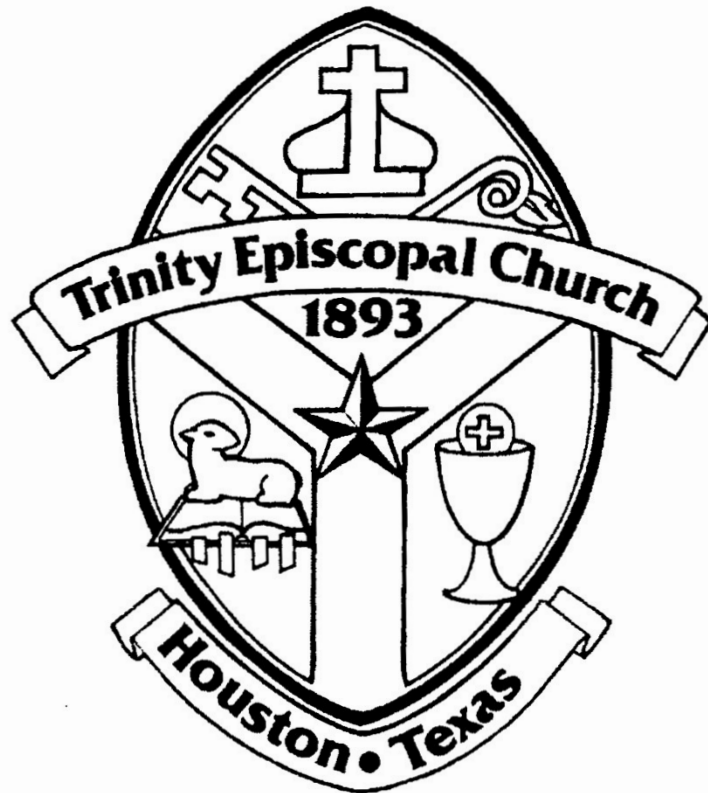


CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2023
10:00 p.m. Choral Prelude
10:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector
The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Associate Rector
The Reverend Dale Klitzke, Priest Associate

Alex Jones, Organist and Choirmaster

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Lector: Dana Gannon
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CHORAL PRELUDE

10:00 P.M.

Please enter in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.

Please remain seated.

ANTHEM

Hodie Christus Natus Est
from Ceremony of Carol

Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

Hodie Christus natus est:
Hodie Salvator apparuit:
Hodie in terra canunt angeli, lætantur
archangeli:
Hodie exsultant justi, dicentes:
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Alleluia.

Today Christ is born:
Today the Savior appears:
Today on earth angels sing, the archangels
rejoice:
Today the righteous rejoice, saying:
Glory to God in the highest.

ANTHEM

Cantate Domino

Giuseppe Pitoni (1657-1743)

Cantate Domino canticum novum;
laus eius in ecclesia sanctorum.
Lætetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum,
et filiæ Sion exsultant
in Rege suo.

Come ye with joyfulness, come, sing a new
Song to your Maker,
O praise him with the saintly congregation.
Israel, be joyful and glad in him who made
Israel, and children of Sion,
Ye children of Sion be joyful, rejoice and
be glad in your King.

ANTHEM

Bethlehem Down

Peter Warlock (1894-1930)

When he is King we will give him the King's
gifts,
Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a
crown,
"Beautiful robes", said the young girl to
Joseph
Fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight
Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When he is King they will clothe him in
grave-sheets,
Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a
crown,
He that lies now in the white arms of Mary
Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Here he has peace and a short while for
dreaming,
Close-huddled oxen to keep Him from
cold,
Mary for love, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

ANTHEM

Torches!

John Joubert (1927-2019)

Torches, torches, run with torches
All the way to Bethlehem!
Christ is born and now lies sleeping;
Come and sing your song to him!

Sing, my friends, and make you merry
Joy and mirth and joy again;
Lo, He lives, the King of heaven
Now and evermore. Amen

Ah, Roro, Roro, my baby,
Ah, Roro, my love, Roro;
Sleep you well, my heart's own darling,
While we sing you our Roro.

