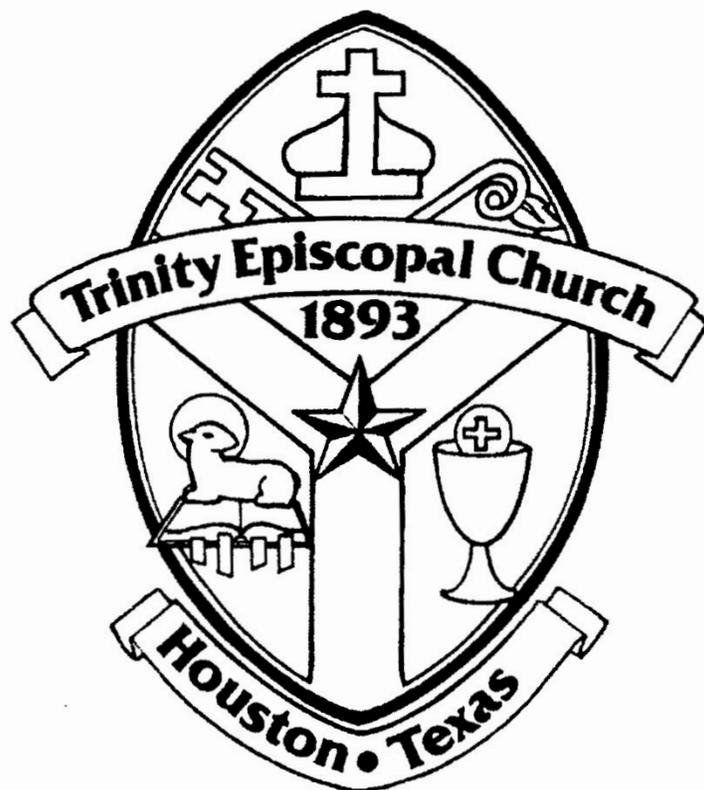


CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2022
6:00 p.m. Choral Prelude
6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist



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

Alex Jones, Organist and Choirmaster

***Making God's Presence Real
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CHORAL PRELUDE

6:00 P.M.

Please enter in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.

Please remain seated.

ANTHEM *Hodie Christus Natus Est* Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)
from Ceremony of Carol

Hodie Christus natus est:	Today Christ is born:
Hodie Salvator apparuit:	Today the Savior appears:
Hodie in terra canunt angeli, lætantur archangeli:	Today on earth angels sing, the archangels rejoice:
Hodie exsultant justi, dicentes:	Today the righteous rejoice, saying:
Gloria in excelsis Deo,	Glory to God in the highest.
Alleluia.	Alleluia.

ANTHEM *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree* Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

The tree of life my soul hath seen, Laden with fruit, and always green: The trees of nature fruitless be Compared with Christ the apple tree.	For happiness I long have sought, And pleasure dearly I have bought I missed of all; but now I see 'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.
His beauty doth all things excel: By faith I know, but ne'er can tell The glory which I now can see In Jesus Christ the apple tree.	I'm weary with my former toil Here I will sit and rest awhile Under the shadow I will be of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

ANTHEM *Lully, Lulla, Thou Little Tiny Child* 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

ANTHEM

A Spotless Rose

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

A spotless Rose is blowing
 Sprung from a tender root,
 Of ancient seers' foreshowing,
 Of Jesse promised fruit;
 Its fairest bud unfolds to light
 Amid the cold, cold winter
 And in the dark midnight.

The Rose which I am singing,
 Whereof Isaiah said,
 Is from its sweet root springing
 In Mary, purest Maid;
 For through our God's great love and might
 The blessed babe she bare us
 In a cold, cold winter's night.

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

In the Bleak Midwinter

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

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 breast full of milk
 And a manger full 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.

