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HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Sunday, September 18

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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IN THE CITY OF BOSTON



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TODAY

Welcome, the Very Rev. Dr. Michael Battle!

Today, 9/18; Dr. Battle to preach all services and teach at 11:15 am

Welcome to Trinity Church the Very Rev. Dr. Michael Battle, our inaugural Theologian-In-Community! Dr. Battle will preach all day, meet-and-greet at our 9 am Coffee & Community Hour, and at our first 11:15 Forum of the Program Year, overview the "Ubuntu Circle" model that will become the standard for all Trinity's small-group ministries.



New (But Not for Long!) Gathering

Today, 9/18, 6:15 pm, Undercroft

Meet the Very Rev. Dr. Battle, eat some good food, connect with other parishioners (especially our college, grad and young professionals group!) and join us in gladness and singleness of heart! Come as you are, you are welcome here.

Choristers Open House

Today, 9/18, 12 – 4 pm; meet in St. Andrew's Hall (4th floor of Parish House)

Do you know a child, age 8 and up, who loves to sing? The Chorister program at Trinity Church offers an extraordinary opportunity to learn music, singing, leadership, teamwork, responsibility, commitment, and have fun! Choristers learn about the faith and engage in the life of the church through their active leadership of worship. Parents often say that the Chorister program is a deeply transformative experience for their children.



See what it's like to be a chorister! The Choristers are holding an Open House today for an afternoon of rehearsals and activities, with lunch included.

Learn more about the Chorister program by emailing Colin Lynch, Interim Director of Music at clynch@trinitychurchboston.org.



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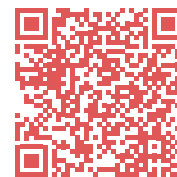
NEXT WEEK

Celebrating the Rev. Patrick C. Ward

Sun., 9/25, Receptions to follow worship at 11:15 am and 6:15 pm



Fête the Rev. Patrick Carroll Ward on his final Sunday with us, celebrating both his long ministry at Trinity Church and his call as the next rector of Church of the Holy Spirit in Orleans, Mass! Patrick will preach all day and join our 9 am Coffee & Community Hour, and we will host receptions in his honor following both our mid-morning and 5 pm worship.



Write a note to Patrick and upload any photos that you may have from the past decade+ of his ministry

here at Trinity. We are collecting these (deadline 9/23) and will present them to Patrick. Add your well wishes and photos for Patrick at trinitychurchboston.org/calendar, or scan the QR code.

Many hands make light work! If you can help out next Sunday, please sign up at trinitychurchboston.org/calendar.

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Dear Trinity Boston,

I pray I find you well.

I look forward to being with you this Sunday! Already, you make me feel at home with your messages and communication. Thank you! As we approach our life together, a few thoughts may be in order to explain a theology that I have been working on from the beginning of my professional vocation as a theologian. I name this as Ubuntu theology which our Episcopal General Convention designated for a triennium study that began in 2009. At that time the Episcopal Church used my book, *Ubuntu: I*



in You and You in Me specifically for such study. In short, Ubuntu is explained through the proverb: I am because you are; and because you are, I am.

I hope we can practice Ubuntu which I pray will be effective among our life together. This process is called Ubuntu Circles. The concept of Ubuntu is important because it helps us see the deeper repercussions of sins like racism. In Ubuntu Circles Training, spiritual communities learn how to navigate and overcome the exponential effects of racism that short circuit the symmetry of unity and diversity represented in the creation of the church.

A theology of Ubuntu combines Christian spirituality and justice to go deeper than the biological definitions of race in order to show how racism as a system of power reinforces the chimerical (or sinful) dynamic of keeping a privileged, particular people in control of interpreting human differences. Hence, racism produces the pernicious outcome of privilege in which subservient social groups are beholden to the power and resources of the more dominant social group.

