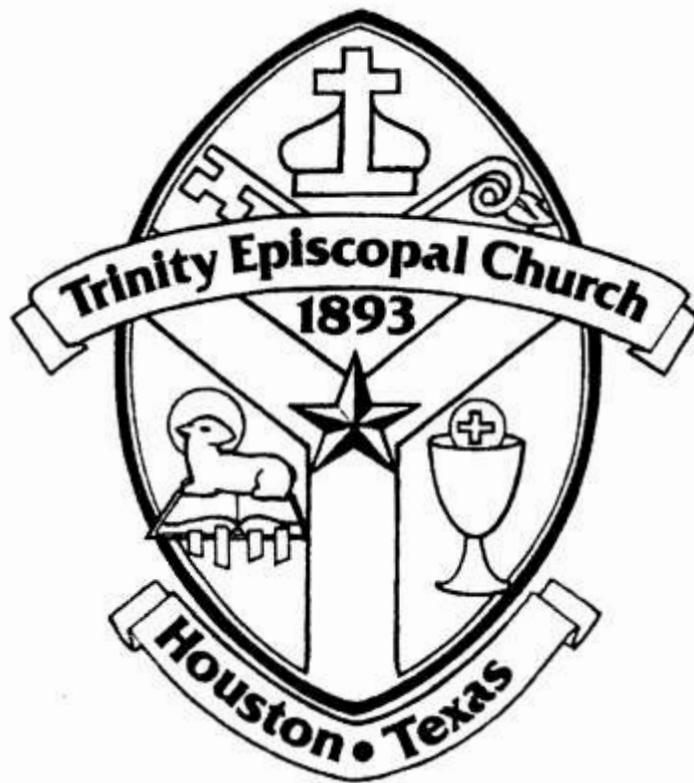


# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

MORNING PRAYER, Rite II

APRIL 19, 2020

10:30 a.m.



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector  
The Reverend Canon Dr. Henry L. Atkins, Jr., Theologian in Residence

Collin Boothby, Organist and Choirmaster  
April Sloan-Hubert, Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble

***Making God's Presence Real***  
***By Sharing Christ's Life***-Changing Love

# MORNING PRAYER RITE II

10:30 a.m. Historic Church

VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on "Gelobt sei Gott"

Healey Willan

WELCOME

THE OPENING SENTENCE

BCP, page 76

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

HYMN 205

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

Gelobt sei Gott

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the  
#2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -  
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

BCP, page 80

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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.

*Officiant* Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

CANTICLE

*Venite*

BCP, page 82

*Read in unison.*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

—Psalm 95:1-7

PSALM 16

*Conserva me, Domine*

BCP, page 599

*Alternately by whole verse.*

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*

upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods \*

shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*

nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*

it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*

indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*

my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the Lord always before me; \*

because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
 my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
 nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
 in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
 and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore'

*People*      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.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

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

THE SONG OF MARY

*Magnificat*  
*Read in unison.*

BCP, page 91

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
 my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
 for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
 From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
 the Almighty has done great things for me,  
 and holy is his Name.  
 He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
 in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
 he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
 and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1: 3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

CANTICLE

*First Song of Isaiah*  
*Read in unison.*

BCP, page 86

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.  
  
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.

THE THIRD LESSON

John 20: 19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Officiant* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

HYMN 193

*That Easter day with joy was bright*

*Puer nobis*



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the  
 2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his  
 3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do  
 4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in  
 5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing  
 2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn  
 3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee  
 4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon  
 5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther



1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.  
 2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.  
 3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.  
 4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.  
 5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BCP, page 96

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, page 97

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Officiant* Let us 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.

THE SUFFRAGES

BCP, page 97

*Officiant* Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
*People* And grant us your salvation.  
*Officiant* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*People* Let your people sing with joy.  
*Officiant* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*People* For only in you can we live in safety.  
*Officiant* Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
*People* And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
*Officiant* Let your way be known upon earth;  
*People* Your saving health among all nations.  
*Officiant* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People* Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
*Officiant* Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People* And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, page 224

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of

reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

BCP, page 98

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR GRACE

BCP, page 100

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST COLLECT FOR MISSION

BCP, page 100

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

OFFERTORY

My Jesus, I Love Thee

LEVAS 87

1. My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine,  
2. I love thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me,  
3. I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,  
4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light,

1. For thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign;  
2. And pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree,  
3. And praise thee as long as thou lend - est me breath;  
4. I'll ev - er a - dore thee in heav - en so bright;

1. My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior are thou:\_\_\_  
 2. I love thee for wear - ing the thorns\_\_\_ on thy brow:\_\_\_  
 3. And say when the death - dew lies cold\_\_\_ on my brow,\_\_\_  
 4. I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing crown\_\_\_ on my brow,\_\_\_

1. If ev - er I loved\_\_\_ thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.  
 2. If ev - er I loved\_\_\_ thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.  
 3. "If ev - er I loved\_\_\_ thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."  
 4. "If ev - er I loved\_\_\_ thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

Give wisdom to those who have responsibility and authority in every land, that we may share with justice the resources of the world, and work together in trust.

