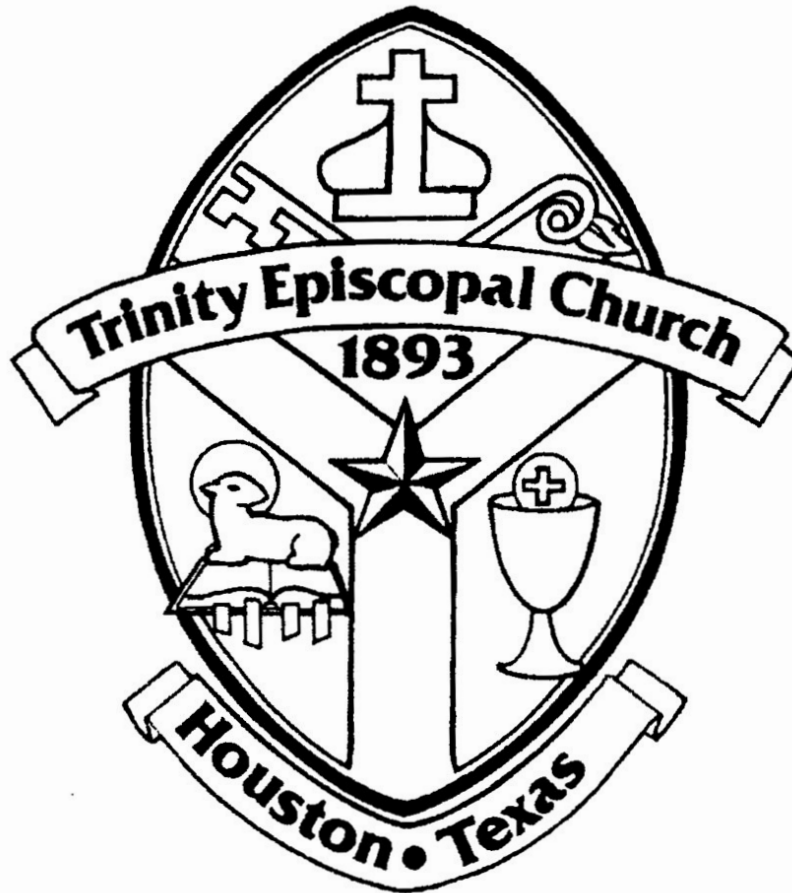


# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 7, 2024  
8:00 a.m.



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector  
The Reverend Dale Klitzke, Priest Associate  
The Reverend Marcea Paul, Guest Preacher

Wendy Wentland, Pianist

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

## WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning. We follow the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to guide our worship. In this leaflet, you'll find everything you need to follow along printed.

Whether you've been attending Trinity your whole life or this is your first time here, we invite you to participate in the service as fully as you feel comfortable doing.

If you're looking for a new church home, know that the Trinity family welcomes you. We would also appreciate your filling out a virtual visitors card, which can be accessed at this link:

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### A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

- Your children are welcome here at Trinity! First, please relax and enjoy your time here. We know that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it.
- To make things easier for your family, dare to sit closer to the front where your child can see what's going on at the altar. Guide them in the liturgy and be models for them. Help them sing the hymns and encourage them to stand/sit when appropriate, say "Amen" and "Thanks be to God," and generally help them be a part of the service. The liturgy belongs to them too.
- If you have to leave, hurry back! Jesus wants the children here, and we do too. If you need help, just ask. There are many here who are willing to lend you a hand.

### VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*

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Brent Chambers

Tony Huffman

Pam Lawson

Mary Matteucci

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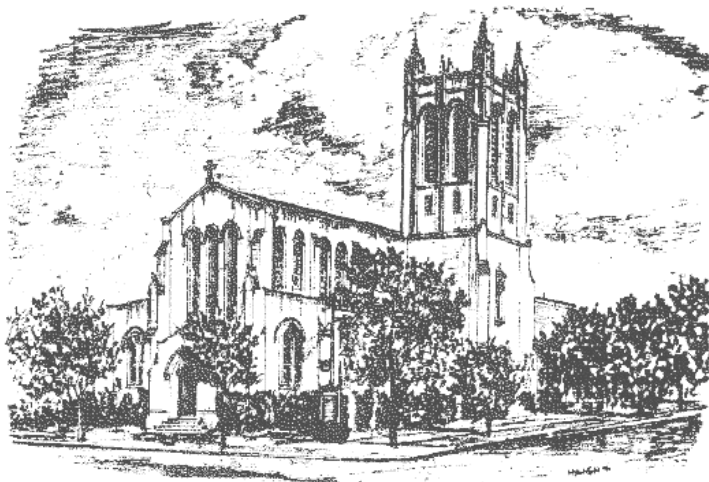
Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*

Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

## SERVING TODAY

Lector: Teddy Adams  
LEM: Donald Hackler  
Music: Wendy Wentland, piano  
Vestry of the Day: Tony Huffman

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Bruce David Hall  
by his family.



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# HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please stand as able.*

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, page 323

*Officiant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People** **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### 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.**

### THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

BCP, page 324

*Officiant* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

### CANTICLE

*Gloria in excelsis*

*Read in unison.*

**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,**

**O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast 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 the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People** **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 4: 32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 133

*Ecce quam bonum!*  
*Alternately by whole verse.*

BCP, page 787

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,**
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

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 Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

The Reverend Marcea Paul, Guest Preacher

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Wendy Wentland, piano

*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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP, page 328

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and ever-living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai (*pronounced "Kaye"*), and Hector, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale our clergy, and for all who minister in this place, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend Samy Fawzy, and the Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [Lord of the Streets, Houston; Northside, Houston; Palmer Memorial, Houston; and Redeemer, Houston](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Donald Hackler and the Sandwich Makers ministry](#).

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joseph our president, Kamala, our vice-president, Greg our governor, Lina, our county judge, John our mayor, and the legislatures and courts, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor, [Bill, Nick, Edith, Graeme, Christopher, Monica, Dorothy, Daniel, Angela, Velma, Brian](#), and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Almighty God, thou lovest all thy children and art a home to those who are in any need or trouble; inspire thy Church with the Spirit of Christ's love, empower us to battle the root causes of homelessness, and help us to live as one with one another.

We offer you, O Lord, our prayers of thanksgiving, [especially for Ann, Kaydence, and Elissa](#) as they celebrate their birthdays.

And we also bless thy Holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [especially for Donna Rial, Robert Maybee, the victims of war in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine, and all victims of gun violence](#), beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

#### CONFESSION

*Officiant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*Officiant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

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

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Please be seated*

#### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

#### OFFERING

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VERSE AND RESPONSE AT PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord  
**People** **and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

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*Please stand as able.*

SURSUM CORDA

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

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

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*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.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

*Celebrant*      Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People**            **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

BCP, page 338

*Celebrant*    The Gifts of God for the People of God.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

*Please come forward to receive communion from a priest in front of the altar. 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 the priest administering the bread approaches you.*

**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.**

## BLESSING

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

**Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

**Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, our Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life, be with you always.

**Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

*Officiant  
People*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.*

*We would like to thank Jody Rathburn for hosting this morning's coffee hour.*

*Please note that Sundays in April are available to host (part/all) coffee hour.*

*To sign up, please scan the QR code below or contact Jamie Chambers:  
[jamielynnchambers@hotmail.com](mailto:jamielynnchambers@hotmail.com) or call/text at 832-370-7155  
if you need assistance.*

*Thank you*





## Easter Lilies Dedications



**The Easter lilies are given to the Glory of God and**

***In Memory of***

Jeanne Devine by Joanne and Ron Starbuck.  
Lucille Dittimore 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.  
Emily Sumner by Mary Cloud.  
John Cloud by Mary Cloud.  
Alice and Leb Kemp by Mary Callaway.  
Madolyn and Stanley Tubbs by Stan Tubbs and Randy Goswick.  
Patricia Moss Braithwaite by Pam and Tim Lawson.  
Robert and Jane Vaughan by Yvonne Meyer.  
Clint and Alma Tubbs, and Eula Comer, by Stan Tubbs and Randy Goswick.  
Leroy and Dorothy Goswick by Stan Tubbs and Randy Goswick.  
Shirley and Joseph Rainman by Samantha Rainman.  
Muffie Moroney by Madeline Mauk and Jeanne Sommerfeld.  
Haney Goswick Cross by Madeline Mauk and Jeanne Sommerfeld.  
Anne Wallace by Madeline Mauk and Jeanne Sommerfeld.  
Bill Hyer by Madeline Mauk and Jeanne Sommerfeld.  
Willie Carl Keeton by Wanda Mullen.  
Ann, Jack, and Dennis Roach by Karen Roach.  
Alice and Leb Kemp by Mary Callaway.  
Ken, Lucille, and Tom Klitzke by Linda and Dale Klitzke.  
George and Marion Thorpe by Linda and Dale Klitzke.  
Byron Peterson by Mary Matteucci.  
Our parents and grandparents by Graeme and Edgar Marston.

