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ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2024

*Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes*



TRINITY CHURCH  
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

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# TrinityEvents

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## LOOKING AHEAD

### Community Breakfast

Sun., 3/3, 9 am, Undercroft

Enjoy a hot breakfast with the Trinity community between the morning services. All are welcome!



Many hands make light work for Community Breakfast prep! Sign up to pitch in on 3/2 or 3/3 at [trinitychurchboston.org/calendar](http://trinitychurchboston.org/calendar), or scan the QR code.



### Lenten Forum Series: Companions in the Household

Sundays, 2/18-3/18

The word “companion” literally means “breaking bread with another.” During the season of Lent we will spend five weeks learning from our community partners whose vocation is to provide bread for those who are without. Learn how we can partner in caring for our neighbor.

Sun., 2/18, 11:15 am • **Pine Street Inn**

Sun., 2/25, 11:15 am • **Ukrainian Cultural Center of New England**

Sun., 3/3, 11:15 am & 6 pm • **Winterwalk**

Sun., 3/10, 11:15 am & 6 pm • **Trinity Boston Connects**

Sun., 3/17, 11:15 am & 6 pm • **College Behind Bars**

Learn more about the Lenten Forum Series at [trinitychurchboston.org/news](http://trinitychurchboston.org/news), or in our latest mailer.

## EVERY SUNDAY

**Nursery Care from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm in the Parish House**

**Children's Homily at 10 am downstairs in the Chapel**

**Church School in the Parish House classrooms**

**Discounted parking; ask at the Parish House Front Desk**

See more at [trinitychurchboston.org/calendar](http://trinitychurchboston.org/calendar)

## Formation for All Ages

Sundays, 11:15 am

At Trinity Church Boston, all of us—committed Christians as well as those just beginning to explore—are pilgrims on the way. We offer formation opportunities for learners across the life spectrum. From our youngest in the Nursery to those who are more “experienced learners”—Trinity welcomes all to explore and grow in their faith journey.

To learn more about formation for **infants through children in third grade**, contact Cathy Portlock Pacitto at [cportlock@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:cportlock@trinitychurchboston.org).

To learn more about formation for those in **fourth grade through high school** or those in their **20s and 30s**, contact Katrina Leslie at [kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org).

The Trinity Choristers is open to **all children ages 8-18**. Contact Colin Lynch at [clynch@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:clynch@trinitychurchboston.org)

## Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Mailer

Our Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Mailer is now available on our website.

Hard copies are available in the Narthex, the Clarendon Vestibule, and at the Parish House Front Desk.

Scan the QR code at right to read the mailer PDF, or visit [trinitychurchboston.org/publications](http://trinitychurchboston.org/publications).



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## LOOKING AHEAD

Ash Wednesday I Lent	<b>Weds., 2/14 2/18</b>	<b>7:30 am, 12 noon &amp; 7 pm</b> services <b>11:15 am</b> Lenten "Companions" Forum I <i>with guest speaker from Pine Street Inn</i>
	<b>Sat., 2/24</b>	<b>9:30 am - 3 pm</b> T-n-T (Twenties-and-Thirties) Retreat <i>email <a href="mailto:kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org">kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org</a></i>
II Lent	<b>2/25</b>	<b>11:15 am</b> Lenten "Companions" Forum II <i>with guest speaker from Ukrainian CCN</i>
III Lent	<b>3/3 ☕</b>	<b>11:15 am &amp; 6 pm</b> Lenten "Companions" Forum III <i>with guest speaker from Winter Walk</i>
IV Lent	<b>3/10</b>	<b>11:15 am &amp; 6 pm</b> Lenten "Companions" Forum IV <i>with guest speaker from Trinity Boston Connects</i>
V Lent	<b>Wed., 3/13 3/17</b>	<b>6:15 pm</b> Philadelphia 11 Film Screening <b>11:15 am &amp; 6 pm</b> Lenten "Companions" Forum IV <i>with guest speaker from College Behind Bars</i>
	<b>Sat., 3/23</b>	<b>9 am - 3 pm</b> Confirmation Retreat
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>3/24</b>	<b>8 am, 10 am &amp; 5 pm</b> services <b>2 pm</b> Ukrainian Egg Decorating <i>learn more and sign up at <a href="http://trinitychurchboston.org/calendar">trinitychurchboston.org/calendar</a></i>
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>Thurs., 3/28 3/28-3/30</b>	<b>5:45 pm</b> Simple Supper <b>7 pm</b> service Deck the Halls for Easter <i>learn more and sign up at <a href="http://trinitychurchboston.org/calendar">trinitychurchboston.org/calendar</a></i>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Fri., 3/29</b>	<b>12 noon</b> service (also livestreamed)
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>Sat., 3/30</b>	<b>6 pm</b> Easter Vigil
<b>Easter Day</b>	<b>3/31</b>	<b>8 am, 10 am, 12 noon</b> services
II Easter	<b>4/7 ☕</b>	<b>10 am</b> Confirmations <i>with Bishop Gates</i> <b>5 pm</b> 'What's Going On?/Motown for Peace' A Free Concert of Music by Marvin Gaye
III Easter	<b>4/13 &amp; 4/14</b>	ABBS weekend with <i>author Alison Désir</i> <i>and the Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows</i>