ORGAN MEDITATION

"Les Mages" from La Nativité du Seigneur

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand as able.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 83

O come, all ye faithful

Adeste Fidelis

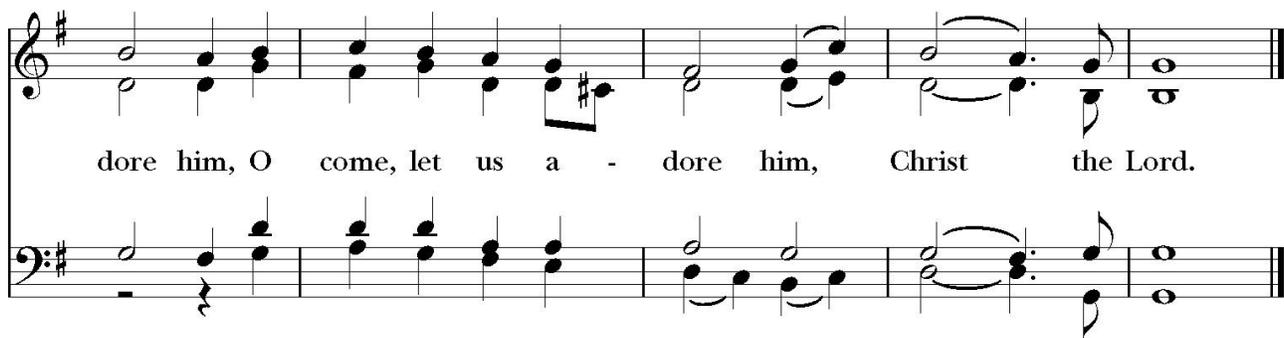
1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

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 be seated.

THE BLESSING OF THE CRECHE

The clergy and children will go to the crèche for the blessing.

Officiant The word was made flesh and dwelt among us:
People **And we beheld his glory.**

Officiant Let us pray.
 Most merciful and loving God, you have made this day holy by the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, and by the child-bearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Grant that we your people may enter with joy into the celebration of this day, and may also rejoice for ever as your adopted sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who in the Incarnation of your Son has revealed to us the holiness of creation, be pleased to bless and hallow this image of his sacred birth, so that those who gaze upon it may behold this mystery, whereby humanity shares in your very nature; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The crèche may then be censed.

Children go to their seats.

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

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Officiant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

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 also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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 to you, Lord Christ.**

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 to you, Lord 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, Hector, Jeff, Kai (*pronounced "Kaye"*), and Scott, 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, Eula, Joyce, Maryanne, Gary, John, Edgar, Larry, Nick, and Jarrett](#); 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 for all victims of gun violence, all who have perished from contracting the Coronavirus](#), 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, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this night of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see our complete announcements and the Weekly Window at the end of this bulletin.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated

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ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Adam Lay Ybounden

Boris Ord (1897-1961)

Adam lay ybounden,
Bounden in a bond;
Foure thousand winter,
Thought he not too long.

Adam lay bound,
Bound in a bond;
Four thousand winters
Didn't seem a long time to him.

And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took.
As clerkes finden,
Written in their book.

And all because of an apple,
An apple that he took.
As clerks find written,
Written in their book.

Ne hadde the apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Ne hadde never our Lady,
A-been heavene queen.

Had not the apple been taken,
The apple been taken,
Then never would our Lady
Have become heaven's Queen.

Blessed be the time
That apple taken was!
Therefore we moun singen.
Deo gratias!

Blessed be the time
That apple taken was,
Therefore we must sing:
Deo gratias!

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.

Please stand or kneel as able.

The celebrant continues

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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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