Let us pray for the Church and its mission.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for the Most Reverend Michael Jackson and the Church of Ireland.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer for Palmer Memorial, Houston; Redeemer, Houston; and San Pablo/St. Paul's, Houston.

In the ministry cycle of prayer for Libby Tsubai and the Peace Cranes Ministry.

We pray for our bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Hector, Jeff and Kai, our Bishops; for Hannah and Henry our clergy.

We commend to your keeping ourselves and each other, our families, those with whom we work and learn, our neighbors and our friends.

Comfort and heal, we pray, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble,

especially for those we now name: Vivian, Myron, Theresa, Thurman, Jeannette, Alfredo, and all affected by the coronavirus.

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, especially Neal Garner, Humberto Vazquez, Kathy Robinson, John Prine, and all who have perished by contracting the coronavirus. Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfillment of your kingdom.

We give you thanks for your servants in every age, especially for these who are celebrating their birthdays: Van, Catherine, Adria, Franceska, Vic, Eric, Sean, Ann, and Katy.

O God, we who come before you this day are many and diverse, with different needs and desires.

We ask you to accept our thanksgivings, to guide our ways, and to receive our praise. O God, hear the prayers of your people.

*Officiant*

Facing the coronavirus, we pray  
for all who mourn their dead  
for the thousands who have contracted the virus  
for all who are quarantined  
for those who are stranded away from home  
for those who have lost their employment  
for those who fear the present and the future  
for children who cannot assemble for school  
For teachers dedicated to new ways of teaching  
for parents with needs for child care  
for physicians, nurses, and home health aides  
for hospitals and clinics  
for volunteers who are serving their communities  
for medical researchers  
for the World Health Organization  
for adequate and wise governmental policies. . .

In your mercy, benevolent God

*People* Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

#### A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

*Officiant* 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 in his Name you will be in the midst 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.

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Ped.*

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
 \*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es  
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from  
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly  
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his  
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Antiphon (at the end)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Ped.*

DISMISSAL

*BCP, page 102*

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Officiant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

VOLUNTARY

*Final, from Symphony No. 1*

Louis Vierne

## We Are Trinity - We Love Trinity!

There are many ways to demonstrate our love for Trinity! One way is to make a financial commitment in the form of a completed pledge card. All who do so will receive a beautiful "I Heart Trinity" lapel pin. Remember, no pledge is too small in answering God's call to give!



There are several payment options for recurring and other pledges, focused giving, honorary gifts, memorials, etc. For assistance and questions please contact the Trinity Finance Office at [finance@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:finance@trinitymidtown.org) or call 713.528.4100.

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**Texting.** (NEW!) Send the message **heartofmidtown** to 73256. The prompt will ask for a credit card number which can be kept on file for future contributions.

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# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

of TRINITY *The Heart of Midtown*

April 19, 2020

The Second Sunday of Easter—Year A

Beloved Community,

In this time of uncertainty Trinity - the Heart of Midtown - is 'beating strong' for you!

We are maintaining staff and resources (in compliance with current COVID-19 guidelines and orders) to fulfill two priorities:

1. *Provide on-going worship and connection via:*
  - Telephone check-ins with parishioners from clergy, pastoral care team, and vestry
  - Live streaming services from our historic sanctuary every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
  - Live streaming Evening Prayer every weekday at 5:30 p.m.
  - Daily e-mails containing scripture verse and prayer from the Book of Common Prayer
  - Weekly podcasts (Inner City Spirit) and video messages
  - Virtual Pub Theology gatherings every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.
  - Virtual access to programs such as Parenting with Grace & Yoga with Saba
  - Pastoral care by telephone, teleconferencing, or in person (with appropriate social distancing)
2. *Continue to feed the hungry.* Trinity has set up a process to safely distribute sandwiches and bottled water to our homeless community.

Services, virtual ministries, and other resources can be accessed through Trinity's website ([trinitymidtown.org](http://trinitymidtown.org)) and Facebook page. You do not need a Facebook account to access the livestream ([www.facebook.com/trinitychurchhouston](https://www.facebook.com/trinitychurchhouston)). If you need assistance please call 713.528.4100.

If you need pastoral care or counseling please call 713.447.9995 or e-mail [rector@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:rector@trinitymidtown.org).

You mean so much to the Trinity family - you are in our prayers, and in our hearts!

