



# Welcome to Trinity Church

Whether you have worshipped here for years or are visiting our Episcopal Church for the first time, we are glad you are with us. We invite all to enter fully into worship and to explore the variety of learning, small group, and service opportunities that are part of our life together. To learn more, visit [trinitychurchboston.org](http://trinitychurchboston.org) and click on **New to Trinity**, or contact Mark Kharas, at [mkharas@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:mkharas@trinitychurchboston.org), 617-536-0944 x360.

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**Sunday, May 21, 2017**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Acts 17:22-31  
1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21

**Sunday, May 28, 2017**

Seventh Sunday of Easter

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Acts 1:6-14  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11

## Sunday Liturgy

Holy Eucharist *pages 1 & 2*  
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*in the City of Boston*

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# Holy Eucharist

*Found on p. 355 of the Book of Common Prayer*

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## Prelude

- May 21 9 AM *Fugue and Basse et Dessus de Trompette* from *Suite du Premier Ton*  
L.N Clérambault  
6 PM Hosanna (What the Lord Has Done in Me) comp. Reuben Morgan  
*Sung by the Hallelu singers* arr. Soweto Gospel Choir and Cathy McEvoy
- May 28 *Es ist das Heil uns kommen Herr* 17th c., Anonymous

## Hymn in Procession *Stand and sing for all hymns.*

- May 21 **Hymn 191** Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise (*Lux eoi*)  
May 28 **Hymn 460** Alleluia! sing to Jesus (*Hyfrydol*)

## Opening Acclamation & Collect of the Day *Remain standing.*

## Reading *Please be seated.*

## Psalm *Sung by the choir. BCP p. 674 & 676 for text.*

- May 21 Psalm 66:7-14 *Sung to an Anglican chant by John Davy (1763-1824).*  
May 28 Psalm 68:1-10 *Sung to an Anglican chant by Kellow J. Pye (1812-1901).*

## Gradual Hymn *Children leave for the Children's Homily. Look for the cross beneath the pulpit.*

- May 21 **Hymn 455** O Love of God, how strong and true (*Dunedin*)  
May 28 **Hymn 635** If thou but trust in God to guide thee (*Wer nur lieben Gott*)

## Gospel of Christ *Remain standing.*

## Sermon

## The Nicene Creed *BCP p. 358. Please stand.*

## Prayers of the People *The call and response are*

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

## The Peace *Children return to the service.*

## Announcements

## Offertory *The offering received during the anthem is our opportunity to give of ourselves to the glory of God. It supports our parish ministries and service to the community. See pages 5& 6 for anthem text.*

- May 21 9 AM *Jubilate Deo* H. Howells  
6 PM **Hymn 705** As those of old their first fruits brought (*Forest Green*)
- May 28 9 AM Lift up your heads W. Mathias  
6 PM **Hymn 495** Hail, thou once despised Jesus! (*In Babilone*)

*The preacher may be greeted at the Clarendon Street door.*

Prayer (BCP).

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## Presentation Hymn

*All praise, O risen Lord, we give to thee, who, dead, again dost live;  
to God the Father equal praise, and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.*

TEXT: HYMN 193, STANZA 5, THE HYMNAL 1982

**The Great Thanksgiving** *Prayer A, BCP p.361*

**Sanctus S-128** *Front section of The Hymnal 1982.*

**The Lord's Prayer** *See pew card for music.*

**Fraction Anthem S-171** *Front section of The Hymnal 1982.*

*All people, regardless of faith, tradition, or age, are welcome to receive Communion at Trinity Church.  
If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please come to the altar rail and cross your arms over your chest.  
Gluten-free wafers are available; simply ask the priest at the altar rail. Communion is at the left of the  
pulpit for those with ambulatory difficulty—or we can come to you. Please make yourself known to an usher.  
Please take any valuables with you when you leave your seat.*

**Music During Communion** *See pages 5 & 6 for anthem text.*

May 21 9 AM I know that my redeemer liveth J.M. Bach  
6 PM I will not leave you comfortless E. Titcomb  
9 AM & 6 PM **Hymn 704** O thou who camest from above (*Hereford*)

May 28 9 AM O God the King of Glory O. Gibbons  
6 PM Lift up your heads W. Mathias  
9 AM & 6 PM **Hymn 307** Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor (*Bryn Calvaria*)