ANTHEM

Lully Lulla

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

Lully, lulla, lully, lulla lullay,
Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child,
By, by, lully, lullay,

Herod the king, In his raging,
Charg'd he hath this day
His men of might, In his own sight,
All children young to slay.

O sisters too, How may we do
For to preserve this day?
This poor youngling for whom we sing,
By, by, lully, lullay!

That woe is me, Poor child, for thee!
Lully, lulla, lullay

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
 2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is
 4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,
 *5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his

1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her
 2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
 4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -
 5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so

1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry
 2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
 4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he
 5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he

1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —
 2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
 4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day;
I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play,
To call my true love to my dance;
Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my
love,
This have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure,
Of her I took fleshly substance;
Thus was I knit to man's nature,
To call my true love to my dance:
Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my
love,
This have I done for my true love.

In a manger laid and wrapped I was,
So very poor this was my chance,
Be twixt an ox and a silly poor ass,
To call my true love to my dance:
Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my
love,
This have I done for my true love.

Then afterwards baptized I was,
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice was heard from above,
To call my true love to my dance:
Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my
love,
This have I done for my true love.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE

In dir ist Freude, BWV 615

Johann Sebastian Bach

Please stand as able.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 83

O come, all ye faithful

Adeste Fidelis

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

Refrain
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;
 Word of the Father,
 now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

Please stand as able.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Officiant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9: 2-7

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace

for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it

with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.

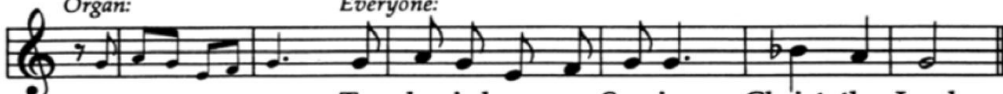
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ANTIPHON

Isaiah 9: 6
Organ: *Everyone:*



To - day is born our Sav-ior, Christ the Lord.

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name;
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King!
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes,
when he comes to judge the earth.

THE SECOND LESSON

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal-ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an-gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right-eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all of the people; to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you; you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in a manger. When they saw this, they made know what had been told them about this child; and all who heard were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told to them.

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

Please stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

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**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

The person appointed says

In these last days, our heavenly Father has shown his mercy towards us by sending his only Son, Jesus, to be made flesh like us, to share our lives, our joys and our sorrows. With prophets, saints, and angels we greet him and hail him as Emmanuel, God with us. And now, confident of God's love and mercy, in peace let us pray to the Lord saying, "Jesus, Emmanuel, hear our prayer."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Jesus, Emmanuel, hear our prayer.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai (*pronounced "Kaye"*), and Hector, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale, our clergy; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons, and for Trinity Church and Lord of the Streets Mission, and all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Jesus, Emmanuel, hear our prayer.

For the Peace of the world, especially in the land of Christ's birth, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Jesus, Emmanuel, hear our prayer.

For Joseph our president; Kamala, our vice-president; Greg our governor; Lina, our county judge; and Sylvester our mayor; for the legislatures and courts, and for those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Jesus, Emmanuel, hear our prayer.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer, [especially for Bill, Nick, Bob, Dale, Edith, Graeme, Christopher, Donna, Jason, Carol, Clyde, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Monica, Wally, Dorothy, Daniel, Gladys, and Brenda](#); for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Jesus, Emmanuel, hear our prayer.

For all children who at this season share the weakness and poverty of the Christ Child, who was born outcast in a stable; for all who have no food, no homes, no loved ones; that our hearts may be moved to help them, we pray to you, O Lord.