HOLY WEEK

☕ denotes Breakfast Sunday, usually at 9 am

Our 10 am service is livestreamed to [trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship](http://trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship)

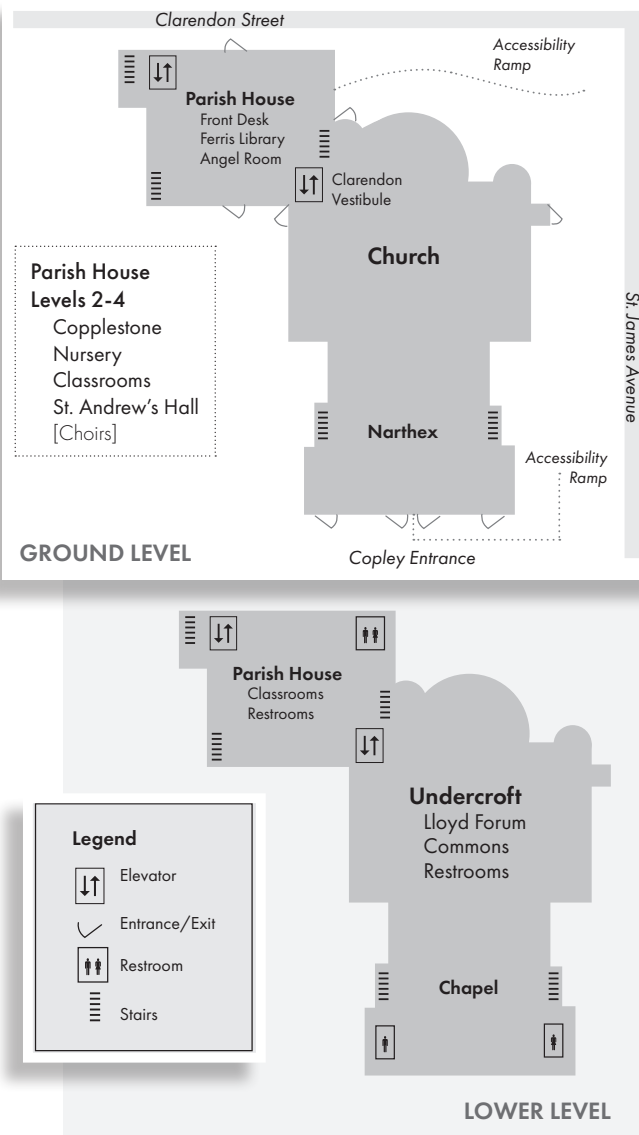
## WELCOME



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## FINDING YOUR WAY



### Statement of Affirmation

Trinity Church in the City of Boston is a congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts and welcomes and honors everyone. In accordance with our baptismal covenant, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person. We strive to include all persons without regard to sexual orientation, race, nationality, gender, family configuration, ethnic background, economic circumstances, difference in ability, culture, or age. Our love and acceptance of each other embody our commitment to unity with God and each other in Christ.