**Postcommunion Prayer** *BCP p. 366. Please stand.*

**Blessing** *Remain standing.*


## Hymn in Procession

May 21 **Hymn 492** Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness (*Finnian*)  
May 28 **Hymn 450** All hail the power of Jesus' name! (*Coronation*)

## Dismissal

## Postlude

May 21 *Dialogue sur les grands jeux* from *Suite du Premier Ton* L.N. Clérambault  
May 28 *Jubilate* W. Mathias

*or after the service.*  *A free tour meets in front of the Eagle Lectern immediately following the 11:15 am service.  
On May 21, the altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Harry Lodge.*

# Morning Prayer & Sermon

*Found on p. 37 of the Book of Common*

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## Prelude

- May 21 *Fugue and Basse et Dessus de Trompette* from *Suite du Premier Ton*  
L.N Clérambault  
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17th c., Anonymous

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## Opening Sentences

### Preces

W. Smith of Durham

O Lord, open thou our lips. *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*  
O God, make speed to save us. *O Lord, make haste to help us.*  
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:*  
*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*  
*world without end. Amen.*  
*Praise ye the Lord.*

## Invitatory S-17 *Front section of The Hymnal 1982*

### Psalm *Sung by the choir. BCP p. 674 & 676 for text.*

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### Reading *Look for the cross beneath the pulpit.*

### Anthem *See pages 5 & 6 for text.*

- May 21 *Non vos relinquam*  
W. Byrd  
May 28 *The Lord gave the word, from Messiah*  
G.F. Handel

## Reading

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## Prayer (BCP).

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**The Apostles' Creed** *BCP p. 53*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Suffrages**

**Collect and Intercessions**

**The General Thanksgiving** *BCP p.58*

**The Peace**

**Announcements**

**Sermon Hymn**

May 21 **Hymn 704** O thou who camest from above (*Hereford*)

May 28 **Hymn 495** Hail, thou once despised Jesus! (*In Babilone*)

**Sermon**

**Offertory Anthem** *See pages 5 & 6 for text. Children return to the service.*

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May 28 *Coelos ascendit hodie*

B. Britten

C. Stanford

**Presentation Hymn**

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to God the Father equal praise, and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.*

TEXT: HYMN 193, STANZA 5, THE HYMNAL 1982

**Blessing**

**Hymn in Procession**

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**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

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# Music

## *in the* Liturgy

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**Anthem** *Jubilate deo*

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

*The text is that of S-12 (front section of The Hymnal 1982).*

**Anthem** I know that my redeemer liveth Johann Michael Bach (1724-1820)

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the firstfruits of them that sleep.

JOB 19: 25, 26; I CORINTHIANS 15: 20

**Anthem** I will not leave you comfortless Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)

I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you yet again. Alleluia. And your heart shall be joyful. Alleluia.

**Anthem** Lift up your heads William Mathias (1934-1992)

Lift up your heads, O ye gates,  
and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors,  
and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord strong and mighty,  
the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates,  
even lift them up, ye everlasting doors,  
and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory?  
The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.

PSALM 24:7-10

**Anthem** O God the King of Glory Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

O God, the King of glory, who [which] hast exalted thy only son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; we beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost, to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end [now and evermore]. Amen.

BCP, 1662 [1549]

**Anthem** *Non vos relinquam* William Byrd (1543-1623)

*Non vos relinquam orphanos. Alleluia. Vado et venio ad vos. Alleluia. Et gaudebit cor vestrum. Alleluia.*

I will not leave you comfortless. Alleluia. I will go away and come again to you, and your heart will rejoice. Alleluia.

JOHN 14: 18, 28

**Anthem** The Lord gave the word (from *Messiah*) George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

The Lord gave the word: great was the company of the preachers.

