# 9:45 AM

## MORNING PRAYER, RITE II

WITH PRAYERS FOR GRADUATES & THEIR FAMILIES Sunday, May 23, 2021 The Day of Pentecost

> TRINITY CHURCH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON



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FYI: Trinity Boston Connects is looking for runners to join Team Trinity in the 2021 Boston Marathon. Email Daisy Guzman for more information.

### **NEW TO TRINITY?**



Whether you're new among us or you've been worshiping here for years, we look forward to

helping you make a home for faith here at Trinity.

## **Fill out the form at this link so** we can get to know you better.

TODAY

### Congratulations to Trinity's Graduating Seniors

Today, 5/23, 9:45 am

Today is Senior Sunday! Join us during **9:45 am Morning Prayer** to hear from Trinity's graduating high school seniors and celebrate them as they head off into new adventures.

### Forum Series • Into *The Acts* The Gift of the Holy Spirit: Pentecost and Beyond

### Today, 5/23, 7 pm, **on Zoom**

As we come to the close of our five-week Eastertide series on *The Book of Acts*, please make plans to join us as we explore the story of Pentecost in chapter two of *Acts* and the profound gift of the Holy Spirit that pulses throughout the entire book.



Dial in with 1-646-558-8656, and enter Meeting ID: **827 2525 5709** 



### REGATHERING

### Respond to our Trinity Regathering Survey by Trinity Sunday, May 30

We are eager to hear of your hopes, anxieties, and readiness for our regathering. To that good end, we ask each member of your household 16 and older to complete



the simple questionnaire by Trinity Sunday, May 30.

### Trinity Sunday of Giving

Sun., 5/30

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through social media, all with the invitation for you and yours to make a gift – in any amount – to the parish. All the gifts we receive will go toward offsetting the costs of our safe return to Copley Square, and toward our continued delivery of high-

quality, live-streamed and pre-recorded worship and programs for those who, come September, are not ready to regather in-person.

For more parish news about Trinity Sunday of Giving, and regathering, please see the TrinityVoices section at the end of this document.



### OPENING RITE

#### Prelude *'Choral Varié* on *Veni, Creator Spiritus'* Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Opening Acclamation Alleluia! Christ is risen. **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia**!

Welcome

#### Worship at Trinity

When the text of this worship booklet is in **bold**, it is spoken or sung by all.

Leaders of the service will also lead these **bold responses** for the benefit of those worshiping from home.



Sentences of Scripture

### THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

#### Invitatory

In celebration of Jesus' passage from death into life, we omit the Confession during the Easter season.



O Lord, how manifold are your works! \* in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, \* creatures both small and great. There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \* which you have made for the sport of it. All of them look to you \* to give them their food in due season. You give it to them; they gather it; \* you open your hand, and they are filled with good things. You hide your face, and they are terrified; \* you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust. You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \* and so you renew the face of the earth. May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \* may the Lord rejoice in all his works. He looks at the earth and it trembles; \* he touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \* I will praise my God while I have my being. May these words of mine please him; \* I will rejoice in the Lord. Bless the Lord, O my soul. \* Hallelujah!

### THE LESSONS

#### Reading Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

`In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.""

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

Canticle 'Jubilate Deo in B flat' C. V. Stanford (1852-1924)

> O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Sung by the choir.

#### Reading John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

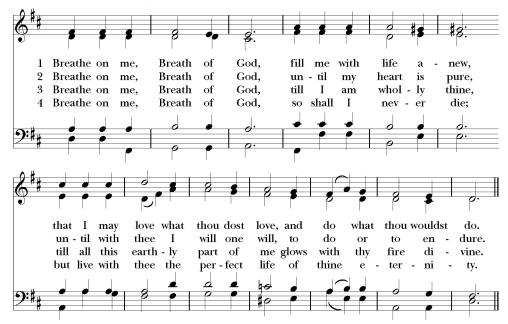
Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

Hymn 508 'Breathe on me, Breath of God'



The Apostles' Creed I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

#### The Lord's Prayer

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.

#### Suffrages B

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance; Govern and uphold them, now and always.

#### Day by day we bless you; We praise your Name for ever.

Lord, keep us from all sin today; Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

For we put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope; And we shall never hope in vain.

#### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### **Collects & Intercessions**

#### Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in themidst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

#### Amen.

#### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

#### Announcements

#### Graduating Seniors' Reflections

#### Prayer for Graduating Seniors

#### Let us pray.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for these young people, and we celebrate the men and women they have become. As their lives become more their own, make your presence known to them. Surround them with true friends and steadfast mentors. Help them to discover their own giftedness and to use those gifts to your Glory. Keep far away those temptations which would keep them from becoming who you intend them to be. Sustain in them a desire for what is truly good, as they go forth to do the work you have given them to do. **Amen.** 

#### Prayer for Graduates' Parents

#### Let us pray.

God of mercy and love, embrace these parents with your grace. Increase in them a spirit of wisdom and generosity. Teach them to release into your care those whom they hold most dear. Help them to remember that they can neither walk the journey for their children nor shield them from pain. Renew their strength and rekindle their passion as they discover anew your calling on their lives. And carry them all safely back to one another, so that one day they may stand together as adults and friends – a holy family – from generation to generation. **Amen.**  Collects are prayers that "collect" our intentions for any given occasion. In addition to the "Collect of the Day," the Officiant will pray additional collects appropriate for this Sunday.

The graduating seniors stand; their parents and siblings are encouraged to lay a hand upon their shoulder as the prayer is pronounced.

The parent(s) stand(s); their family members are invited to lay a hand upon their shoulder as the prayer is pronounced. Hymn 516 'Come down, O Love divine'



Sermon The Rev. Morgan S. Allen, Rector

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Offertory 'Make our church one joyful choir' Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

> Make our church one joyful choir on this glad and festive day, And by song invoke the fire that invites our hearts to pray: Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name.

> Bend us low by song and prayer, low enough to lift the cross And to take the weight and bear love's uncounted final cost: Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name.

> Lift us up by song and prayer till the way we deal with loss And our acts and words of care trace the pattern of your cross: Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name.

> Bend us, lift us, make us strong, send us out with wind and fire, So the world may hear the song that we offer as your choir: Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name.

TEXT: THOMAS TROEGER (B. 1945)

Blessing

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 and you will be taken to the secure form on our website.



Hymn 511 'Holy Spirit, ever living'

Dismissal and Concluding Sentence

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Postlude 'Komm, Gott Schöpfer, heiliger Geist, BWV 667' Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)





### TRINITY SUNDAY OF GIVING & REGATHERING UPDATE

Dear Trinity Church and Friends,

Grace and Peace this spring Tuesday. I hope you and yours continue to stay well as our Program Year nears its conclusion this weekend.

With optimism and excitement, I write to announce a new event in our Trinity calendar and, along with Dr. Niven R. Narain, to share important updates from our Regathering Task Force.

### Trinity Sunday of Giving

I hope you will join me in looking forward to Sunday, May 30 – Trinity Sunday in the Church calendar – for a day-long event that will build meaningful momentum and capacity for our inperson reopening.

#### Overview

Our "Trinity Sunday of Giving" will begin promptly at midnight as the clock and calendar turn to May 30, and the initiative will run for 24 hours. During that day, we will be in touch often during worship, via email, and through social media, all with the invitation for you and yours to make a gift – in any amount – to the parish. All the gifts we receive will go toward offsetting the costs of our safe return to Copley Square, and toward our continued delivery of high-quality, live-streamed and pre-recorded worship and programs for those who, come September, are not ready to regather in-person.

#### What to Expect

We hope that this "Trinity Sunday of Giving" will launch an annual tradition, each year focused on a different, extra-budget opportunity. Importantly, the event will *focus on the number of gifts received, rather than the dollar amount raised.* This focus allows for equity in our appeal; everyone can participate at the same level, for every gift will count the same: *as one.* We intend this emphasis to affirm the sufficiency of our annual Stewardship program endeavored in fall, while also reaching those who have not, yet, made a pledge, or who customarily give when on-campus for our ministries. The program will build energy throughout the day with inspiring messages and challenges that prioritize giving through mobile devices and through means (PayPal, Text-To-Give, Apple Pay, Google Pay, etc.) uncommon to our Stewardship system. If you have not made an online gift before, this will be your chance to give that technology a whirl!

#### How to Help

Most importantly, of course, please plan to make a gift on Trinity Sunday! And if your mom and dad back home in Peoria, or your college roommate out in Denver, or your godchild in Sarasota, have been enjoying our "From Home" worship and programs for this last year, forward directly to them some of our emails, so that they can lend their generous support and express their thanks for this pandemic adventure we have experienced together. Likewise, we hope you will share our posts to your Facebook page or Instagram Story, so that as many people as possible can participate in the day.

Finally, we hope that you will pray for this new program. On Trinity Sunday, we celebrate the God who, by nature, is a community, and we ask you to pray that our efforts on that day will renew and enrich our Trinity Church community as we happily anticipate being together again.

Stay tuned for more updates between now and May 30, and, if you have questions – including how you can make a gift in advance – please email Alison Poor at **apoor@trinitychurchboston.org**.

With high hopes, The Rev. Morgan S. Allen *Rector* 

### **Regathering Updates**

Dear parish family,

Though we have enjoyed our creative connections during the pandemic, we are ready – so ready! – to regather in person and be that vital Trinity Church community God calls us to be. *Like many, then, we rejoiced at last week's update from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.* Just as our state and civic officials are now considering their responses to the guidance, so, too, are our Diocese of Massachusetts and your parish leadership proactively discerning the same.

