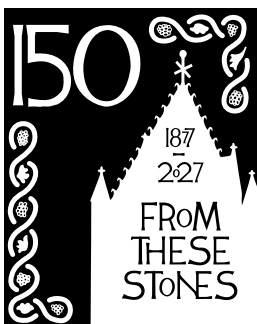


8 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Sunday, September 13

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



TRINITY CHURCH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON





TRINITYEvents

Catie's Closet provides free in-school "stores" run by volunteers, giving children direct access to clothing and more to attend class confidently. Learn more about long-term volunteer roles; email bashcraft@trinitychurchboston.org

ToDAY

Program Year Kick-Off Today

Today we return to our worship schedule of **8 am**, **10 am** (also livestreamed), and **5 pm**.



Our **10 am** worship service will include the **Blessing of the Backpacks**. Children (and teachers) are invited to bring their backpacks to be blessed for the upcoming school year. Calling all grandparents, godparents, aunts and uncles; please do take a tag (or several) to share a blessing with the young people in your life.

At **11:15 am**, we will gather for our **Annual Parish Photo** on Copley Square. The **Community Picnic** will follow on the Clarendon Lawn, with games and a barbecue feast! **Volunteers** for set-up and clean-up are very welcome; extra hands always appreciated! Sign up at trinitychurchboston.org/picnic

We are pleased to offer **nursery care** for little ones (ages 4 and younger) during the morning services.

FORUM SERIES

Scripture: Upon These and From These Stones

Sundays, **9/20** & **9/27**, 11:15 am, Lloyd Forum



Launching our 2026-2027 Program Year and anticipating our buildings' 150th anniversary (on February 9, 2027), the Rector, **the Rev. Morgan S. Allen**, will introduce our theme and its roots in **Matthew 3**. On Sun., Sept. 20, Morgan will offer scriptural, historical, and architectural context for our building, at the time of its creation and construction, and in the years since. On Sun., Sept. 27, Morgan will consider what has come "from these stones" of Trinity Church in the previous centuries, and what God hopes we as a congregation might accomplish in our own day and during the next 150 years.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday Holy Eucharist Tuesdays, 12:15 pm, Church

Join in **Holy Eucharist** each **Tuesday** in the Sanctuary. Services are kept to 30 minutes for those attending on their lunch hour.

Wednesday Women's & Men's Bible Studies

Wednesdays, 7:30 am, on Zoom

Led by the Trinity Clergy. Learn more and sign up at trinitychurchboston.org/biblestudy

Free Friday Organ Concerts Fridays, 12:15 pm, Church

Our weekly series of free organ concerts features innovative programs from recitalists around the world on Trinity's historic Skinner organ.

AROUND TRINITY

Sunday School Classes Resume for Children & Youth

Sundays starting 9/20, 11:15 am, Look for the green signs with room assignments. During formation hour, classes are offered to children from preschool through high school.

20s & 30s Bible Study

11:15 am, **Sundays starting 9/20**, Ferris Library

20s & 30s are invited to join in Bible Study after the 10 am service.



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LOOKING AHEAD

- Tues., **9/15** **12:15 pm** Weekly Tuesday Holy Eucharist
6:30 pm Monthly Cancer Support Pastoral Circle on Zoom
contact klonergan@trinitychurchboston.org
- Wed., **9/16** **10 am-2 pm** Serve Your Neighbor at Boston Living Center
see *all* volunteer dates and sign up at trinitychurchboston.org/volunteer
- Fri., **9/18** **12:15 pm** Weekly Free Fridays at Trinity Organ Concert
- Sat., **9/19** **9:30 am** Monthly Stitching in the Spirit Meeting
5-7 pm Youth Kick-Off Cookout RSVP at trinitychurchboston.org/youthcookout
- Sun., **9/20**  **11:15 am:** Forum Series I of II: From These Stones
11:15 am Weekly Children's & Youth Sunday School; 20s & 30s Bible Study Resumes
2-5 pm Monthly Serve at Rosies Place; see *all* volunteer dates
and sign up at trinitychurchboston.org/volunteer
- Tues., **9/22** **5-7 pm** Monthly 20s & 30s Pine Street Inn Night;
learn more and sign up at trinitychurchboston.org/20s30s
- Sun., **9/27**  **8 am & 10 am** Guest Preacher the Rev. Steven Tomlinson, Ph.D.
11:15 am: Forum Series II of II: From These Stones
12:15-1:15 pm New Family Welcome Brunch RSVP to keaster@trinitychurchboston.org
- Mon., **9/28** **4:30-6 pm** Serve at Pine Street Inn see *all* dates at trinitychurchboston.org/volunteer
- Tues., **9/29** **8:30 pm** Weekly Tuesday & Thursday Zoom Compline resumes
visit trinitychurchboston.org/compline
- Thurs., **10/1** Candlelight Carols + Handel's Messiah tickets go on sale. Sign up for Trinity's email list
to receive *first* notice about concert tickets and sales at trinitychurchboston.org/emails
- Sun., **10/4**  **9 am** Community Breakfast lend a hand at trinitychurchboston.org/volunteer
11:15 am Forum Series I of III: Walls, Windows & Women Artists
11:15 am Pop-Up Shop outside the Chapel
4 pm St. Francis Blessing of the Animals

SOLE TRAIN 5K



Trinity Boston Connects + Trinity Youth Cheer Squad

Sat., **10/3**, 9 am, Moakley Park Picnic Area, South Boston

Enjoy a morning of community, games, and celebration at Trinity Boston Connects' 12th Annual Sole Train 5K, a **fun, family-friendly run/walk and celebration** that kicks off another year of the Sole Train running program. Whether you're running, walking, or volunteering with our Cheer Squad, you'll be helping launch an incredible season for Young Soles. Pizza lunch and t-shirts included for all.

