

**8 AM**

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Sunday, March 15

*The Fourth Sunday in Lent*



TRINITY CHURCH  
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON



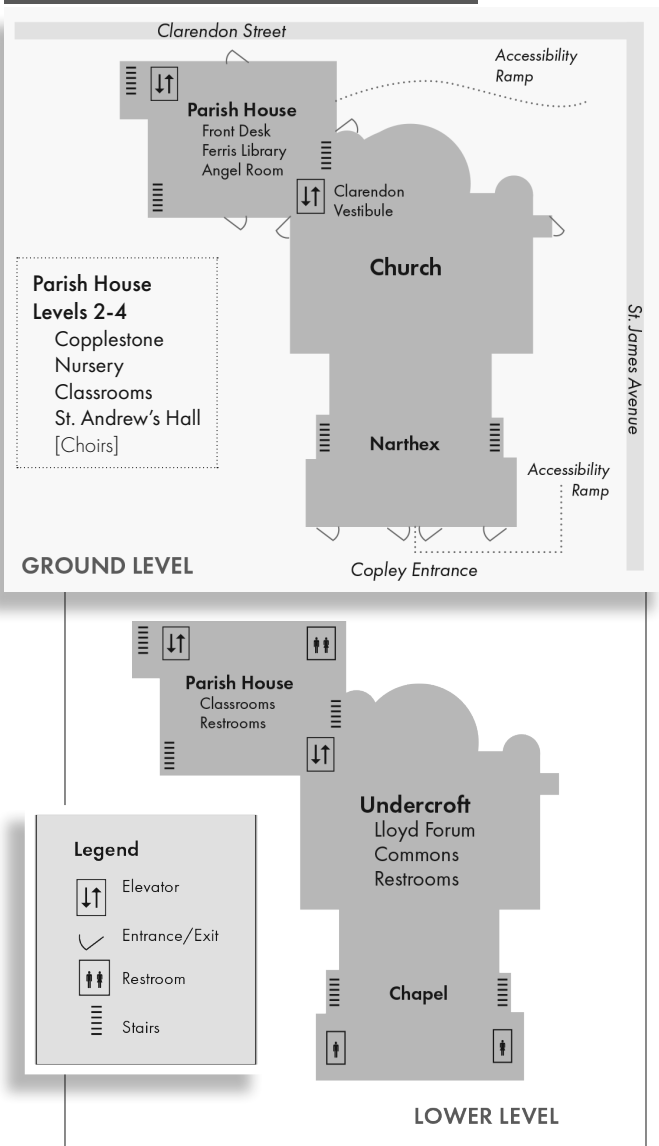
## WELCOME



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://www.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*

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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.**

### Sentence of Scripture

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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.*

## 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.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## WORD OF GOD

### Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one."

Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 23

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

The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not want.

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; \*  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

He restoreth my soul; \*  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; \*  
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; \*  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the lord for ever.**

### Gospel John 9:1-41

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Brandon Ashcraft, *Priest for Outreach*

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.**

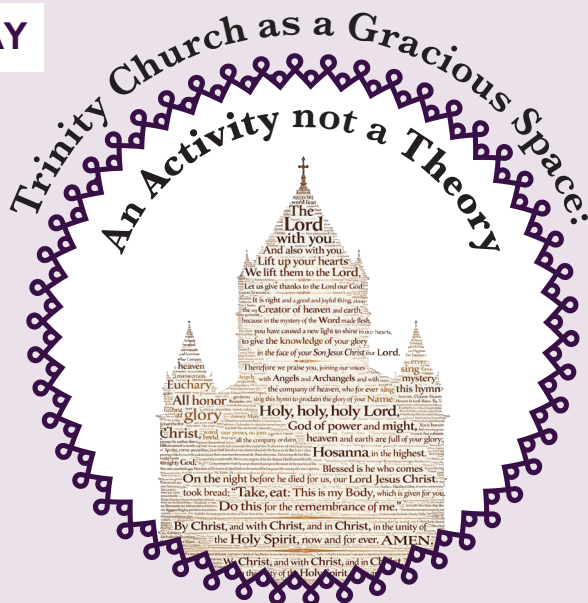


# TrinityEvents

**Tuesday and Thursday Compline is held on Zoom at 8:30 pm. Join in the last of the four services in the Daily Office together.**

Visit [trinitychurchboston.org/compline](http://trinitychurchboston.org/compline) to learn more.

## TODAY



Sundays, 3/15 & 3/22, 11:15 am, Lloyd Forum

In the **second session of a three-part Lenten Forum series**, we will review the Church's mission as union-making, and we will continue our work to understand the relationship between belief and knowledge. Morgan will explore how we make meaning, as well as how our understanding of Trinity Church's building and beauty has evolved over time – even as its gracious purpose has endured.

## AT A GLANCE

### Tuesday Holy Eucharist

Tuesdays, 12:15 pm, Church

### Wednesday Choral Evensong

Wednesdays, 5:45 pm, Church

### Free Friday Organ Recitals

Fridays, 12:15 pm, Church

### Women's & Men's Bible Studies

Wednesdays, 7:30 am, on Zoom; more info at [trinitychurchboston.org/biblestudy](http://trinitychurchboston.org/biblestudy)

### 20s & 30s Book Club Tues., 3/24;

visit [trinitychurchboston.org/20s30s](http://trinitychurchboston.org/20s30s)



Two volunteers serve at Rosie's Place in February. See all volunteer opportunities at [trinitychurchboston.org/volunteer](http://trinitychurchboston.org/volunteer)

## HOLY WEEK

### Honor Loved Ones with Gifts to Easter Flowers and Music Fund

Deadline Palm Sunday, 3/29; visit [trinitychurchboston.org/flowersandmusic](http://trinitychurchboston.org/flowersandmusic)

Honorary and memorial donations for Easter flowers and music will be gratefully received through Palm Sunday, March 29, in order to meet print deadlines for Easter worship bulletins.

Visit [trinitychurchboston.org/flowersandmusic](http://trinitychurchboston.org/flowersandmusic) to donate online, or contact the stewardship office, [Lkoester@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:Lkoester@trinitychurchboston.org), for information about donating by check.

### 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. Sign up to lend a hand at [trinitychurchboston.org/volunteer](http://trinitychurchboston.org/volunteer)

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