We recognize that our coming together as a church community – a large, complex, and broadly inclusive congregation located in a tourist and city center, drawing worshippers from all over Eastern Mass (and, in summertime especially, from all over the world) – presents peculiar challenges and opportunities. *Therefore, as we carefully consider the science, mind the social data, and hold fast our plans to return in-person on Sunday, September 12, our strategies and timelines will necessarily be different than those of our local Costco or favorite pizza parlor.* Our Regathering Task Force has called a meeting for tomorrow to touch base about the new guidance, in advance of our regular meeting next Wednesday, May 26. The Task Force will then present to the Vestry at its June meeting, and will be in touch with the whole parish soon thereafter.

Importantly, we are eager to hear of your hopes, anxieties, and readiness for our regathering. *To that good end, we have launched a short survey on Thursday, May 20.* We ask each member of your household 16 and older to **complete the simple questionnaire by Sunday, May 30**.

In the meantime, we can now announce the glad return of our "Prayer on the Square" outdoor worship, beginning at 9 am on Sunday, June 6! An in-person, morning liturgy hosted from the West Porch of Trinity Church and facing Copley Square, we will first complete the rotation of parish subsets (divided alphabetically by last name) that we began last fall:

- June 6: K-R
- June 13: S-Z

Pandemic conditions allowing, any and all can join us on the Square every week beginning Sunday, June 20 (noting that our 9:45 am "Worship from Home" liturgies will also continue throughout summer).

### AT A GLANCE

### **Regathering Survey**

Please fill out the **Regathering Survey** by Sunday, May 30.

### **Trinity Sunday of Giving**

This special day of fundraising is Sun., May 30. Funds raised will go toward offsetting the costs of our safe return to Copley Square, and toward our continued delivery of high-quality, live-streamed and pre-recorded worship and programs for those who, come September, are not ready to regather in-person.

### Prayer on the Square

Prayer on the Square is open to all starting Sun., June 20, at 9 am, on Copley Square.

### Worship from Home

Worship from Home continues at 9:45 am on Sunday throughout the summer.

### **TEEP Returns to Copley Square**

**Trinity Education for Excellence Program** (TEEP) annually serves 120-150 seventh-twelfth grade youth of color in Boston with a values-based enrichment curriculum focused on personal and community growth.

### **Special Services**

If you would like to schedule a baptism, wedding, or funeral, please contact Alison Poor at **apoor**@ *trinitychurchboston.org*  We are pleased to report that our broader procession back to Copley Square continues apace, as well, following the steps we named earlier this spring. *Last week, we concluded our Easter-season "Touching Home" and home-Communion pilgrimages,* with scarcely an appointment left open. We give thanks to everyone who made this program possible, offering special gratitude to our Visitor Services team and to the many members of the parish who participated.

Moreover, we have now celebrated our first inperson marriage rite since the pandemic began, and this Saturday of Pentecost weekend – come, Holy Spirit, come! – we will host our first baptism since last year. *These small-group pastoral liturgies will continue during weekends through late June*. All the while, we continue to schedule baptisms, weddings, and funerals for the fall, when we pray constraints will be fewer. If you have a service you hope to schedule, we invite you to be in touch with Alison Poor at **apoor@trinitychurchboston.org**.

Finally, from the last week of June, to the first week of August, our collective attention will turn more exclusively to **Trinity Boston Connects' TEEP** ("Trinity Education for Excellence Program"). TEEP annually serves 120-150 seventh-twelfth grade youth of color in Boston with a values-based enrichment curriculum focused on personal and community growth. Along with the Trinity Boston Counseling Center, TEEP began as a ministry of our parish, and we host its centerpiece, summer program in our Copley Square spaces.

The joy and energy of these July weeks of TEEP make not only our hearts, but our very buildings sing! This will be the first program TBC has hosted in-person since the pandemic began, and we are absolutely committed to doing our part to ensure its best success within the necessary precautions. That commitment will require the full attention of our facilities and interconnected staff teams, and we ask for your prayers as we welcome the TEEP community back home. As always, we give thanks to God for the many blessings of our parish family. While our coordination continues, we ask for your grace, patience, and understanding. You can trust that we have set our whole hearts to this joyful labor of our safe regathering, and, with the Holy Spirit's stirring and sustenance, we trust that we will be together soon.

Looking forward to being with you, Dr. Niven R. Narain Co-Chair Regathering Task Force

The Rev. Morgan S. Allen *Rector* 

If you are new among us and would like to recieve news like this about Trinity in your inbox, please fill out an online welcome form.

