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*The Rev. William Rich, Interim Rector*

## God Made Manifest

“God in man made manifest.” So concludes each verse of one of the stirring hymns for Epiphany-tide, Hymn 135 (*The Hymnal 1982*), written by the Anglican bishop Christopher Wordsworth, youngest brother of the renowned poet, William Wordsworth. The verb “to be manifest” is a rough translation of the word epiphany, which could also be translated as “to be revealed.”

Jesus, Our Lord and Brother, is of course the man to whom the hymn refers. In verse after verse it recounts some of the many ways that Jesus, through his actions, revealed God’s powerful love at work. Revealed in his baptism as loving us enough to take on our sin and brokenness. Manifest at a wedding feast as one with us in joy, transforming water into enough wine (120-180 gallons!) showing us that God thinks the commitment to love is worth an enormous party. Revealed as one who loves us into wholeness, healing body and soul. Revealed in gracious act after gracious act, transforming the ills of our lives into goodness, even taking on death and transforming it into life that lasts.

All this is love in action, manifest in Jesus! With all this power and love shown forth in Jesus, it can be tempting to sit on our hands, take our ease, and think: “Compared to all this, there is nothing I can do that will matter or make any difference.” But how wrong-headed that would be. The hymn closes with a clarion call: God is manifest in every human being. It’s as if the hymn wants to say: Remember, God deeply desires to be at work in and through you, in and through each and every one of us! God in you made manifest.

Just as it is tempting to leave all the work of ministry to Jesus, as we look forward to the arrival of Morgan Allen as Trinity’s 21st Rector, we can catch ourselves fantasizing that the real place God will be manifest at Trinity is in the rector’s ministry. What a relief, we might think: Now Trinity’s ministry—our community’s health and growth, and the dynamic enacting of God’s love-in-action—is up to Morgan.

But God is manifest not just in Jesus, not just in Morgan, but in every one of us, and potentially at every moment of our lives. In church. At home. In our work and play places. “At all times and in all places” as the liturgy puts it. So the good news is that God’s love and power desire to be at work in us—all of us—through the Holy Spirit. That love-in-action is more powerful when we join hearts and hands, and do not assume it is all up to Jesus or the Rector.

As we enter these final days of the Epiphany season, I invite you to look both within yourself and then out into the parish and world around you, and ask: how does God want to be manifest in and through me, at Trinity, and in Boston and beyond? God’s deep desire is to make you and me together into a powerful and loving engine of ministry here in Copley Square and beyond. God in us made manifest!

Throughout 2019, may you know the blessing of God made manifest in you and through you.



The Rev. William W. Rich, *Interim Rector* 

# What Drew Us to Morgan Allen

*Hundreds of parishioners gathered on January 13 to hear Search co-chairs Mark Morrow and Jill Norton share how and why their Committee chose to recommend the Rev. Morgan Allen to be called as 21<sup>st</sup> rector of Trinity Church. Here are some of the highlights:*

What drew us to Morgan and made him a standout among an amazingly talented field (of candidates) was his power of pastoral attention and Christian love; his riveting, imaginative, and engaging preaching; his utter devotion to his wife Missy and their two dear children, Michael and Ginna; and his determination to build God's kingdom soul by soul and brick by brick.

Let's take a look at how Morgan lives into the dreams for Trinity's next rector spelled out by this parish in our profile.

**Is he a good and faithful pastor?** Oh my, yes. His whole life, since he was a young teen at an Episcopal summer camp, has been defined by his deep prayerful devotion to God and to the church. He has a genius for pastoral engagement, fully devoting himself to his parishioners, all of them, so that he can truly be present for them at the times when people most need their church, in times of sorrow, sickness and death and in special moments of joy, like Baptisms and weddings. In his parish, which is nearly as large as Trinity, Morgan seeks, and yearns to know *each* parishioner — literally — and know them well. We have seen that all of his other talents flow from this foundation of pastoral attention. He draws his parishioners in close, knows them, loves them and creates a family among his congregation.



*The Rev. Morgan Allen, Trinity's next rector.*

and imagine oneself in it. He can be and often is bold in a literary way—he is a wonderful writer—and also when occasions command comment on contemporary issues.

