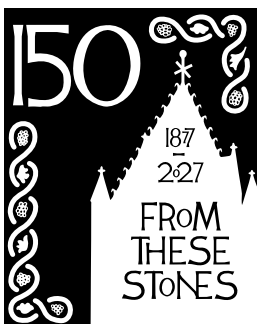


8 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Sunday, September 27

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



TRINITY CHURCH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON



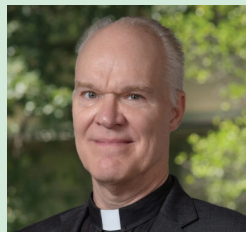


TRINITYEvents

ToDAY

Guest Preacher: The Rev Dr. Steven Tomlinson, Ph.D.

Sun., 9/27, 8 am & 10 am
(also livestreamed), Church



Dr. Tomlinson is an associate professor of leadership and administration at Seminary of the Southwest and holds a Ph.D. in economics from Stanford University.

Upon These and From These Stones

Sun., 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**.

Today, 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.

Sunday School Classes for Children & Youth

Sundays, 11:15 am; Look for the green signs with room assignments in the Parish House

During formation hour, classes are offered to children from preschool through high school.

New Family Welcome Brunch

Sun., 9/27, 12:15 pm, Ferris Library

Is your family new to Children's Ministry in the last year? Join in a New Family Welcome Brunch today at 12:15 pm; little ones welcome!

Learn more about Trinity's Children's Ministry at trinitychurchboston.org/children

Check out all upcoming volunteer opportunities at trinitychurchboston.org/volunteer



Follow @trinitychurchboston on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube

Candlelight Carols + Messiah tickets go on sale to the parish community this Thurs., Oct. 1.

Sign up for our email list and get first notice of tickets at trinitychurchboston.org/email

LOOKING AHEAD

Sole Train 5K + 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

You're Invited to Community Breakfast

Sun., 10/4, 9 am, Commons

Enjoy a free hot breakfast while gathered around a table with friends on the first Sunday of the month. All are welcome; hot coffee will be brewed and a chair waiting for you. *Lend a hand; sign up at* trinitychurchboston.org/communitybreakfast

Pop-Up Shop Sun., 10/4, 11:15 am, Narthex

Join us for a special Fall Pop-Up Shop immediately following the 10 am service in the Narthex. Inspired by the Artists of Trinity, the shop will feature unique gifts celebrating the church's remarkable architecture and interior decoration, along with artisan-made jewelry, stationery, and more. *Can't make the Pop-Up? The Shop is open during the week, and* shop.trinitychurchboston.org *is open 24/7.*

Fur, Fins & Feathers Welcome at the Blessing of the Animals

Sun., 10/4, 4 pm, on the West Porch

Join in for a 30-minute Blessing of the Animals service. All creatures great and small welcome!



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Trinity Highlights

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LOOKING AHEAD

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

- Mon., **9/28** **4:30-6 pm** Serve at Pine Street Inn sign up at trinitychurchboston.org/volunteer
- Tues., **9/29** **12:15 pm** Weekly Tuesday Holy Eucharist
8:30 pm Weekly Tuesday & Thursday Zoom Compline resumes
visit trinitychurchboston.org/compline
- Wed., **9/30** **7:30 am** Weekly Women's & Men's Bible Studies
on Zoom; visit trinitychurchboston.org/bible-studies
- 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/email
- Fri., **10/2** **12:15 pm** Weekly Free Fridays at Trinity Organ Concert
- 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 in the Narthex
4 pm St. Francis Blessing of the Animals on the West Porch
- Tues., **10/6** **6:30 pm** 20s & 30s Book Club visit trinitychurchboston.org/20s30s
6:30 pm Monthly CareGiving Pastoral Circle on Zoom,
contact klonergan@trinitychurchboston.org
- Wed., **10/7** **12 pm** Companions Lunch with Beverly Beckham RSVP: trinitychurchboston.org/companions
5:45 pm Weekly Choral Evensong resumes visit trinitychurchboston.org/choristers
- Sun., **10/11** **11:15 am** Forum Series II of III: Walls, **Windows** & Women Artists
- Mon., **10/12** Church & offices closed
- Tues., **10/13** **1 pm** Monthly PartnerCare Pastoral Circle on Zoom,
contact klonergan@trinitychurchboston.org
- Thurs., **10/15** Deadline for Youth to sign up for Confirmation; email rhughes@trinitychurchboston.org

Walls, Windows & Women Artists

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FORUM SERIES



11:15 AM IN THE CHURCH

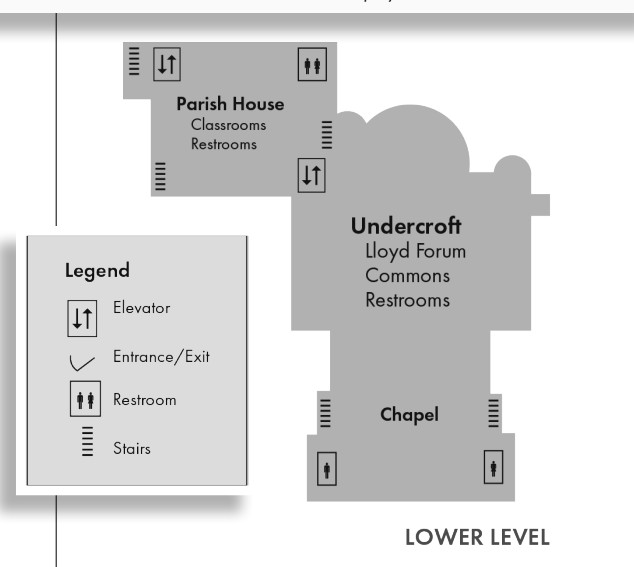
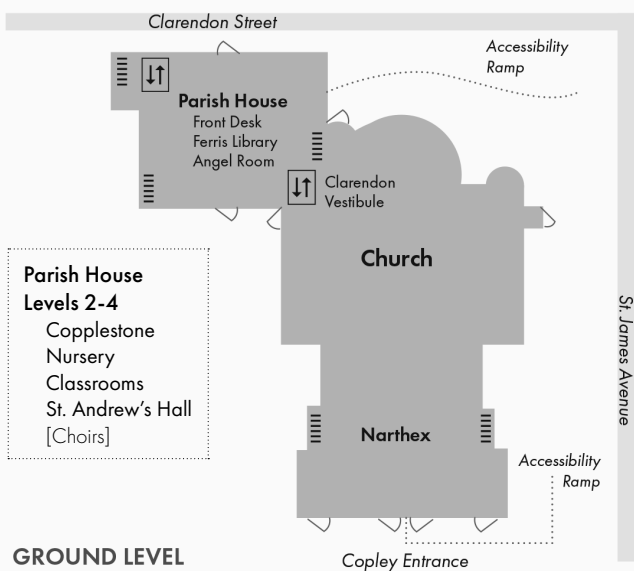
WELCOME



*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) • Chuks 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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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.

WORD OF GOD

Reading Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Psalm 25:1-8

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

**Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

Gospel Matthew 21:23-32

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Steven Tomlinson, PhD

Associate Professor of Leadership and Administration, Seminary of the Southwest

Vicar, Saint John's Episcopal Church, Columbus, Texas

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

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



Learn more
about the
ministry we
prayed for
this week:

**Stewardship Committee
and Trinity Circle Planned
Giving Ministry at
[trinitychurchboston.org/
ministries](http://trinitychurchboston.org/ministries).**

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.*

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, 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."

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.

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.
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