordeal.**

After worship, the Okolis' family and friends invite you to join  
them for a seated lunch in thanksgiving for Chuks' safe return.  
All are welcome.

## AT A GLANCE

**Tuesday Holy Eucharist**  
Tuesdays, 12:15 pm, Church

**Free Friday Organ Recitals**  
Fridays, 12:15 pm, Church

**20s & 30s Pine Street Inn Night**  
Tues., 3/10, 5:30-7:30 pm, **RSVP at**  
[trinitychurchboston.org/20s30](http://trinitychurchboston.org/20s30)

**Stitching in the Spirit**  
Sat., 3/21, 9:30 am, Angel Room

**Honor Loved Ones with Gifts to  
Easter Flowers and Music Fund**  
Deadline Palm Sunday, 3/29;  
visit [trinitychurchboston.org/  
flowersandmusic](http://trinitychurchboston.org/flowersandmusic)

## LENTEN RETREAT

**Now the Green Blade Riseth,  
Love is Come Again**  
Sat., 3/14, 9 am-3 pm, Rectory

Join the Creation Care ministry  
in prayer, fellowship, meditation,  
lunch, and Eucharist centered on  
**God's love for creation.** Our  
time together will focus on the  
wisdom of St. Francis and of Pope  
Francis's encyclical, *Laudato Si': On  
Care for our Common Home*. Copies of  
the Franciscan book *Care for Creation*  
provided in advance to all.

Sign up today – participation  
is limited. Contact [bashcraft@](mailto:bashcraft@trinitychurchboston.org)  
[trinitychurchboston.org](http://trinitychurchboston.org) to register.

**Part II of the Rector's Lenten Forum Series,  
Trinity Church as A Gracious Space, returns next  
Sun., Mar. 15, at 11:15 am.**



## VOLUNTEER

**Help Prepare the  
Church for Easter**  
Thurs, 4/2, 10 am-12 pm;  
Fri., 4/3, 1-5 pm;  
Sat., 4/4, 10 am-12 pm;  
Lloyd Forum & Church

Come and **lend a hand in**

**preparation for the great celebration of Easter.** There is a  
place for you and the whole family.



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