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

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

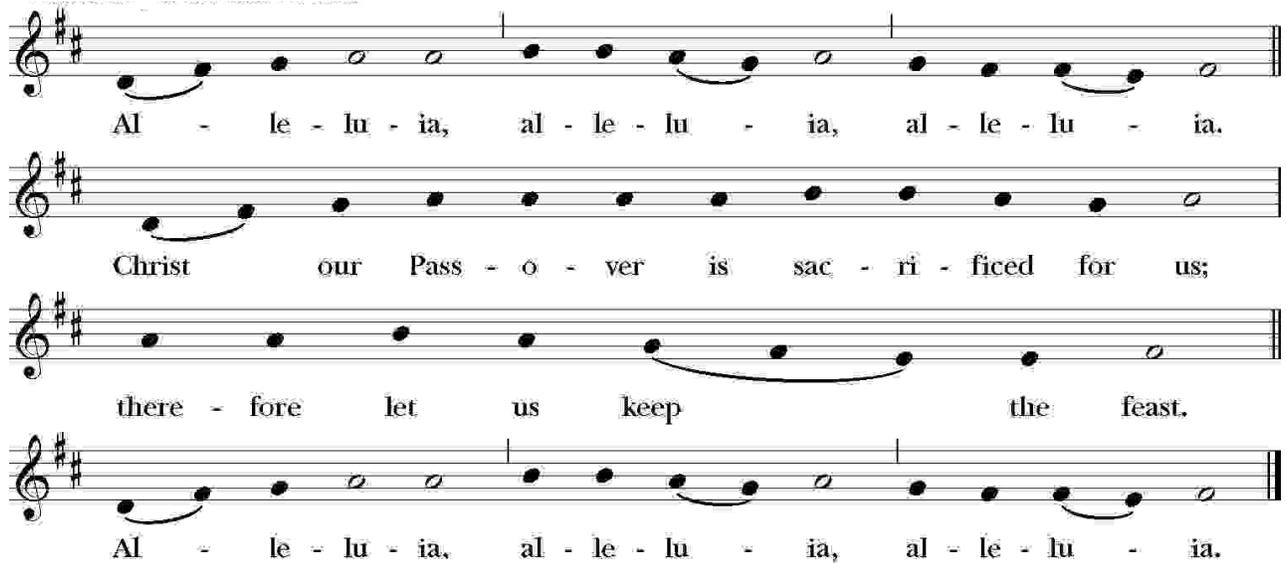
People AMEN.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.

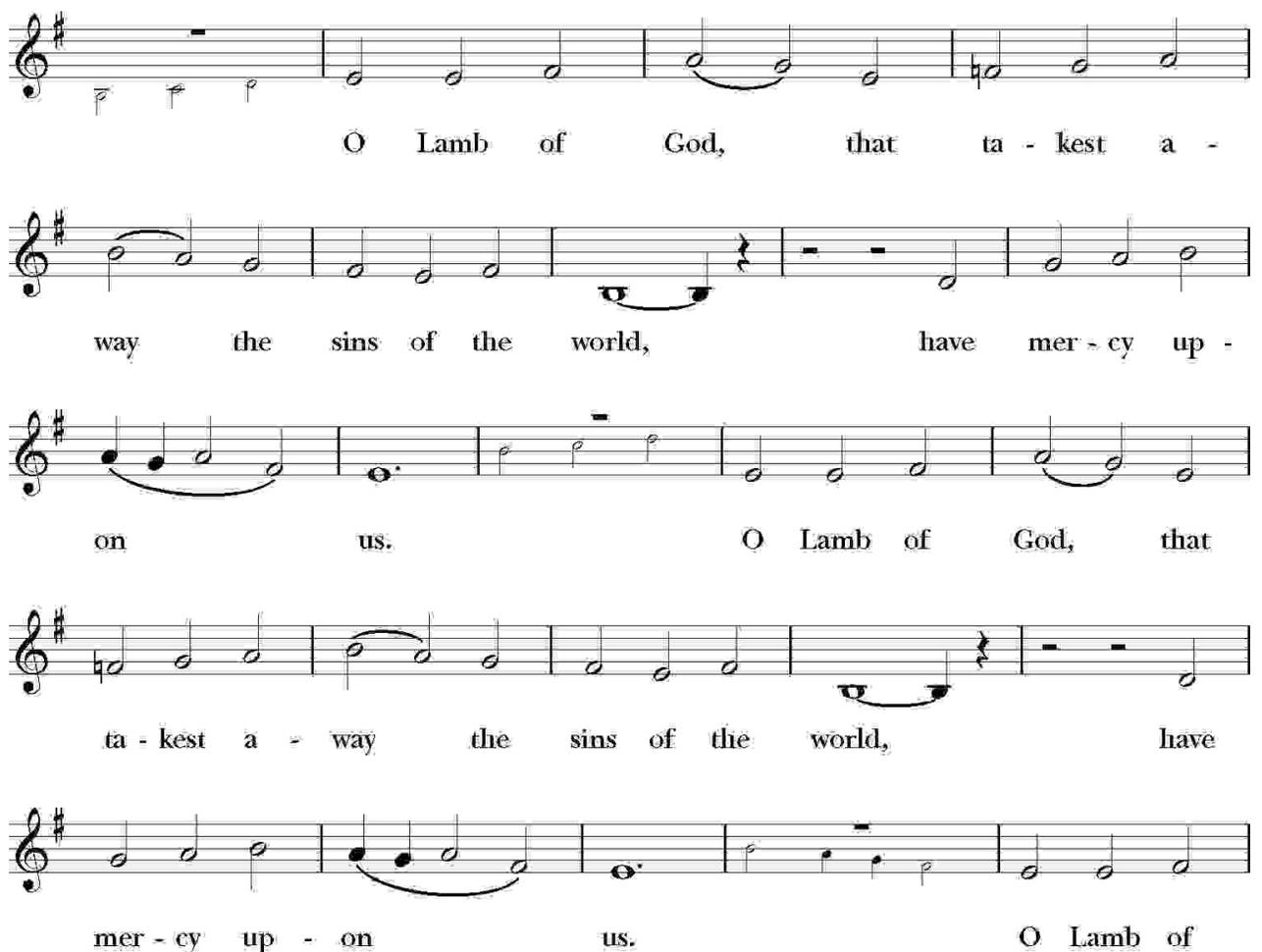
INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