***In Honor of***

Bonnie Claypoole by Karen Roach.  
Henrik Escoto by John and Kamisha Escoto.



## Easter Lilies Dedications



### ***In Thanksgiving for***

The Rev. Hannah Atkins Romero and her family by Mark Goza.

The Rev. Dale Kitzke and his family by Mark Goza.

Alex Jones and the Trinity Choir by Mark Goza.

April Sloan-Hubbert, Pelayo Parlade and the Trinity Jazz Ensemble by Mark Goza.

Trinity Staff and Volunteers by Mark Goza.

The Resurrection of Jesus! by Treadwell and Henry Atkins.

Our Trinity community by Will Sager and Kerry Ward.

Oliva, Ed, Addison, Campbell, and Beckett by Siva and Teddy Adams.

Our Wedding Anniversary, by Bob and Carol Wells.

Stan Tubbs and Randy Cross by Madeline Mauk and Jeanne Sommerfeld.

Hannah Atkins Romero, Dale Klitzke, and the Trinity family  
by Madeline Mauk and Jeanne Sommerfeld.

Our Family: Lisa, Nate, Madi, Olivia, Amy, Hannah, Lexi, Cole, Bill, and David  
by Pat and Larry Laubach.

Our Clergy: Hannah Atkins Romero, Dale Klitzke, and Brad Sullivan  
by Pat and Larry Laubach.

Our Staff: Ryan, Joanne, Carol, Mark, John, Ken, Sam, Andy, Eric, Steve, Ricardo, Rosa,  
Erica, Alex, April, Pelayo, Ernesto, Alfred, and Wendy by Pat and Larry Laubach.



## Easter Flower Dedications



### ***The crosses on the doors are given to the Glory of God by***

Hannah Atkins Romero and Elmer Romero in Thanksgiving for Joanne Starbuck, Mark Goza, and the Trinity Altar Guild.

Andy Durham and Susan Gallagher in Thanksgiving of Annmarie Margaret Bosslier.

Andy Durham and Susan Gallagher in Thanksgiving of Andrew, Margaret, Dan and Genie.

Richard Rathburn in Thanksgiving of All of life's joys!

Robert Feltenberger and David Marsh in Memory of Helen Carrick Lueders.

Robert Feltenberger and David Marsh in Memory of Lois Feltenberger Wright.

### ***High Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by***

Liz and Pat Golmon in Memory of our Mothers and Mother Figures.

John Merullo and George Zemanek In Honor of Caydon Joseph Heckert's adoption into our family and into the church family in Holy Baptism.

R. Daniel Conlon in Memory of John David Conlon, Elizabeth Snyder Conlon, Maximiliano Villagómez Silva, and Rosita Jáuregui de Villagómez.

Caroline, Sebastian and Conrad in loving Memory of Charles Grunewald.

The Vestry in Thanksgiving of our Rector Hannah Atkins Romero.

Mary Matteucci in Thanksgiving of my Family.

Siva and Teddy Adams in Thanksgiving for Oliva, Ed, Addison, Campbell, and Beckett.

### ***Side Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by***

Libby and Kenzo Tsubai in Honor of Linda and Bob Davenport.

Madeline Mauk and Jeanne Sommerfeld in Memory of our parents.

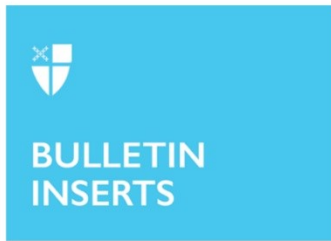
### ***Baptistery Flowers are given to the Glory of God by***

Norma and Charles Cooper in Memory of Evelyn and Nathaniel Gilmore, Sr., and Ruby Cooper .

