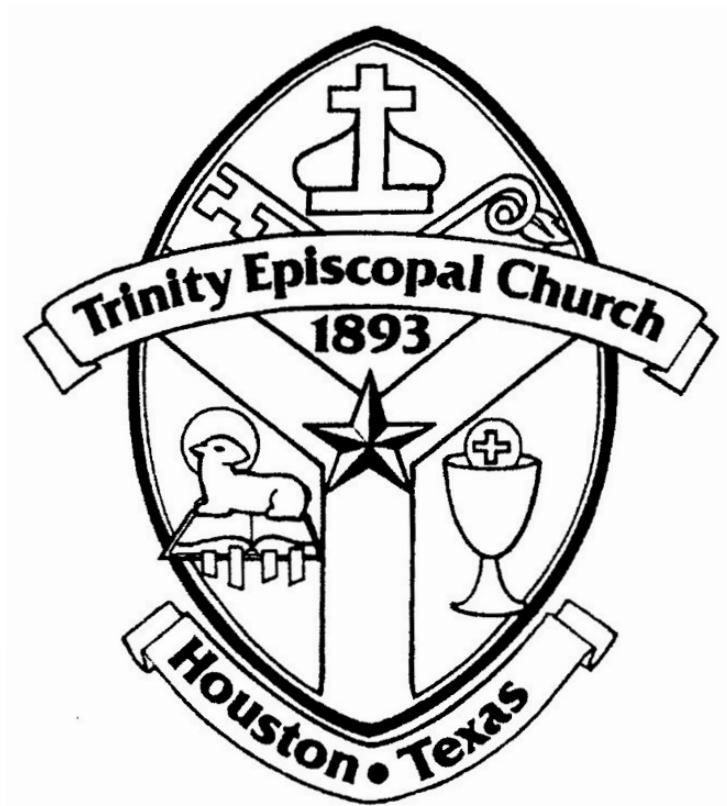


THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 7, 2024
10:30 a.m.



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

Alex Jones, Organist and Choirmaster

***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. 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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Children 3yrs through 3rd grade *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* Meets in room 112 at 9:30 a.m. and the children return to their parents at the passing of the peace.

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.
- Each Sunday, your child may pick up a pew activity in the back of the church.
- 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*
Eric Beam, *Junior Warden*

Brent Chambers
Tony Huffman
Pam Lawson
Mary Matteucci
John Merullo

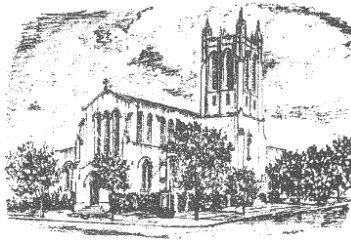
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Andréa Shiloh
Gladys Vallés
David Villarreal

Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*
Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*
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Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*
Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*
Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Lector: Stan Tubbs
Prayers: David Marsh
LEMs: Larry Laubach, Pat Laubach
Acolytes: A. Sennewald, K. Lomasang, H. Hensman, A. Lomasang, J. Sennewald
Ushers: Dana Gannon, Robert Feltenberger, Elmer Romero
Verger: David Villarreal
Vestry of the Day: Tony Huffman
Altar Guild: Carolyn Reyes, Shelby Bradley, Samantha Rainman
Audio Visual: Christian Bearup

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 II

10:30 a.m. Historic Church

Please enter in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.

VOLUNTARY

Allegretto
from Sonata No. 4

Felix Mendelssohn

The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand as able.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 180

He is risen, he is risen!

Unser Herrscher

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,
Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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.**

CANTICLE S278 Glory to God

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -

might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the

Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of

God the Fa-ther. A-men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

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.**

- 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.**

Unison or harmony

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
 2 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son

sor - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath
 riv - er: Lord of all life, from ill my
 slum - ber, till trump from east to west shall

Refrain

sprung to life this mor - row.
 pass - ing life de - liv - er. Had Christ, that once was
 wake the dead in num - ber.

slain, ne'er burst his three-day pri - son, our faith had been in

vain; but now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en - en.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20: 19-31

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

Please stand as able.