AGNUS DEI S158

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

Please come forward to receive communion at the Altar rail. If you wish to partake of the chalice, you may do so by intinction. Intinction is done by dipping a host into the wine, and is completely optional. If you prefer, it is perfectly fine to continue receiving the host only. If you are unable to come forward for communion, it will be brought to you in your pew.

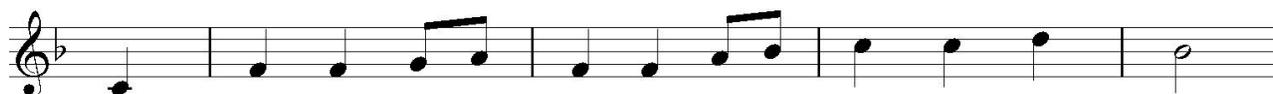


We offer a gluten-free bread option for those with dietary restrictions who wish to receive communion. To receive a gluten free wafer, please clasp your hands with palms facing each other when you come forward for communion.

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.



1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 * 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.



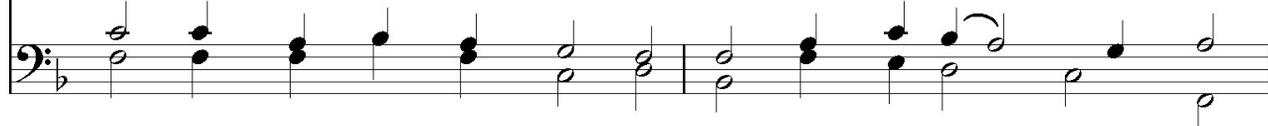
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.



1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,
 * 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,



Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;



It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

Please stand or kneel as able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please kneel or sit as able for the lighting of the candles.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

HYMN 111

Silent Night

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.

Please stand as able.

CAROL IN PROCESSION 100

Joy to the world

Antioch

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

VOLUNTARY

In Dir ist Freude, BWV 615

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

*Louise and Denton Cooley by Susan Cooley
Florence Talbot Cooley by Susan Cooley
Moses Phipps and Anne Campbell by Karen Christianson*

In Celebration of

Our Anniversary by Greg and Mindi Lomasang

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

*Bernadette Babin by Norma and Charles Cooper
Cleo Feltenberger by Robert Feltenberger
Jean C. Marsh by David Marsh*

In Thanksgiving for

our many blessings by Mary Johns and Eric Beam

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

*Chester Stasney by Leah Stasney
Pearlie Martin by Leah Stasney
my late mother, Edna Lee Brown by Andrea Shiloh
my late brother, Garland Shiloh by Andrea Shiloh*