PSALM 68: 1

**Anthem** *Coelos ascendit hodie* Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

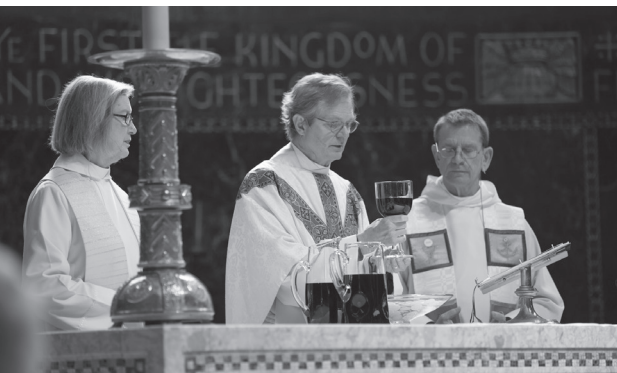
*Coelos ascendit hodie, Alleluia!  
Jesus Christus Rex gloriae, Alleluia!  
Sedet ad Patris dexteram, Alleluia!  
Gubernat coelum et terram, Alleluia!  
Jam finem habent omnia, Alleluia!  
Patris Davidis carmina, Alleluia!  
Jam Dominus cum Domino, Alleluia!  
Sedet in Dei solio, Alleluia!  
In hoc triumpho maximo, Alleluia!  
Benedicamus Domino, Alleluia!  
Laudatur Sancta Trinitas, Alleluia!  
Deo dicamus gratias, Alleluia! Amen.*

Today Jesus Christ, the King of glory, has ascended into the heavens, Alleluia! He sits at the Father's right hand, ruling heaven and earth, Alleluia! Now David's songs fulfilled, now is the Lord with his Lord, Alleluia! He sits upon the royal throne of God, in his greatest triumph, Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord: let the Holy Trinity be praised, Let us give thanks to the Lord, Alleluia! Amen.



# Trinity Events

SUNDAYS, MAY 21 & 28, 2017



## SUNDAY HIGHLIGHTS

**Nursery to Be Named for Bettie Coplestone Sun., 5/21, 10:15 am, Tapestry Hall • See page 2**

**Libations & Learn Sun., 5/21, 7:15 pm, Commons**

Our usual simple supper will be augmented by wine and beer and a fascinating presentation by **Keith Morgan**, one of the co-chairs of the *How Firm a Foundation* campaign. Keith, professor emeritus of architectural history at Boston University, will discuss how our church building and the ministries it facilitates have inspired Bostonians and the world beyond since Trinity's dedication in 1877. He will also review what exactly will be happening over the coming months as our beloved building become a construction site, like many other locations throughout the city. All are welcome!

**Save the Date! Trinity Sunday, 6/11, 10 am**

10 am service of Celebration & thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. Sam Lloyd and the conclusion of the *How Firm a Foundation* campaign followed by a festive reception.

**Rector Search Seeks Committee Members by 5/22 • See page 4**

**Nigerian Christian Fellowship Sun., 5/28, 12:15 pm, Forum • See page 2**



*Children's Homily and Childcare offered at 9 & 11:15 am. Childcare is available for infants and pre-schoolers in the Nursery located on the second floor of the Parish House in Tapestry Hall. Children in K-5th grades worship with their families; they may leave before the sermon for the Children's Homily and return at the Peace.*



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# HIGHLIGHTS

## **Summer and Nurturing the Soul** *Sun., 5/21, 10:15 am, Forum*

Join members of your clergy team for a look at some things you might want to read that will nurture your soul this coming summer.

## **Nursery to Be Named for Bettie Coplestone**

*Sun., 5/21, 10:15 am, Tapestry Hall*

For more than sixty years (1954-2015), Elizabeth “Bettie” Coplestone provided love and care to children of Trinity Church and support and warmth to their grateful families as the Nursery Founder and longtime caregiver. In her honor and memory, the Nursery will be named for Bettie with a brief presentation and celebration. Parents and children of all ages who were cared for by Bettie are welcome to attend. **Contact** Cathy Portlock Pacitto, [cportlock@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:cportlock@trinitychurchboston.org), 617-536-0944 x236

## **Call me Kuchu Discussion w/ Activist John Wambere**

*Sun., 5/21, 1-2:30 pm, Ferris Library*

Join Ugandan LGBTQ activist John Wambere for a discussion of the current situation of the LGBTQ community in Uganda. Building on the screening of the film *Call Me Kuchu* on May 17, everyone is welcome to attend whether or not you have seen the film.

## **Nigerian Christian Fellowship** *Sun., 5/28, 12:15 pm, Forum*

Trinity’s Nigerian Christian Fellowship consists of Nigerian Anglicans who attend Trinity and other Episcopal churches in Boston. We meet the last Sunday of the month following the 11:15 am service. The whole family is welcome as we gather for Bible study. **Contact** Joyce Nwosu, [joycenwosu@yahoo.com](mailto:joycenwosu@yahoo.com)

## **Fridays at Trinity Organ Concerts** *Fridays through 6/16, 12:15 p.m., Church*

This weekly series of midday organ concerts features innovative programs by recitalists from around the world. There is no charge for admission, but we invite a donation of \$10.