Sign up for the 5K at trinityconnects.org/sole-train-5k

Sign up for the Cheer Squad at
trinitychurchboston.org/cheersquad

Stream our 10 am Sunday worship at trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship

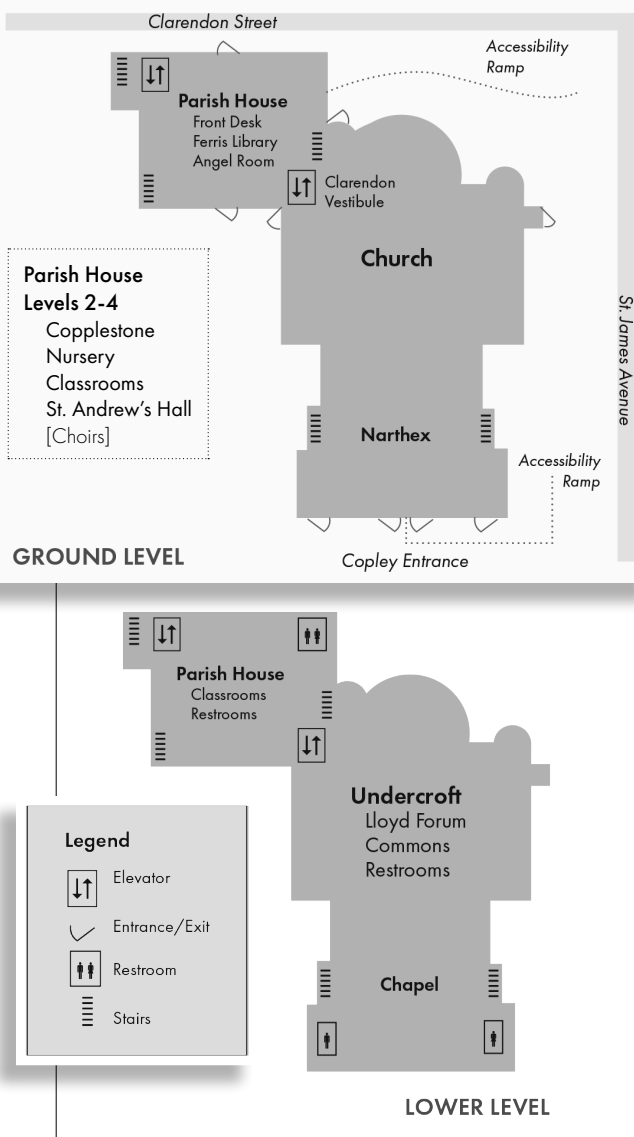
WELCOME



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.** starting Sept. 29
- 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.** starting Oct. 7
- 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) • Chuku Chijioke Okoli ('28) • Constance Perry ('28) • Peter Renner ('28) • Mary Roetzel ('27) • Peter Smiledge ('29) • 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

Welcome

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.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

WORD OF GOD

Reading Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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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.

We will pray the Psalm
responsively, by whole verse.

Psalm 103:8-13

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.

As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

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.



Learn more
about the
ministry we
prayed for
this week:

Art and Architecture at
[trinitychurchboston.org/](http://trinitychurchboston.org/ministries)
ministries.

Prayers of the People

I ask your prayers for the Church: for faithfulness to our Presiding Bishop, Sean; to our bishop, Julia; to us gathered here; and to all who serve the Church, today remembering ...

Let us pray for fidelity and flourishing.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the people of the world: for goodwill among nations and integrity among leaders; for healing among those who suffer in places of war and danger.

Let us pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those who feel alone: for connection with those we have ignored for our convenience; with those who have troubled us; and with those we have failed to serve.

Let us pray for companionship and community.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God: for inspiration to those visiting Trinity for the first time today; to those exploring The Episcopal Church; and to all those renewing their faith.

Let us pray for wonder and hope.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, today remembering ...

Let us pray for God's comfort and presence.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those who have died, today remembering ...

Let us pray for the communion of the saints in light and the consolation of all those who grieve.

Silence

I ask your thanksgivings for all the blessings of our common life: for the marvel of the cosmos; for the beauty of the world; and for the gift of this parish family.

Let us pray for grateful hearts and gracious lives.

Silence

I ask your prayers ...

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
May we have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Collect for Creation Care

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

*Whether you are here for the
day or are a long-time member,
we invite everyone celebrating
a recent or upcoming birthday
or anniversary of a marriage or
union to come forward
for a prayer.*

All we have and all we are is of God, and everyone has a faithful offering to make. All gifts received today will support Trinity's ministry, empower our service to the community, and sustain our historic buildings.

To make a gift online, please click here or use the QR code below to be taken to the secure form on our website.



Alternatively, you may also give in-person via the plates passed during the Offertory.

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

HOLY COMMUNION

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, for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever 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.

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.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus, for 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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

Eternal God,

**you have graciously accepted us as living members
of our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. 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 go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.