In Thanksgiving for

*the health and happiness of my family by Toni Longino
Marie Stasney by Leah Stasney
God's loving gift of our Savior and the hope of eternal life by Wendy Wentland
my loves Elmer, Samuel, Daniel, Sara and Magaly by the Rev. Hannah E. Atkins Romero
my parents Henry and Treadwell Atkins by the Rev. Hannah E. Atkins Romero
my brother Henry and Li's marriage by the Rev. Hannah E. Atkins Romero
The wonderful staff, ministry heads, and vestry of Trinity
by the Rev. Hannah E. Atkins Romero*

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

Tony Davidson by Suzanne Kupiec
Bill and Billie Davidson by Suzanne Kupiec
Stephen P. Kupiec, Jr. by Suzanne Kupiec
Marjorie and Bill Lipsky by Suzanne Kupiec
Nellie Lipsky by Suzanne Kupiec
Jeanne Devine by Joanne and Ron Starbuck
Lucille Dittmore by Joanne and Ron Starbuck
Gerard Lepore by Joanne and Ron Starbuck
Rocco and Mary Lepore by Joanne and Ron Starbuck
Edna and Robert Starbuck by Joanne and Ron Starbuck
John Cloud by Mary Cloud
Ann, Jack, and Dennis Roach by Karen Roach
The Reverend Adam Nygren by John Merullo and George Zemanek
Max Maxwell by John Merullo and George Zemanek
Ina and Robert Porter, Sr. by Libby and Kenzo Tsubai
Robert Porter, Jr. by Libby and Kenzo Tsubai
Beulah Gruber by Libby and Kenzo Tsubai
*Our parents Clarence and Mildred Laubach, Ralph Lee and Maurine McMillan
by Pat and Larry Laubach*
*My son, Christopher, my cousin, the Rev. Carlotta E. Madison, and my family members
and friends who have entered the Spirit World by Shelby Bradley*
Albert and Elizabeth Cloteaux by Donna Cloteaux
*Erine Blackman, Patricia Braithwaite, Pat Jung, and Marsha Reed
by Timothy and Pamela Lawson*

In Thanksgiving for

Our Trinity family and friends by Rev. Henry and Treadwell Atkins
Alex Jones and the Trinity Choir by Mark Goza
April Sloan Hubert, Pelayo Parlade and the Trinity Jazz Ensemble by Mark Goza
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
Ryan Mire, Pat Laubach, and all Trinity staff and volunteers by Mark Goza
Sofía Isabela Montes by Jaylah and Marcia Quintanilla
*Our daughters Lisa and Amy and our grandchildren
Hannah, Madeline, Alexis, Olivia, and Cole by Pat and Larry Laubach*
Our clergy Hannah, Luz, and Dale by Pat and Larry Laubach
Trinity staff and Trinity volunteers by Pat and Larry Laubach
*God's continued blessings of love, friendship, mercy, and comfort given to me
and those I've encountered throughout 2022 by Shelby Bradley*

In Honor of

Elmer and Hannah Atkins Romero by Bob and Carol Wells

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.





THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN
December 25, 2022 and January 1st, 2023 – Christmas Year A

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Sunday In-Person Services
8:00 am and 12:30 pm (Chapel)
10:30 am (Historic Church)

Christmas Eve
6:00 pm and 10:00 pm
Christmas Day and New Years Day
11:00 am One Combined Service



THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, December 25, 2022

11:00 am One Combined Service– Church
8:00 pm Compline

Monday, December 26, 2022 through Friday, December 30th

Church and Church Offices are closed.

Sunday, January 1st, 2023

11:00 am One Combined Service– Church
8:00 pm Compline

Monday, January 2nd, 2023

Church and Church Offices are closed

Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday, January 4th, 2023

10:30 am Staff Meeting
12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm
5:30 pm Evening Prayer
6:00 pm Healing Service –Zoom
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 5th, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday, January 6th, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Our Weekly Zoom links can be found at

<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/zoom-with-us/>

The Trinity Vestry proudly presents the 2023–2026 slate of Vestry candidates:

Andy Durham, Samantha Rainman, David Villarreal, and Gladys Bálles

Council Delegates :

Madeline Mauk, Jeanne Sommerfeld

Vestry members will be elected at Trinity's Annual Parish Meeting on January 22, 2023, in Fellowship Hall from 9:15 am – 10:15 am

Nursery will be available beginning at 6 pm for 6 pm service only.