## **A gifted preacher?**

Indisputably, yes. Morgan's talent lies in preaching that connects us, our modern day lives and experiences, to the divine. He is a storytelling priest who references contemporary culture, current events and his own life and faith journey as means to connect all of us to the Word of God. It's hard to listen passively to Morgan's sermons—his preaching compels one to lean into his story



*Mark Morrow and Jill Norton, Search Co-chairs*

Google his sermon on the Confederate monuments controversy, which will, if you are anything like us, knock you off your chair. Ditto his sermon on the occasion of Bishop Curry's homily at the royal wedding; we read and heard many stirring sermons after the wedding, but none in Morgan's league... He "gives people a way to hear what he's saying, or peaceably walk away, without demanding or manipulating. That's a hard thing to pull off and he does it well." He can also be funny and lighthearted, making powerful use of his popular culture omniscience. Bruce Springsteen in his parlance is the fifth evangelist.

**A leader for all?** Morgan's natural inclination is to include others in the love of Christ. We heard an illustrative story from one of Morgan's references, a woman who leads a small, diverse parish in Houston, that several years ago, Morgan had been asked by his bishop to serve on a diocesan committee consisting of the ten largest parishes in the diocese. At the group's first meeting, Morgan looked around the table and noticed a room full of white men. Afterwards, he called the bishop and declined to participate in the committee—unless those with more diverse perspectives were invited to participate. The bishop agreed, and extended invitations to women and others to join.

Morgan has shown a deep commitment to confront racism and exclusion in all its forms. He has talked openly of his experience growing up in the segregated South. His recognition of and courage to confront these inequalities have also fueled his leadership at Good Shepherd in terms of his outreach efforts and the diversification of his staff...

**An inspiring teacher?** Most definitely. And an inventive one. Good Shepherd offers a range of formation opportunities for children and adults—expected and unexpected. Last year’s formation offerings were particularly exciting. When Morgan learned that one of his divinity school friends, the rector of St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome, was taking a sabbatical, Morgan hatched the idea of rotating his Good Shepherd clergy through that post with two week visits (a very nice way to build staff morale!) and to spend an entire fall going deep on Paul’s Letter to the Romans. It was full immersion, with the special permission from the bishop to veer from the lectionary. Looking at it from the outside, it seems like a Christian formation experience to truly envy.

**An experienced administrator?** Emphatically, yes. He has spent nearly 15 years leading parishes of increasing size and complexity. At Good Shepherd, he leads a lay staff of 16 full-time and 21 part-time employees, a clergy staff of 6 full-time priests and 3 assisting clergy. He oversees two campuses, which each include early childhood centers, as well as four rectories. He has completed every fiscal year with a surplus—without an endowment draw—and has built operating reserves to cover 5+ months of expenses. And, as a former member of his staff told us, Morgan, “does a great job of communication. Any time a decision is made, Morgan communicates—he does nothing behind

closed doors. He seeks transparency and shares the logic and reason behind decisions.”

**Will he engage in the city?** Creating the second campus and school is one piece of indisputable proof of his commitment to this. Here is another. Morgan, as part of his determination to push Good Shepherd into a deeper mission commitment, conceived the idea of partnering with an African American parish in Austin on a three-year odyssey—one year for the parishes to get to know each other in depth, one year spent together in pilgrimage to the capitals and monuments to racial cruelty and civil rights courage in the South, and one year to reflect together on what they learned. It is a beautiful, bold notion, but sadly one that Morgan, by coming here, won’t be in Austin to see through. But he will be here, and couldn’t we dream this dream, and walk this road too? Imagine.

***We hope you are beginning to get an early sense of why so many see in him perhaps the brightest star, after Bishop Curry, in the entire Episcopal Church.***

... He is simply an endlessly interesting, unfailingly energetic, intellectually curious, dauntingly hard-working priest and an utterly loving family man. Missy and he have raised two kind, smart, impeccably mannered and poised children. Our committee, in our time with them, fell in love with Team Allen—and we know that the rest of the congregation will, too.

Great things are coming to Trinity Church, and soon. 🌱

**KEY WORSHIP DATES**

**One 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist on Sun., 3/24**  
*Sun., 3/24, 10 a.m., Church*

Please join us for one 10 a.m. service of Holy Eucharist on Sun., March 24, followed by the Annual Meeting. There will also be a Holy Eucharist service at 7:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. on this day.