NICENE CREED

**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, FORM VI

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We invite you to offer any prayers you wish to share in the comment section.

Reader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Reader We pray for Joseph, our president; Kamala, our vice-president; Greg, our governor; Lina, our county judge; John, our mayor; and the legislatures, and courts: For this community, the nation, and the world:

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Reader For the end of systemic racism that divides us; for the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Reader For [all women and men, boys and girls who are homeless this day, and for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.](#)

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Reader 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.](#) For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

People **For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Reader For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai (*pronounced "Kaye"*), and Hector, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale, our clergy; for all who minister in this place; and for all bishops and other ministers.

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those who are on our prayer list: [Bill, Nick, Edith, Graeme, Christopher, Monica, Dorothy, Daniel, Angela, Velma, and Brian](#).
Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for [especially for Ann, Kaydence, and Elissa](#) as they celebrate their birthdays.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader We pray for all who have died, [especially for Donna Rial, Robert Maybee, the victims of war in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine, and all victims of gun violence](#), that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

CONFESSON

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Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

People Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

BCP, page 360

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People Amen.

Please stand as able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

Please be seated.

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see our complete announcements and the Weekly Window at the end 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

Online Giving is available.

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Texting. Send the message **heartofmidtown** to **73256**. Be sure to type heartofmidtown with no spaces, or autocorrect may insert information about a different church. The prompt will ask for a credit card number which can be kept on file for future contributions.

OFFERTORY HYMN 455

O Love of God

Dunedin

1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
 2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee
 3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for
 4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the

and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
 in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
 us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on
 dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion

bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.
 low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
 high, our life to live, our death to die.
 light we read the full - ness of thy might.

Please stand as able.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 400 stanza 7

Lasst uns erfreuen

7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -
 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain
 O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:



The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

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

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. **Amen.**

The Celebrant then continues

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

Celebrant and People

**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 S155

Gerald R. Near

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

AGNUS DEI S166

Gerald Near

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on
 us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.
 Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your 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.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Celebrant distributes a communion kit saying,

Celebrant On behalf of God and Trinity Parish, we send forth these holy gifts that those who will be visited may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please kneel or stand as able.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

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.

Please stand as able

HYMN IN PROCESSION 174

At the Lamb's high feast

Salzburg

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
 now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
 thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

DISMISSAL

Officiant
People

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

VOLUNTARY

Postlude in D Major

Healey Willan

*Those who wish to listen to the closing Voluntary
are invited to come and sit in the Choir.*

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

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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 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.
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Gerard Lepore by Joanne and Ron Starbuck.
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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.
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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 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.

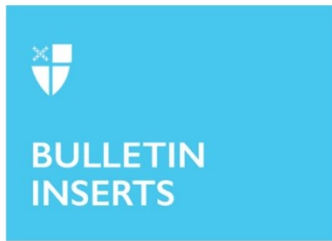
Baptistery Flowers are given to the Glory of God by

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/.

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 or call/text at 832-370-7155 if you need assistance.

Next available dates: April 14th, 21st, and 28th.



Ann McCoy
Kaydence Lomasang
Elissa Brewster-Bird

Office Hours

This Week: Closed Monday

Monday–Thursday 9 am – 3 pm

Friday 9 am – 1 pm

If you have building concerns please email parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org.



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

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

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

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

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

A HISTORY OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

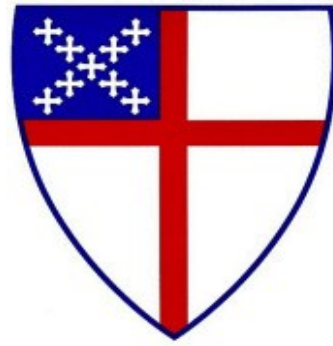
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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