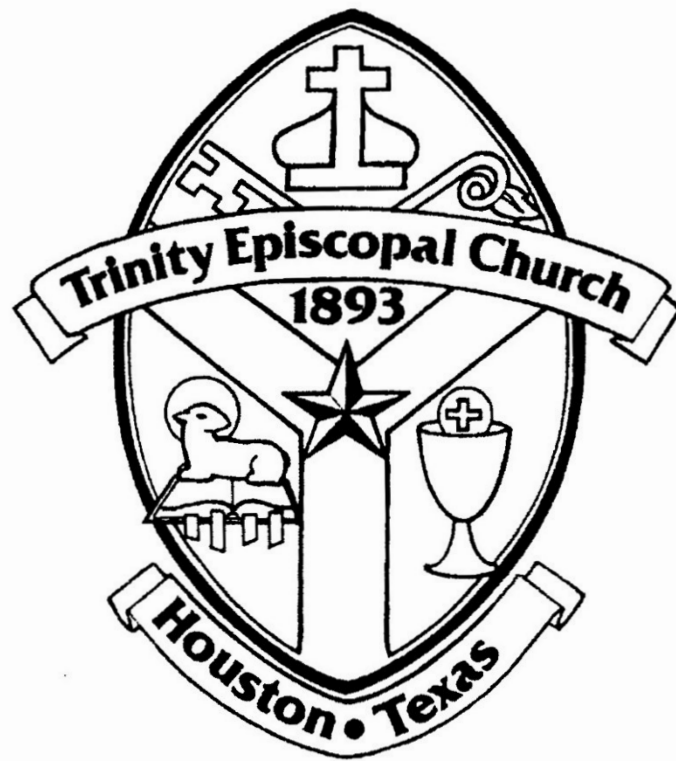


# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 7, 2024  
12:30 p.m.



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

April Sloan-Hubert, Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble  
Pelayo Parlade, Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble

***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 adapted the liturgy for this service from *A New Zealand Prayer Book* 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.

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- 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.
- Children's activity and worship bulletins are available for download from our website under the "Worship—Bulletins" tab, or following this link:

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Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*

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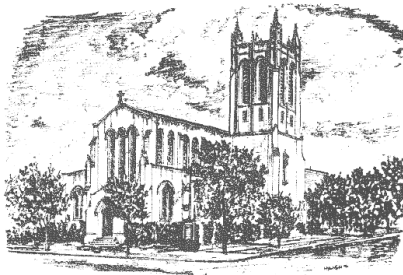
## THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Vocals: April Sloan-Hubert  
Piano: Pelayo Parlade  
Flute, Clarinet: Ernesto Vega  
Bass: Alfred Kennedy

## SERVING TODAY

Lector: Mary Matteucci  
Prayers: Theresa McClellan  
Acolyte: Barrett Hess  
Usher: Bob Davenport  
Audio Visual: Paul Bower  
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Altar Guild: Linda Davenport  
Vestry of the Day: Tony Huffman

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# The Liturgy of the Word

## INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

*Please stand as able.*

**Presider** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead .

**People** **God is with us, here we find new life!**

**Presider** Let us worship God.

## OPENING HYMN

In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified

1. In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;  
2. In my song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;  
3. In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;

1. In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to - day.  
2. In my song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to - day.  
3. In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to - day.

## OPENING PRAYER

**Presider** Let us pray.

God you are the first light cutting through the void. You are the final light which we shall enjoy forever. Help us to welcome the light and walk in it always. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

**People** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**People Thanks be to God.**

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**People Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

*Please stand as able*

John 20: 19-31

Presider The Holy Gospel according to John.  
**People Praise and glory to God!**

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.

Presider This is the Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to Christ, the Word.**

*Please be seated*

SERMON

The Reverend Marcea Paul, Guest Preacher

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*We will meditate quietly on God's word to us.*

*Please stand as able*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Response**

instrumental intro  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $A^{\flat}7sus$   $A^{\flat}7$

Hear our -

**A**

5  $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$   $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$

prayer - O - Lord hear our - prayer O - Lord - - in -

9  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $\oplus$   $A^{\flat}7sus$   $A^{\flat}7$

cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our

**B**

13  $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$   $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$

prayer O - Lord - hear - our - prayer - O - Lord - - - in -

17  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $A^{\flat}7sus$   $A^{\flat}7$

cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord \_\_\_\_\_

Soft piano improvisation during prayer, play intro to cue next response.