**Annual Meeting on Sun., 3/24**  
*Sun., 3/24, 11:15 a.m., Church*

The Parish Annual Meeting will be held in the Church immediately following a unified 10 a.m. service. The agenda will include reports on the 2018 and 2019 budgets, investments, and the election of new Vestry officers, members, and delegates to represent Trinity in diocesan meetings.

**Palm Sunday**  
*Sun., 4/14, 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., and 6 p.m., Church*

**Maundy Thursday**  
*Thurs., 4/18, 7:30 p.m., Church*

**Good Friday**  
*Fri., 4/19, 12-3 p.m., Church*

**Good Friday Concert: Charles Wood’s St. Mark Passion**  
*Fri., 4/19, 5:30 p.m., Church*  
Tickets, \$20, at [trinitychurchconcerts.org](http://trinitychurchconcerts.org)

**Easter Vigil**  
*Sat., 4/20, 8 p.m., Church*

**Easter Day**  
*Sun., 4/21, 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m., & 6 p.m.*

**The Rev. Morgan Allen Preaches at Trinity**  
*Starting 4/28*

Hear Morgan Allen preaching at every service on Sun., April 28.

# Meet the 2019 Slate of Nominees

At the Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 24, 2019, at 11:15 a.m., the parish will elect a new Senior Warden, Junior Warden, four members of the Vestry, and delegates to the Episcopal City Mission, the Diocesan Convention, and our region of the Diocese—the Boston Harbor Deanery. The process began with the Nominating Committee, appointed each year by the Wardens and the Vestry, which accepted candidate names for consideration and compiled this slate of nominees after a review of all those recommended. Chaired by Scott McIntyre, the 2019 Nominating Committee included Barbara Dortch-Okara, Listo Fisher, Peter Lawrence, Tim Martin, Mark Morrow, Scott McIntyre, The Rev. Bill Rich, Kathy Sheehan, and Megan Zug.



## **Mark S. Morrow**

*Senior Warden (term of four years)*

Mark has been a parishioner since 1993 and has served the parish in a variety of ways, most recently as Junior Warden and the co-chair of the Rector Search Committee. He has also served as a children's ministries teacher, as member and chairman of the Urban and Justice Steering Committee as well as the Outreach Leadership Committee, as co-chair of the Mission Task Force, and as a member of the Vestry from 2011-2015. He lives in Jamaica Plain with his wife, Kathleen Hirsch, and their son William.

third waiting in the wings), Chris has participated in the DOCC program, and with Habitat for Humanity. When not at Trinity, he is working as an in-house attorney for a biopharma company, cooking barbeque on a smoker, playing golf, skiing, reading, and spending time with his family.



## **Christopher Parris**

*Vestry (term of four years)*

Chris, a Trinity member since 2008, served on the Rector Search Committee, one of the Capital Campaign committees, and as co-chair of the 2017 Bonnyman Symposium Planning Committee. An early staff member of Trinity Education for Excellence Program (TEEP), he currently serves as Vice Chair of the Trinity Boston Foundation's Board of Directors. Chris is Vice President of Academic Programs of The Steppingstone Foundation. He and his wife, Suki Garcia, live in Weymouth.



## **Jill S. Norton**

*Junior Warden (term of two years)*

Jill has been at Trinity since 2004. She has served on the Vestry since 2017, has mentored acolytes, taught Sunday school, served as a DOCC facilitator and on the Outreach Leadership Committee, and co-chaired Trinity's 275th celebration. Most recently, she co-chaired the Rector Search Committee. Jill, her husband, Read, and two sons Noah and Ben are faithful participants in the Parish Family Weekend, and supporters of the Trinity Boston Foundation. Jill lives in Belmont and has spent her career supporting high quality public education.



## **Peter Renner**

*Vestry (term of two years)*

Peter has been a parishioner since 1989 and has served our parish in a variety of ways: as Co-Chair of the Stewardship Committee, Chair of the Children's Ministries Committee, in leadership positions in both of our most recent capital campaigns, and as member of the Investment Committee, Nominating Committee, TrinityNext Committee, and Homeless Task Force (2007). He currently serves with the Pine Street Feeding Team. He lives in Wellesley with his wife Mary, and they have three daughters, Madeline, Maggie, & Lindsey, all of whom were baptized at Trinity.