Andréa Shiloh in Memory of my mother Edna Lee Brown.

### ***Columbarium Flowers by***

Linnet Deily in Memory of Mike Deily.



**April 7, 2024 – Easter 2 (B)**  
**Week 2: Reflections on the Resurrection**

*During the Easter season, Sermons That Work is pleased to present reflections from some of the newest bishops of The Episcopal Church on the resurrection of our Lord. Check back each week for a brief exploration of how Jesus Christ's rising from the grave changes everything. To listen to this reflection, scan the QR code on this page and subscribe to the Sermons That Work podcast.*

Spring has always been my favorite season of the year. Winters were long in the small New England town where I lived. Spring signaled new life and growth as melting snow gave way to crocuses pushing their way upward and recess back on the playground. As a young girl, spring also brought preparations for Easter, which included Lenten fasting and spring cleaning. Each year, the house would be turned upside down as curtains, linens, walls, baseboards, windows, and cupboards were scrubbed clean until all sparkled and appeared new once again.

For me and my four sisters, it also signified throwing off the drab outerwear of winter and donning new spring coats (all in different pastel colors of course), hats, patent leather shoes, and matching dresses. A feeling of newness and possibility filled the air. As I got older, I began to understand that Easter was more than new clothes and patent leather shoes, more than straw filled baskets brimming with cream-filled chocolate covered eggs and lollipops shaped like bunnies to end our Lenten fasts. Those feelings of newness and possibility were part of God's story, the story my parents shared and lived each day.

My parents were resurrection people. They lived as best they could the life that Jesus embodied. They made sacrifices to ensure my sisters and I had what we needed (and then some) to grow and thrive. They placed their trust in the Resurrection, secure in the knowledge that God was doing something new in their lives and in the lives of their children. Years later, I discovered my mother had gone without a new coat for years so that me and my sisters could have new clothes at Easter. When my grandmother died, my parents invited my grandfather to live with us, so that he would not be alone in his retirement, giving up the bedroom they had just built for themselves. My parents' generosity and service, more powerfully than words, demonstrated to our family and community the difference between what counts and what doesn't. My parents placed their faith and trust in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and lived the promises made for them at baptism throughout their lives.

For them and for me, Jesus' resurrection reveals true life and faith are found in those places where people, often unnoticed by others, are placing their own bodies in the shape of Jesus' life. I have the privilege of seeing this lived out in the stories shared by our federal ministry chaplains who counsel and walk alongside our soldiers, sailors, airmen, guardians, coasties, marines, veterans, and the incarcerated. They support and encourage the young sailor who is up all night with a sick child, the veteran who tenderly cares for his wife who has Alzheimer's so advanced that she no longer knows his name, the soldier who prays for and seeks help for her alcoholic brother, the prisoner who speaks out about injustice in our legal system, the airman who cleans an elderly neighbor's yard, the guardian who is questioning their sexuality and place in the military, or the veteran suffering from moral injury, not knowing how to forgive themselves or others. These are the Easter places, the embodiment of the Resurrection and real holiness.

It takes courage to be Easter people. It takes faith to be resurrection people. It requires us to put aside the promise of security, to embrace uncertainty, and to trust no other truth than what we have seen and heard in Jesus, and to find our hope in living lives of embodied faithfulness. Easter reminds us that we can experience the risen Christ in God's word, sacrament, spirit, and most profoundly in the intimate and personal ways we live out our baptismal promises. Jesus reminds us that, by passing through suffering and death, he came to the resurrection, proving that what he said is true, and nothing, not even death, can separate us from God's love.