Blessings,

The Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero

## This Week at Trinity Virtual Services

### Sunday, April 19, 2020

10:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Prayer service (go to [Facebook.com/trinitychurchhouston](https://www.facebook.com/trinitychurchhouston))

### Monday, April 20, 2020

9:30 a.m. Daily Prayer e-mail  
3:00 p.m. Rector's message on Facebook  
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer on Facebook

### Tuesday, April 21, 2020

9:30 a.m. Daily Prayer e-mail  
10:10 a.m. Yoga with Saba (via Zoom—for link, contact [frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org))  
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer on Facebook

### Wednesday, April 22, 2020

9:30 a.m. Daily Prayer e-mail  
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer on Facebook  
7:00 p.m. Pub Theology (via Zoom)

### Thursday, April 23, 2020

9:30 a.m. Daily Prayer e-mail  
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer on Facebook

### Friday, April 24, 2020

9:30 a.m. Daily Prayer e-mail  
12:00 p.m. Inner City Podcast  
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer on Facebook

### Saturday, April 25, 2020

9:30 a.m. Daily Prayer e-mail



### Daily Scripture and Prayer from the Rector

(if you are not receiving this e-mail, contact [connections@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:connections@trinitymidtown.org))

### Pub Theology via Zoom

Contact [frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org) for link

### Inner City Spirit Podcast

at [TrinityMidtown.org](http://TrinityMidtown.org), click Sermons page *or* on iTunes, access by clicking on "Trinity Episcopal Church Sermons"

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### Trinity continues its commitment to feed the homeless—

Trinity staff will continue distributing sack meals each weeknight at 5:30 pm.

(Individuals shown in photo have granted permission for use of their likeness. Photo: Hannah Atkins Romero)

## Trinity is 'Beating Strong' for YOU



## Prayers

Our custom is to read aloud each week the names of those who are at a turning point and request our prayers. We also remember in our Prayer Chain and Bulletin those who desire ongoing prayers. Please use the pew cards or email to keep us informed. For information or comments about prayer names, please contact the Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero, [rector@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:rector@trinitymidtown.org). If you would like to participate as a member of the prayer chain, please contact Norma Cooper at [normajcoop@aol.com](mailto:normajcoop@aol.com).

*Bob, Myron, Marvin, Larry, Caroline, Neil, Allegra, Garrett, Jummie, JaNelle, Louis, Godfrey, Tom, Jill, Leslie, Stephen, Rick, Larry, Christopher, Barbara, Van, Aisova, Karz, Sterling, Sandi Lee, Emily, Marcus, Anita, Danny, Steve, Inez, Margaret, Barbara, Letta, Lincoln, Penn, Norman, Richard, Jim, Phil, Judy, Visian, Chariss, Theresa, Thurman, Jaquette, Alfredo, victims of violence, all affected by the coronavirus*

For those in our armed services:  
*Will Dahlstrom, Martin Cabello and Christopher Krenshaw*

For the faithful departed:  
*Ned Garner, Humberto Vazquez, Kathy Robinson, John Prime, all who have perished by contracting the coronavirus*

## Happy Birthday!

Van White	Vic Powell
Catherine Reed	Eric Beam
Adria Montemarano	Ann McGinty
Franceska Serra	
Katy Davidson	

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## Bulletin for Sun., April 19th

The bulletin for Sunday's 10:30 am virtual service may be found posted on the Trinity website at [www.trinitymidtown.org](http://www.trinitymidtown.org)

Go to **Worship**, then click **Bulletins**

## Music for Sun., April 19th

Opening Voluntary: Chorale Prelude on "Gelobt sei Gott", Healey Willan

First hymn: Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing, # 193

Sequence hymn: That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright, #205

Offertory: My Jesus I Love Thee April Sloan-Hubert, soloist

Closing Hymn: The Strife is O'er, # 208

Closing Voluntary: Final, from Symphony No. 1, Louis Vierne



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## The Emergency Aid Coalition needs our help!



**Fruit still urgently needed!**

If any parishioners are able to find extra fruit or canned goods and are willing to bring it to the EAC Food Pantry, please contact Marian Bryant at 832-859-1065 or Lydia Smyth at 713-240-9992. They depend on their member congregations to support them as they support the community. Thank you for helping feed our vulnerable and valuable friends in need.