The services will begin with a thirty-minute prelude. Our come-as-you-are Christmas Pageant, held on Christmas Eve at the 6:30 pm service, is open to children of all ages. We want every child to know they are welcome to participate as much or as little as they choose. There are no speaking parts. Children are invited to join us beginning at 5:30 pm to pick a costume and hear the Christmas Story at 6 pm. Parents can stay to listen to the story with their child or can join the congregation for the choral prelude. Children will then gather in Fellowship Hall at 6:15 to process and join in the blessing of the creche. After the blessing of the creche, children will return to be with their families for the remainder of the service. We ask that you please return the costumes after the service.

Please note our Christmas Day and New Year's Day services will be one combined service at 11:00 am on each day. Regular services will resume at regular times on Sunday, January 8th, 2023.

Gifts that Matter

If you are looking for a unique Christmas gift for someone special this year, but you don't want to just buy more "stuff", we have an opportunity for you to honor that special person and to honor and help Trinity at the same time! Our clergy and staff have put together a wish list of items that will help Trinity and its ministries.

To see the full list of Gifts <https://www.trinitymidtown.org/blog/gifts-that-matter/>



Pick up your Home Blessing Kits:

Please pick up your Home Blessing Kits to use on the Feast of the Epiphany today. Kits are in the back and at the entrance of the church. Each kit includes chalk and a short liturgy for you to use at home.

The home blessing at Epiphany is a tradition many churches practice. The tradition marks the visit of the Magi to the home of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. You can find an explanation of this ritual in this video recorded by Rev. Hannah. Please note that the example used in the video is from 2022 so please be sure to update it with the correct year.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u7XcZrPdpz4&t=696s>



PRAYERS

Our custom is to read aloud each week the names of those who request our prayers. We also remember in our Prayer Chain and Bulletin those who desire prayers. Please email to keep us informed. For information or comments about prayer names, please contact the Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero. If you would like to participate as a member of the prayer chain, please contact Norma Cooper.

Allegra, Gareth, Mary, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Linelle, Jill, Stephen, Emily, Van, Kensington, Theresa, Marvin, Ric, Margaret, Livia, Barbara, Larry, Carolyn, Sylvia, Be, Linda, Shelby, Stephen, Barbara, Daniel, Minnie, Jeanette, Eddie, Theophilis, Lynn, Vanessa, Ellis, Margaret, Cindy, Cristine, Tony, Dick, Maribel, Emma, Armando, Susan, Joyce, Bob, David, Steven, Robert, Phil, Susan, Virginia, Renard, Richard, Patty, Tom, Tony, Jim, Jose, Julie, Callie, Rodney, Billie, Graham, Erma, Debbie, Dana, and Kathy.

For the faithful departed

All who have perished by contracting the coronavirus, and all victims of gun violence.

Altar Flower Dedications This Week

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God.

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up at www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/



Sign-ups for Coffee hour hosts for this January are also now available, please email Pat at volunteer@trinitymidtown.org if you are interested. Please remember without continued volunteer support coffee hours will only happen on Sundays that have a volunteer signed up.

Happy Birthday!

Greg Lomasang, Benjamin Gonzalez, Colette LeGrande, Christine Oramasionwu, Stephen Borden, Monica Weis, Gladys Valles, Stephen Sunquist, Sheree Thompson, Joyce Drew Vicki Varteressian, Pamela Lawson, and Richard Schey.

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Winter Office Hours

Monday–Thursday 9 am – 4 pm
Friday 9 am – 1 pm
Closed Week of December 26–Jan 2, 2023
Offices Re–open Tuesday, Jan 3rd, 2023
Closed for MLK day on Jan 16, 2023

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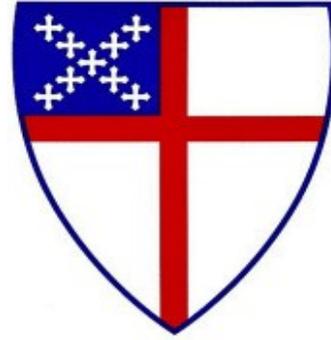
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