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## THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN  
April 7, 2024 – The Second Sunday of Easter, Year B

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### Sunday In-Person Services

8:00 am and 12:30 pm (Chapel)  
10:30 am (Historic Church)

### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

#### Sunday, April 7th, 2024

7:30am – 1:30pm Nursery Open  
8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Church)  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)  
12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Church)  
8:00 pm Compline (Facebook)

#### Monday, April 8th, 2024

12:00 pm Yoga (Atrium)  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

#### Tuesday, April 9th, 2024

12:00 pm The Listening Post  
5:00 pm Pastoral Care Team (Zoom)  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)  
6:00 pm Property Committee (Zoom)  
6:30 pm Finance Committee (Zoom)

#### Wednesday, April 10th, 2024

12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)  
6:00 pm Healing Service (Zoom)  
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Room 218)

#### Thursday, April 11th, 2024

12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

#### Friday, April 12th, 2024

12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

#### Saturday, April 13th, 2024

10:00 am AGO Workshop (Fellowship Hall)

Our Weekly Zoom links can be found at  
<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/zoom-withus>

## Parish Family Picnic – Canceled

The Parish Family Picnic scheduled for Sunday, April 7th, has been canceled. Look for more events soon.

## All Parish Retreat! Register Now!

### Camp Allen Retreat Center

April 12 – 14

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

All are welcome to join us at beautiful Camp Allen for our parish retreat.

An annual all-parish retreat has been a feature missing from our community for several years now, but it has returned.

The cost is \$60 for adults and \$30 children plus \$15 each for the Saturday evening meal.

We will enjoy fellowship, prayer, games, and more!

**The deadline for registration and payment is Sunday, April 7th.**

## A Day of Intergenerational Anti-Racism Workshops April 27th at 12 noon.

Trinity will host a day of anti-racism workshops for all ages on Saturday, April 27th at 12 noon to help build Beloved Community. Please plan to attend and help to make our wonderfully diverse parish family even more welcoming for everyone.

## From our Rector:

To all of the Trinity Episcopal Church, Houston community– friends, family, and parishioners: I am deeply grateful for the beauty of Holy Week 2024. The hard work of so many– most especially our liturgical ministries Altar Guild, Clergy Colleagues, Acolytes, Choir, Jazz Ensemble, LEM’s, Vergers, Ushers, Lectors, those scheduling everyone, and the Flower Guild, Vestry Person of the Day, Coffee Hour Hosts, Photographers, Stations of the Cross artists, children’s activity coordinators, those who got baptized and their families, and all our staff– made all the times we gathered a profoundly transformative spiritual experience. As we begin the 50 days of the Easter Season, just know that I am forever appreciative of this incredible team effort that moved me, in my 28th year of ordained ministry, ever closer to God. Thank you!

The Rev. Hannah E. Atkins Romero





### 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.

Bill, Nick, Edith, Graeme, Christopher, Monica, Dorothy, Daniel, Angela, Velma, Brian, Allegra, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Stephen, Emily, Van, Dick, Ric, Barbara, Sylvia, Joyce, Bob, David, Robert, Susan, Patty, Dana, Emilia, Gaby, Florence, Carolyn, Rick, Charles, Harrison, Kathy, Erma, Mary, Chris, Guillermo, Holly, Ray, Barbara, Howard, Claudie, Romy, Bryce, Rose, Bart, Marie, Josh, Christina, Collette, Sybil, Charlotte, Bob, Pamela, James, Jason, Meredith, Nikki, Annalise, Ella, Julie, Cindy, Yolande, Semenka, Nelson, Jamie, Leslie, All Victims of Violence

#### For the faithful departed:

Donna Rial, Robert Maybee, the victims of war in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine and all victims of gun violence.

### Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up at [www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/](http://www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/).  
Next available dates: April 14th, 21st, 28th.



Sign-ups for coffee hour hosts are available, please sign up online to volunteer [here](#) or scan QR code below. For questions or further information please contact Jamie Chambers: [jamielynchambers@hotmail.com](mailto:jamielynchambers@hotmail.com) or call/text at 832-370-7155 if you need assistance.

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*Happy Birthday!*

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\*Please note we will never ask you for money or gifts via email. Scams are circulating again, so please be aware and cautious.

#### Office Hours

**This Week: Closed Monday**  
Monday–Thursday 9 am – 3 pm  
Friday 9 am – 1 pm

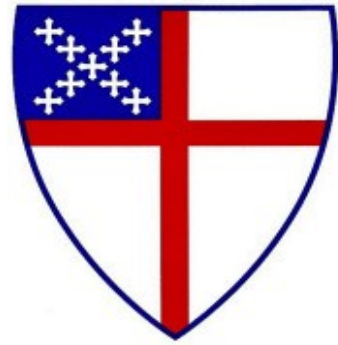
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