Jesus, Emmanuel, hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, [especially Chester Joseph Stasney, Jr., Denise Ray, the victims of war in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine, and all victims of gun violence](#), and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Jesus, Emmanuel, hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Joseph, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant concludes

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated

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ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Sussex Carol

David Willcocks (1919-2015)

On Christmas night, all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring,
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

When sin departs before his grace,
Then life and health come in its place;
Angels and men with joy may sing,
All for to see the newborn King.

Then why should men on Earth be so sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad,
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night;
Glory to God and peace to men
Now and for evermore. Amen.

Please stand as able.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 115, stanza 3

Greensleeves



So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,



pea - sant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -



va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds



guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to



bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People

It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S114

Healey Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please stand or kneel as able.

The celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People AMEN.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 there - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

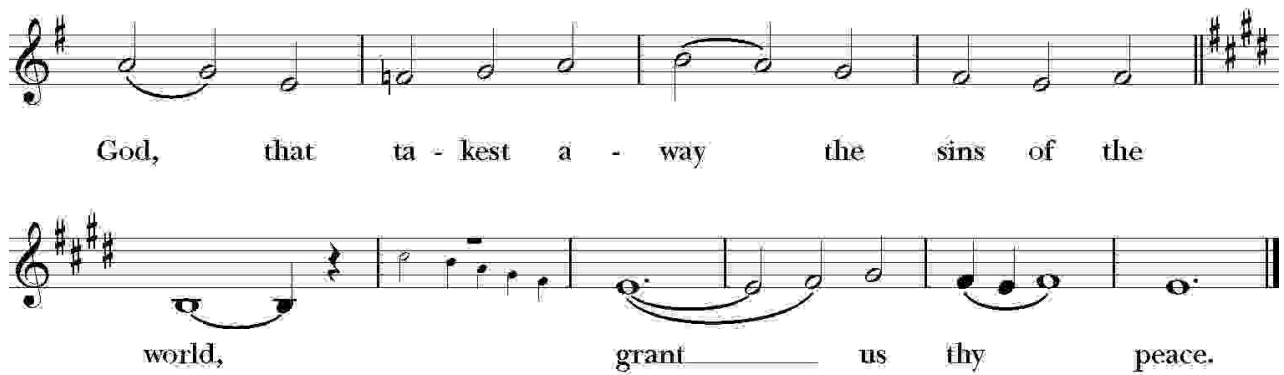
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Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of



God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to come participate in Holy Communion. If for any reason you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms across your chest for a blessing.

Our tradition is to receive both bread and wine, sharing in the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips, or you may "intinct" by dipping the wafer into the chalice. If you prefer, you may also receive the bread only: After consuming the wafer, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine.

If you do not wish to "intinct" from the common cup, there will be a third chalice, for intinction only, available in the baptistery. If you wish to partake of this chalice, please proceed to the baptistery after receiving a wafer from the priest .



We offer a gluten-free bread option for those with dietary restrictions who wish to receive communion. To receive a gluten free wafer, please clasp your hands with palms facing each other when the priest administering the bread approaches you.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion is prayed by those at home unable to partake of communion in person

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, our souls, and our minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty wind made moan
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter
Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him
Nor earth sustain,
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty —
Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim
Worship night and day,
A breastful of milk
And a mangerful of hay;
Enough for him, whom angels
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel
Which adore.

What can I give him,
Poor as I am? —
If I were a Shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man
I would do my part, —
Yet what I can I give him, —
Give my heart.

Unison or harmony

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 *4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,
 5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou has prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

*Lights will be dimmed
Please kneel or sit as able for the lighting of the candles.*

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

*Silent Night
Please join in singing as able*

Stille Nacht

1
Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace.

2
Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior is born!

3
Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light,
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Please stand or kneel as able.

THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

Amen.

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

Amen.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.

Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

DISMISSAL
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People

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

VOLUNTARY

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach

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Christmas Flower Dedications



The High Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and In Loving Memory of

Ina Yvonne Porter and Robert Earl Porter, Jr. by Libby Tsubai

John Cloud by Mary Cloud

Burndette Babin by Norma and Charles Cooper

In Thanksgiving for

The health and happiness of my family and friends by Toni Longino

Our Clergy, the Reverends Hannah, Luz, and Dale by the Vestry

Our Church family by Stan Tubbs and Randy Goswick

The Side Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and In Loving Memory of

Florence Talbot Cooley by her sisters Mary Cooley Craddock, Susan Cooley,

Louise Cooley Davies and Helen Cooley Fraser

In Thanksgiving for

Olivia and Ed Adams by Siva and Teddy Adams

The Wreaths and Greenery are given to the glory of God and In Loving Memory of

Cleo Feltenberger by Robert Feltenberger and David Marsh

Jean Marsh by Robert Feltenberger and David Marsh

Lois Wright by Robert Feltenberger and David Marsh

Helen Lueders by Robert Feltenberger and David Marsh

In Thanksgiving for

My wonderful husband Kevin Kirby by Caroline Levander

Lucy Treadwell and Henry Atkins and our children Magaly, Sara, Samuel, and Daniel

by Hannah Atkins Romero and Elmer Romero Chavarría

The Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero and her family by Mark Goza

The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes and her family by Mark Goza

The Reverend Dale Klitzke and his family by Mark Goza

Alex Jones and the Trinity Choir by Mark Goza

April Sloan Hubert, Pelayo Parlade and the Trinity Jazz Ensemble by Mark Goza

Ryan Mire, Lauren Santerre, Pat Laubach, and all Trinity staff and volunteers by Mark Goza

Flowers in the Columbarium

The flowers in the Columbarium are given to the glory of God and

in loving memory of Mike Deily by Linnet Deily,



Christmas Flower Dedications



The poinsettias are given to the glory of God and In Loving Memory of

Jeanne Devine by Joanne and Ron Starbuck
Lucille Dittmore by Joanne and Ron Starbuck
Gerard Lepore by Joanne and Ron Starbuck
Mary and Rocco Lepore by Joanne and Ron Starbuck
Edna and Robert Starbuck by Joanne and Ron Starbuck
Robert David Vaughan and Jane Vaughan by Yvonne Meyer
Ann, Jack and Dennis Roach by Karen Roach
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My sister Connie McClellan by Theresa McClellan
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Tio Purdy Jordan by Ana and Alex Bruton
Barbara H. Jones by Shelby Bradley
Allen Doering by Shelby Bradley
Victims of drugs, guns, and war by Shelby Bradley

In Thanksgiving for

Our church family by Stan Tubbs and Randy Goswick
Trinity Choir by Carol Turley
The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero by Carol Turley
The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes by Carol Turley
Steve Turley and Family by Carol Turley
Gwendolyn Harrison and Family by Carol Turley
Trinity Church by Bob and Carol Wells
My brother Bryan M. Jones by Shelby Bradley
My cousins Sandra R. Clark and Pamela Greere by Shelby Bradley

In Honor of

Marie Stasney by Leah Stasney
Our mothers, Mary Merullo and Jeanette Zemanek by John Merullo and George Zemanek
*Those serving in our Armed Forces, educating our youth, and practicing medical services
 In this country by Shelby Bradley*

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.

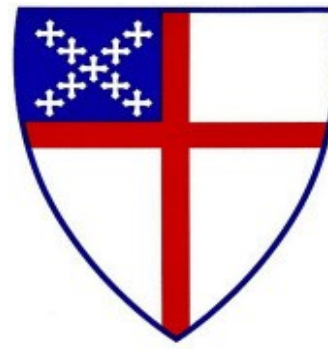
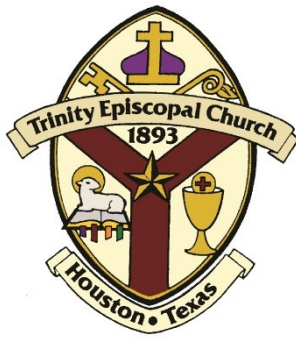
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street 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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