Instead of the systems of power in racism, Ubuntu Circles foster restorative justice with the backdrop of the Holy Spirit's power of Pentecost by educating participants with a common spiritual framework that can become the basis for a unified social movement that not only mitigates racism but participates in how the Holy Spirit is healing the world. From my life with Archbishop Desmond Tutu, I have learned the difficult

lesson that I cannot change people's minds but can only invite a change of heart; and I can only invite a change of heart by changing my own with God's help.

I pray that we will practice this Ubuntu methodology in our ministry gatherings and discussions as Trinity Church in the City of Boston. I pray that our awareness and social action to facilitate God's reign on earth as it is in heaven help us to do more together than we could ever do apart. I also pray for wisdom which is a virtue that cannot be taught but only caught. We catch wisdom communally when we bless what the Holy Spirit is already doing among us; fan that flame of the Spirit's work among us and never blaspheme the symmetrical miracle of unity and diversity occurring at the same time.

I pray that we can continue to develop our internal capacity and methodology for change and connect our change to the healing of the nations. John of Patmos explains all of this through his vision of looking past a city street and seeing a river.

On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations (Revelation 22.2).

Thoughts from the Theologian: Ubuntu Circles Theology and History

I pray that John's vision of the city includes Boston which of course also has a sizeable river; and, the Greek word "nations" that John uses is the same as "ethnicities". It would be anachronistic to put the concept of nation state in John's framework. So, John envisions "the healing of the ethnicities". It seems to me that John was on to something that indeed involves us at Trinity; namely, that the healing of the ethnicities requires resources deeply rooted and well-nourished. Our capacity to be deeply rooted and well-nourished leads to the wisdom of a previous Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple, who said, "The Church is the only organization that exists solely for the benefit of non-members,".

Enough for now.

See you today,

The Very Rev. Dr. Michael Battle,
Trinity Church Theologian-In-Community

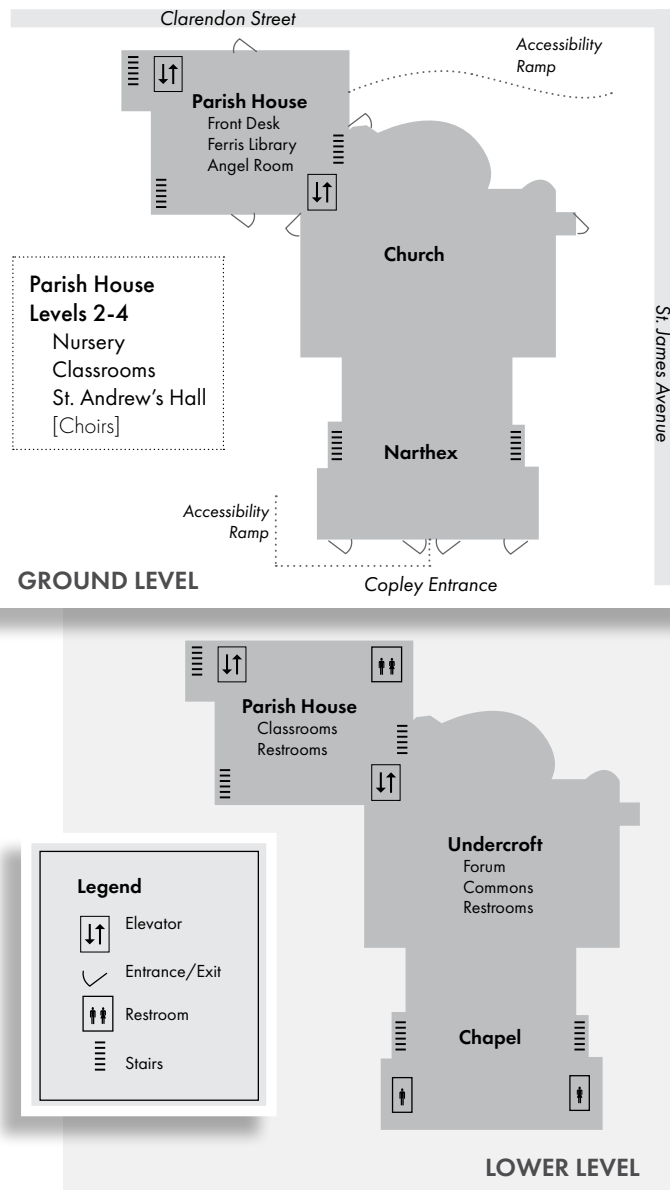
WELCOME



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 *indoor, masks welcomed and encouraged.*