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## NEW TO TRINITY?

### 4 Fast Ways to Get Connected

1. Meet a clergy person after the 9 & 11:15 am services in front of the Baptistry (front-right side of the church).
2. Stop by the Welcome Desk in the Narthex (by the front doors) on Sunday mornings.
3. Look for a Welcome Minister wearing a green button before or after any service.
4. Join us for Simple Supper in the Commons after the 6 p.m. service

**We look forward to getting to know you!**

**Contact** Mark Kharas, [mkharas@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:mkharas@trinitychurchboston.org), 617-536-0944 x360

## LOOKING AHEAD

### **Tribute Book for Sam Lloyd** *Sundays, during am coffee hours and after the 6 pm service, Commons*

All are invited to share a favorite memory, photo, or message of gratitude, and all entries will be compiled into a Memory Book that will be presented to Sam upon his retirement on Trinity Sunday, June 11. To contribute to the book, stop by the table in the Commons,



mail to [phurley@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:phurley@trinitychurchboston.org), or share via Google at [bit.ly/PhotosForSam](http://bit.ly/PhotosForSam)

### **Honor Trinity's History in Downtown Crossing** *Tues., 5/23, 10:30 am, Location to be provided upon RSVP*

Join Trinity leaders and other members of the community to celebrate the history of the Filene's block with the rededication of the first and second buildings of Trinity Church in the City of Boston. Hosted by Millennium Partners. **RSVP** to [response@mdaboston.com](mailto:response@mdaboston.com)

### **Youth Ministry Summit** *Sun, 6/4, 10:15 am, Forum*

Youth, parents, mentors and all interested parties encouraged to attend. We will lay out some calendar framework and some hopes and goals for next year in youth ministry at Trinity including confirmation details.

### **Sing with the Summer Choirs!** *Beginning Sun., 6/18*

The Summer Choir is the ideal time to give it singing in the Trinity Choir a try. Wonderful music, sparkling company and a different perspective on worship—these blessings may be yours! We ask only that you have some music-reading ability, some choral experience, and a commitment to punctuality. **Contact** Marissa Hall, Music Administrator, [mhall@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:mhall@trinitychurchboston.org)

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

### **Our How Firm a Foundation Campaign** **The Time to Pledge is Now**



Have you pledged yet? We need you! Pledge cards are in the pews and information is available online and at the Front Desk. We are hoping to have all pledges in no later than June 4. Thank you to the hundreds who have already committed to How Firm a Foundation, bringing our current total to more than 89% of our \$25 million goal! Your support will renew our building for worship, welcome, and community, as well as deepen our outreach and justice ministries for many years to come. Pledges and gifts may be made to: Trinity Church, 206 Clarendon Street Boston, MA 02116, Note: How Firm a Foundation. For more info, contact Director of Stewardship Adam Dawkins, [adawkins@trinity-churchboston.org](mailto:adawkins@trinity-churchboston.org), 617-536-0944, or visit [trinitychurchboston.org/give](http://trinitychurchboston.org/give)

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

We invite you to share your God-given gifts with the parish, the city, and beyond, by participating in one of Trinity's many ministries. You may find that lives—including your own—will be changed for the better. For a full list and calendar of opportunities, please visit [trinitychurchboston.org/serve](http://trinitychurchboston.org/serve)



### Rector Search Seeks Committee Members

*Applications due Mon., 5/22*

Do you have great communication skills? Work well in Committee settings? Have good judgment about people? Submit an application to serve on the Parish Profile Committee or the Search Committee. The parish of Trinity Church will put tremendous faith in our Parish Profile Committee to create an accurate profile that attracts qualified candidates, and a Search Committee that selects the very best candidate to lead us into the coming years. Detailed information and applications are available at the Parish House front desk, or [trinitychurchboston.org/news](http://trinitychurchboston.org/news).