## **Chris Allen**

*Vestry (term of four years)*

Chris and his wife Izzy have been members at Trinity since 2004. He served for six years on the Stewardship Committee, including 3 years as co-chair; had the privilege of working on an Associate Rector search committee (2011-12). The proud parent of 2 choristers (with a



**Ania Wieckowski**

*Vestry (term of four years)*

Ania has been a Trinity parishioner for about 10 years, becoming a regular attendee and member of the choir 6 years ago. She has served on a number of choir committees, serves as a member of the Stewardship Committee, and most recently served on the Rector Search Committee. A resident of Brighton, she is an editor at *Harvard Business Review* and an avid hiker with favorite haunts on Mount Desert Island, the White Mountains, and England’s Lake District.



**Grace A. Elson**

*Delegate, Diocesan Convention*

*(term of two years)*

Grace has worshiped at Trinity’s 11:15 a.m. service since the 1990s. For the past two years, she has served as Trinity’s Alternate Delegate to the Diocesan Convention. Other church activities include being a lector, serving as a small group facilitator for DOCC, and participating as a member of a discernment group for priesthood, and of the Short Fiction on Faith group. Grace’s experience includes working for the Diocese, where she helped to restructure, coordinate, and train for the Safe Church and Anti-Racism programs. She currently resides in the South End, and is an Assistant Director for Academic Affairs on Boston University’s medical campus. She has recently completed a second masters’ degree in project management.



**Pamela Galgay**

*Alternate Delegate, Diocesan Convention*

*(term of one year)*

Since 1989, Pamela has been a pledging parishioner at Trinity, and is a member of Trinity Circle (planned giving). She has served in numerous ministries, most notably two four-year terms in Stewardship, and was part of the 2013 pilgrimage to Israel. Currently, Pamela convenes one of the Bible Study groups. After thirty years of running her executive search business, she recently retired. This allows her more time for activities like water aerobics, gym classes, golf, walking, reading, travel, and for spending time with friends and family, especially her daughter, Alison.



**Richard C.J. Henderson**

*Delegate, Boston Harbor Deanery*

*(term of two years)*

Richard and his wife Audrey have been attending Trinity since 1993. Richard has been involved in various outreach ministries over the years, including GBIO, the Oasis Feeding team, Trinity TEEP Tutoring, and the Dever School Book Drive. Most recently he has served as Trinity’s delegate to Episcopal City Mission. He is an Urban Planner, a member of the Boston Landmarks Commission, and served on the Building Master Plan Committee that led to the development of the Undercroft. Richard and Audrey live in Jamaica Plain, where they raised their daughters Helen and Emma.



**Craig Benton Nealy**

*Delegate, Episcopal City Mission*

*(term of one year)*

Craig, a native of northern Vermont, returned to Boston in 2015 after many years. At Trinity, Craig is a leader of the Anti-Racism Team and the LGBTQIA ministry. An architect, Craig practices out of a studio in the Back Bay.



**Pam Waterman**

*Delegate, Episcopal City Mission*

*(term of two years)*

Pam “walked into Trinity Church in 2000 and never left.” She regularly serves at the 9 a.m. service as either an usher (she is a member of the Usher Steering Team), Lay Eucharistic Minister, or Lay Liturgist. With the invaluable help of her wife Michelle Coleman, she led the Rosie’s Place ministry (2007-2012), and since 2016 has led the Habitat for Humanity ministry. She served as a member of the 2014 Mission Task Force and as Trinity’s Delegate to the 2017 Diocesan Convention. She played (“terribly!” she says) for the Paracletes until the softball team disbanded in 2018. Pam is a Project Director at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health as well as the Book Award Administrator for the Museum of African American History Stone Book Award. She and Michelle are originally from New York and live in Jamaica Plain.

# CELEBRATING the Ministry of the Rev. Rainey Dankel

On the first Sunday in March, we will bid a fond farewell and thank you to our priest and friend, Rainey Dankel, on the occasion of her retirement. Since coming to Trinity in 2012 as an Associate Rector, Rainey has made tremendous contributions to the life of this parish. Through her preaching, writing, guidance of many committees, and by setting a living example, she has gently and persistently taught us about what it means to be a Christian.

Her deep personal commitment to racial equity and social justice “have been critical to helping us to articulate what we mean by Outreach at Trinity,” says Barbara Bauman, who has worked closely with Rainey since the Response to Violence effort began in 2012.