## HOURS & INFORMATION

### Sunday Schedule

- 8 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, *spoken*
- 9 am** Coffee & Community Hour, full "Community Breakfast" on the first Sunday of most months
- 10 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with organ, choristers, and choir. Includes Children's Homily & Nursery. Morning Prayer last Sunday of most months. online at [trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship](http://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](https://bit.ly/tcbTTcompline) or dial in with **1-646-558-8656** and enter Meeting ID **206 654 379**

#### Weds.

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

### Vestry

Chris Allen ('27) • Christine Arcese ('26) • Christopher Atwood ('26) • Barbara Dortch-Okara ('25) • Josh Fiala ('27) • Richard Henderson ('26) • Vincent W. James ('24) • Tim Martin ('27) • Niven Narain ('26) • Chuks Chijioko Okoli ('25) • Constance Perry ('24) • Peter Renner ('25) • Mary Roetzel ('27) • Olaf J. Thorp ('24) • Pam Waterman ('25) • Katie Wisley Shelby ('24)

### 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. Abigail W. Moon, *Senior Associate*

Vestry can be reached at [bit.ly/TrinityVestry](https://bit.ly/TrinityVestry)

Clergy and Staff can be reached at [bit.ly/TrinityStaff](https://bit.ly/TrinityStaff)



### Tours

**Wed - 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 Sentences

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
**God's mercy endures forever.**

## Collect of the Day

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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 Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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

*The liturgy for Ash Wednesday begins on p. 264 in The Book of Common Prayer (BCP). The service begins in silence. All stand as the ministers enter.*

## 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 congregation, we invite you to participate as you are able and as your piety prefers.*

Psalm 51: 1-17

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; \*  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.  
**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, \***  
**and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.  
**Against you, you alone, have I sinned, \***  
**and done what is evil in your sight, \***  
**so that you are justified in your sentence**  
**and blameless when you pass judgement.**

Indeed, I was born guilty, \*  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.  
**You desire truth in the inward being; \***  
**therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; \*  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
**Let me hear joy and gladness; \***  
**let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins, \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.  
**Create in me a clean heart, O God, \***  
**and put a new and right spirit within me.**

Do not cast me away from your presence, \*  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, \***  
**and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, \*  
and sinners will return to you.  
**Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, \***  
**and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.**

O Lord, open my lips, \*  
and my mouth will declare your praise.  
**For you have no delight in sacrifice; \***  
**if I were to give a burnt-offering, you would not be pleased.**

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; \*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Gospel Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Abigail W. Moon, *Senior Associate*

## Invitation to a Holy Lent

Dear People of God:

The first Christians observed with great faithfulness the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence, fasting, and renewal. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

*We invite all to the Broadstep for the Imposition, when a priest will mark your forehead with ashes in the shape of a cross. During the Imposition, Psalm 51 will be chanted.*

## Prayer over the Ashes

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## Imposition of the Ashes

### Litany of Penitence

Most holy and merciful God:

**We confess to you and to one another,  
and to the whole communion of saints  
in heaven and on earth,  
that we have sinned  
by our own fault 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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We have ignored your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

**We confess to you, Lord.**



Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our willful inattention to human need, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

**Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

**That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

**Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements

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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.



Eucharistic Prayer A from the Book of Common Prayer, p. 361.

# HOLY COMMUNION

## Offertory

### Hymn 147 'Forty days and forty nights'

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;  
 2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,  
 3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!  
 4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;  
 5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.  
 2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?  
 3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!  
 4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.  
 5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

## 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. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus, your only and eternal Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Jesus, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your chosen, Jesus. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

**AMEN.**

#### The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Our Father,

**who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy Name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
**Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
**Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
**Grant us peace.**

## Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Trinity Church and The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts welcome all to Holy Communion. If instead of the sacrament in either kind you prefer to receive a blessing in the name of God, cross your arms over your chest. With that cue, a priest will offer a short prayer.*

*To receive the sacrament, come to the altar rail; stand or kneel (as you are able or as your piety prefers); and extend your hands, one inside the other. In turn, the priest will place a consecrated wafer in your open palm. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please request one from the priest offering Communion.*

*A Eucharistic Minister will follow with the wine; to receive, help guide the chalice to your lips. The server wipes the chalice's rim after every sip.*

*For those who find it easier to remain in their pew, please signal an Usher, and a priest will bring the sacrament to you.*

## Communion of the People

# SENDING

## Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,  
**we thank you  
for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of our Savior, Jesus Christ,  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of Christ's Body –  
heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
Now, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of your Good News.  
To Christ, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## Blessing

Hymn 149 'Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church'

*Unison or harmony*

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church  
 2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
 3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
 so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,  
 you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:  
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.  
 so we are dead and live with you in God.  
 so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**