## This Sunday's Readings



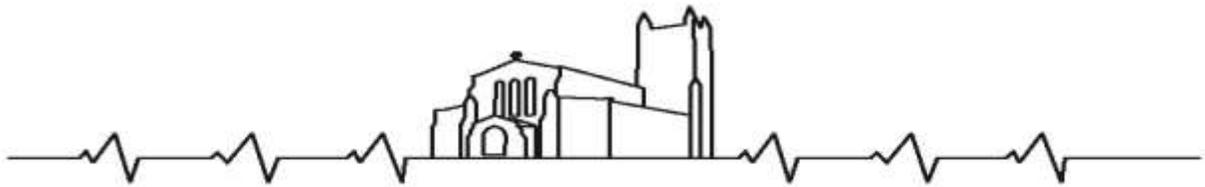
Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

# Trinity is 'Beating Strong' for YOU



*The Heart of Midtown*

Why is there no General Confession in Easter?  
**Explanation by St. George's Church in Ontario, Canada**

You may have noticed that the Confession – the part of the service where we collectively acknowledge that we make mistakes, that we hurt others, that we carry around guilt and doubt and regret, and then we receive God's forgiveness and assurance of healing – is absent during the Easter season. For some, this will feel like a major omission. Human beings are adept at weighing down our lives with feelings of powerlessness and inadequacy, anxiety for our shortcomings, gaping wounds of anger and hurt for how our relationships have been broken. This time in our worship to take stock, to lay down those burdens before God and to be reminded of God's faithfulness to, and love for, us can help many to feel lighter, freer, refreshed.

However, it is the tradition of the ancient church that the Confession is omitted during the season of Easter. It is not that Christians miraculously become perfect people during the seven weeks of Easter and therefore have no need of repentance and absolution. Instead, it is perhaps more appropriate to think of Easter as a rehearsal, a practicing of what a right relationship with God and one another actually looks like.

Whereas Lent is a time for honest and probing self-reflection, intentionality and care in how we use our time and resources, sparseness and restraint, Easter is a time for celebration, celebration of the fullness of God's kingdom, of a reality in which each of us lives in the light and love of God and reflects that light and love in our relationships with one another. In the fullness of God's Kingdom, we are free from the past brokenness and pain of our lives and our relationships are whole and life-giving. In the fullness of God's Kingdom, talk of sin and forgiveness no longer have a place, because we are healed.

We are not there yet. Brokenness and fragility are part of our story. We still look forward to the time when the promises of new life and healing offered on that first Easter morning will be fully realized. And some of us might continue to bring heavy hearts to worship through Easter. Individuals are encouraged to offer before God in prayer any confessions, any needs, any worries, regardless of whether it is Easter or not. However, our *collective* prayer changes at Easter in order that we might, as a community, tell this part of our story: *Christ is risen!* And we have glimpsed the Kingdom of God, where every tear is wiped away, where all hearts are mended, where we join with all of creation in receiving and sharing the good gifts God gives us.

## A HISTORY OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Trinity Episcopal Church of Houston has existed as a house of worship and a center of its community for over a century. As such, it has adapted to the changing nature of the city, as Houston grew from a regional town of approximately 40,000 souls to a dynamic metropolitan giant, the fourth largest city in the United States. With a congregation that grew from a few founding members in the 1890s to several thousand parishioners at its peak, Trinity Church is an example of how spiritual people have contended with the challenges presented during a city's most crucial period of urban development.

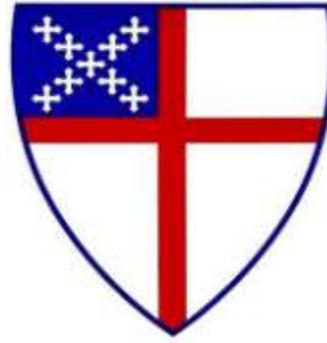
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street and Holman Avenue. That structure, designed by Ralph Adams Cram of Boston and William Ward Watkin of Houston became an architectural landmark constructed in the neo-Gothic style with Texas limestone and a 97 foot bell tower.

During the late 1910s and 1920s, Trinity entered an era of explosive growth, paralleling that of the city, and became an important center of the Episcopal faith. The congregation's many youth and adult activities were community events that attracted wide attention among the general populace. An integral part of its city, Trinity likewise maintained special relationships with Houstonians of other faiths. With a membership numbering 1,900 parishioners in 1930, Trinity emerged as the largest Episcopal parish in the Diocese of Texas and one of the largest in the nation.

After World War II, Houston's growth presented Trinity with perhaps its greatest challenge. As the city physically expanded into the new postwar suburbs, Trinity's membership began to decline. Rather than abandon its historic location, the congregation showed itself to be steadfast. Resurrecting itself from this period, Trinity reaffirmed its mission, this time as a beacon in the inner city where it has become a leading institution in the heart of Houston, determined to enhance the quality of urban life for everyone.

While our neighborhood has gone through many changes, the parish has remained steadfast, and actively ministers to a diverse congregation and to the poor in its midst. As the Midtown Houston neighborhood began redeveloping, starting in the early 2000s, Trinity Church has rededicated itself to its spiritual mission, and has become an active part of the Midtown area for music and other creative art expressions.





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