***Rainey uses her life as a way to connect with others.***

With her guidance, the Bonnyman Symposium has been presented four times; the Anti-Racism Team has produced a racial history of Trinity Church, and a Prayer Book, and more than 125 Trinity parishioners and staff have attended anti-racism

trainings and workshops. There are now nearly 20 outreach-related ministries at Trinity, involving more than 300 parishioners and touching countless lives.

One of Rainey’s greatest gifts is that of a loving pastor. “Rainey uses her life as a way to connect with others,” according to Bauman. “She is fairly forthright about her personal experience—in a way that is vulnerable and courageous—which makes her counsel and comfort profound.”

Her willingness to be open and approach all people with an open-armed embrace has set an example for many. A big part of her success has been her ability to work and make friends with people throughout the community on behalf of our parish, which has helped to revitalize Trinity’s engagement with Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) and supported the growth of our collaborations with dozens of partners including Partakers/College Behind Bars, Boston Warm, Pine Street Inn, Trinity Boston Foundation, and several Boston public schools.

Rainey’s work to build God’s beloved community extended beyond the Boston area. Many parishioners remember the example she set by traveling to Charlottesville, Virginia, for an interfaith, multi-racial demonstration of God’s love to counter the racism and violence of a rally of white supremacists. A task force to consider how Trinity could engage internationally was spearheaded by her—and she has high hopes and confidence this work will continue after our new rector arrives.

Trinity has been blessed to have Rainey among us. We’ve been changed for the better. Godspeed, Rainey! 🌱



*Above, Rainey was a member of the GBIO strategy team for the rally that filled Trinity in 2015. Trinity Church file photo.*

*Left, Rainey grins as she preps for the Sole Train 5K at Jamaica Pond. Photo courtesy of Barbara Bauman*

# The Immigrant Journey: We Are Here

Since the Bonnyman Symposium on immigration held in November, Trinity has been privileged to host *We Are Here*, an exhibit of sculpture by award-winning artist Nora Valdez. Originally from Argentina, Valdez has a deep personal perspective on what it feels like to be an immigrant.

“The work is about a feeling that is best expressed in the saying: I am from here, there and nowhere,” writes Valdez. “The feeling of the dislocation experienced while in constant movement, seeking the solace of roots, shapes these sculptures and drawings.”

“In ‘IN THE BOAT/ UNPROTECTED,’ I express the feeling of abandonment of desolation that one feels in foreign lands and seas, with only the company of oneself, or one’s child in this case. Many people have been moved by this work, many of them remembering similar stories,” Valdez continues. “My intention is to show how difficult it is to be an immigrant...we are all in one way or another immigrants.”

Two of the artist’s monumental works can be seen at Trinity through early March *Motherhood* (2013) appears in the Narthex, and *IN THE BOAT/ UNPROTECTED* (2017) is in the Chapel. The exhibit also includes some smaller, and no less moving, pieces, including *Carrying Love* (2016) and *In My Heart* (2016). The exhibit was made possible through the generosity of an anonymous donation. 🌱





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**PRICE LECTURES 2019**

*An annual Lenten series exploring  
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*Flesh & Fire: Reincarnation and Universal Salvation in the Early Church*

**Charles**

**M. Stang,**

Professor of Early Christian Thought, Director of the Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity School, will offer us an introduction to Origen—the first great Christian theologian. Origen’s 3rd century writings, while declared heretical in the sixth century, are being reclaimed by a new generation of scholars within the Episcopal Church and beyond.

**Sun.**

**3/10**

1-2:30 p.m.  
Church

*The Rise and Fall of Adam and Eve*  
*“Forged in Crisis”: The Life Lessons of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Pulitzer Prize- and National Book Award- winning author of *The Swerve*, Harvard Professor **Stephen Greenblatt** will join us for an art-filled exploration of Adam and Eve, and examine the cultural and psychological power of the Genesis story.

**Sun.**

**3/17**

1-2:30 p.m.  
Church

How did faith and community sustain German pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer through years of persecution in Nazi Germany? What lessons does his witness offer us today? Prof. **Nancy Koehn** of Harvard Business School and author of *Forged in Crisis: The Power and Glory of Leading in Turbulent Times*, will offer us an overview of Bonhoeffer’s life and the difference he has made in the seven decades since his execution.

**Sun.**

**3/31**

1-2:30 p.m.  
Church