### Sunday Night's Living Bread Info Session *Sun., 5/21, 3 pm, Location TBA*

**Contact** Liz Soteros-McNamara, [liz.soterosmc@gmail.com](mailto:liz.soterosmc@gmail.com), or Ginnie Walden, 781-913-9631

**Prepare & Serve Dinner at Rosie's Place** *Wed., 5/24 & Tues, 5/30, 4 pm, 889 Harrison Ave., Boston* **RSVP to** Steve Plotner, [s.plotner@thegordiangroup.com](mailto:s.plotner@thegordiangroup.com), 617-852-6906

### Support Sole Train at the Run to Remember! *Fri., 5/26-Sun., 5/28*

Sole Train: Boston Runs Together has been training all year for this race. Sign up to volunteer to show your support of the race and of those courageous Sole Train runners!

Register at [bostonsruntoremember.com/boston/volunteer.html](http://bostonsruntoremember.com/boston/volunteer.html)

Questions? **Contact** Jess Leffler, [jleffler@trinityinspires.org](mailto:jleffler@trinityinspires.org)

### Walk For Hunger Donations Welcome

Thanks to you, we raised \$1682.50 at our Bake Sale, a new record! We are now at 91% of our Team Trinity Goal of \$20,000. Through 6/30, you can still contribute to our efforts to help hungry people in Massachusetts by **check**; make out to Project Bread, and leave at Parish House Desk or give to Chris DeVany, Team Leader (617-308-8070, [cdevany@ppiwi.com](mailto:cdevany@ppiwi.com)), or by visiting [support.projectbread.org/goto/trinitychurchboston](http://support.projectbread.org/goto/trinitychurchboston)

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**Do you have information** for *TrinityEvents*, website, or other publications? Send your events, listings, and plans to [trinityevents@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:trinityevents@trinitychurchboston.org). Deadlines are available at [trinitychurchboston.org/publications](http://trinitychurchboston.org/publications)

# HOURS & INFORMATION

## Sunday Services at Trinity

- 7:45 am *Simple, quiet Holy Eucharist*
- 9 am *Community Holy Eucharist with youth Choristers & Choir*
- 11:15 am *Traditional Morning Prayer with Choir; Holy Eucharist first Sundays*
- 6 pm *Come as you are Holy Eucharist; with Choir*
- 7:15 pm *Sacred Silence: Contemplative Prayer*
- 8 pm *Compline: Choral music, candlelight, plainsong, silence, peace*

## Weekday Services at Trinity

- 5:45 pm Weds. *Choral Evensong with the Trinity Choristers (through 6/7)*
  - 12:10 pm Thurs. *Midday Eucharist with Healing in the Chapel (through 6/15)*
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### Church *(last admittance 15 minutes before closing)*

Sun. 7:30 am-8 pm • Tues. through Sat. 10 am-5 pm • Closed Mon.

### Church Open for Touring

Sun. 12:15-4:30 pm • Tues. through Sat. 10 am-4:30 pm • Closed Mon.

### Parish House

Sun. 7:30 am-8 pm • Mon., Fri. & Sat. 8:30 am-5 pm

Tues., Weds. & Thurs. 8:30 am-9 pm

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**Senior Staff** *The Rev. Samuel T. Lloyd III, Rector • The Rev. William W. Rich, Vicar • The Rev. Rainey G. Dankel, Associate Rector for Community Engagement & Ministry Development • The Rev. Patrick C. Ward, Associate Rector for Pastoral Ministries and Welcome • The Rev. Rita T. Powell, Associate Rector for Worship • Adam Dawkins, Director of Stewardship • Patricia Hurley, Director of Communications • Karen Jarret, Director of Facilities • Cathy Portlock Pacitto, Director of Children's Ministries • Joan Mansfield Roberts, Director of Finance & Human Resources • Richard Webster, Director of Music • Sarah Wilcox, Senior Parish Administrator • Louise Burnham Packard, Executive Director of the Trinity Boston Foundation • Each can be reached at [bit.ly/TrinityStaff](http://bit.ly/TrinityStaff)*

**Vestry** *Peter Lawrence ('19), Senior Warden • Mark Morrow ('21), Junior Warden • Geoffrey Smith ('20), Treasurer • Marva Nathan ('18), Clerk • Thomas Claflin ('19) • Ralph Cole ('18) • Colin Diver ('20) • Listo Fisher ('19) • Pauline Haddad ('20) • Mark A. King ('20) • Lonsdale Koester ('19) • Grace Lyons ('18) • Patricia Lassiter ('21) • Keith Morgan ('18) • James Morgan ('21) • Jill S. Norton ('21) • Each can be reached at [bit.ly/TrinityVestry](http://bit.ly/TrinityVestry)*

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**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.*