- 8 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, *spoken*
- 9 am** Coffee & Community Hour, full "Community Breakfast" on the first Sunday of the month
- 10 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, *with organ, choristers, and choir. Includes Children's Homily & Nursery. Morning Prayer last Sunday of the month.* online at trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship and [facebook.com/trinitychurchboston](https://www.facebook.com/trinitychurchboston)
- 11:15 am** Formation for All Ages
- 5 pm** Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Weekday Worship at Trinity

Tues/Thurs.

- 8:30 pm** Online Compline
join us on Zoom at bit.ly/tcbTTCompline
☎ or dial in with **1-646-558-8656** and enter Meeting ID **206 654 379**

Weds.

- 5:45 pm** Choral Evensong
indoor, led by the Trinity Choristers

Vestry

Chris Allen ('23) • Christine Arcese ('26) • Christopher Atwood ('26) • Barbara Dortch-Okara ('25) • Richard Henderson ('26) • Vincent W. James ('24) • Sarah E. McGinty ('24) • Mark Morrow ('23) • Niven Narain ('26) • Chuku Chijioko Okoli ('25) • Christopher Parris ('23) • Constance Perry ('24) • Peter Renner ('25) • Olaf J. Thorp ('24) • Pam Waterman ('25) • Ania Wiecekowski ('23)

Clergy

The Rev. Morgan S. Allen, *Rector* • The Very Rev. Dr. Michael Battle, *Theologian-In-Community* • The Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman, *Assisting Priest* • The Rev. Paige Fisher, *Associate for Community Life* • The Rev. Kit Lonergan, *Priest for Welcome and Care* • The Rev. Abi Moon, *Senior Associate* • The Rev. Patrick C. Ward, *Senior Associate for Program*



Vestry can be reached at bit.ly/TrinityVestry

Clergy and Staff can be reached at bit.ly/TrinityStaff

Tours

First & Last Sundays
11:30 am - 3:30 pm

Tues- Sat
10 am - 4:30 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 12 are free.

GATHERING

Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, 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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

WORD OF GOD

Reading Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Worship at Trinity

Please note that our use of the BCP text may vary slightly to incorporate gender-neutral 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.

The service of Holy Eucharist begins on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

Children's Gospel pages and crayons are available in baskets in both the Copley narthex and the Clarendon vestibule. Kindly return crayons at the end of the service.

We will pray the Psalm
responsively, by whole verse.

Psalm 79:1-9

O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

**They have given the bodies of your servants
as food for the birds of the air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.**

They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.

**We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.**

How long will you be angry, O Lord? *
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

**Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.**

For they have devoured Jacob *
and made his dwelling a ruin.

**Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
for we have been brought very low.**

Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

Gospel Luke 16:1-13

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

Glorify to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

This week, we pray for ...

God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace, praying especially for people and communities facing war in Ukraine; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us. In the Trinity Parish Cycle of prayer we pray for ...

God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Today we remember ...

God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; remembering ...

We pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

God of love and mercy

Hear our prayer

Concluding Collect

Confession & Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Chosen, 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.

Welcome & Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

The Presentation

All things come of thee, O Lord.
And of thine own have we given thee.

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to know you better. You can also scan the QR code to reach the form.

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 basket passed during the Offertory.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, the Creator of heaven and earth, for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever 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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, 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. 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.

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.

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

Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,

**we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.