21  $\oplus$   $G^{\flat}maj7$   $A^{\flat}7sus$   $A^{\flat}7$   $D^{\flat}maj7$

A - nd Gra - nt - us Thy - Pe - ace \_\_\_\_\_

Let us pray for the preservation of the earth. We give thanks for the beauty and abundance of the earth.

Give us and all peoples grace to live in harmony with your creation, wisdom and generosity in our use of its bounty.

Let us pray for peace and shared prosperity, and for the end of systemic racism that divides us.

We pray for leaders to serve the common good: Give wisdom to those who have responsibility and authority in every land, especially Joseph, our president; Kamala, our vice-president; Greg, our governor; Lina, our county judge; Sylvester, our mayor; and the legislatures, and courts; that we may share with justice the resources of the world, and work together in trust.

### **Response**

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

We give thanks for the good news of salvation for all people. Strengthen us for our work in the world, empower your Church to proclaim the gospel in service, word and sacrament.

Unite in the truth all who confess your name, that we may live together in love to your glory.

Let us pray for ourselves and our community. We give thanks for the fellowship of the communities in which we live and work, especially Trinity Church.

We pray for our 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.

We commend to your keeping ourselves and each other, our families, those with whom we work and learn, our neighbors and our friends. Enable us by your Spirit to live in love for you and for one another.

### **Response**

We give thanks that you are the God who brings mercy and wholeness. Comfort and heal, we pray, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble, especially for those we now name: [Bill, Nick, Edith, Graeme, Christopher, Monica, Dorothy, Daniel, Angela, Velma, and Brian](#).

[Heavenly Father, our neighbor has nowhere to call home: help us be aware. Our neighbor needs love and community: help us be active. Our neighbor is crying out for justice: help us be adamant to see an end to homelessness.](#)

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, [especially for Donna Rial, Robert Maybee, the victims of war in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine, and all victims of gun violence](#). Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfillment of your kingdom.

We give you thanks for your servants in every age, especially for [especially for Ann, Kaydence, and Elissa](#), who are celebrating their birthdays.

### **Response**

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

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

*The people may offer their own specific petitions, praises or thanksgivings.*

### **Response**

THE PEACE

Prsider Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.  
**People Who breaks down the walls that divide.**  
Prsider The peace of God be always with you.  
**People Praise to Christ who makes us one.**

MUSIC AT THE PEACE

Mercy! Mercy!

Cannonball Adderley

*Please be seated.*

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

## The Liturgy of the Table

*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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THE OFFERTORY

Trinity Jazz Ensemble

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please stand as able.*

Prsider The Lord is here.  
**People God's Spirit is with us.**  
Prsider Lift up your hearts.  
**People We lift them to the Lord.**  
Prsider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Prsider

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image.

In your Son you suffered with us and for us, offering us the healing riches of salvation and calling us to freedom and holiness. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended, a new age has dawned, a broken world is restored and we are made whole once more.



Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language, with the whole Church on earth and in heaven, joyfully we give you thanks and say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Therefore heavenly Father, in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son, we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come in glory.**

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness, we were far off until you brought us near and our hands are empty until you fill them.

As we eat this bread and drink this wine, through the power of your Holy Spirit feed us with your heavenly food, renew us in your service, unite us in Christ, and bring us to your everlasting kingdom. From you, and through you, and for you are all things. To you be the glory for ever,

The musical notation consists of three staves in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are "A - men, A - men, A - men." The first staff has a half note on G4, a quarter rest, a half note on G4, and a quarter rest. The second staff has a half note on G4, a quarter rest, a half note on G4, and a quarter rest. The third staff has a half note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on Bb4, a quarter note on A4, and a half note on G4. The lyrics are "A - men, A - men, A - men." The first staff has a half note on G4, a quarter rest, a half note on G4, and a quarter rest. The second staff has a half note on G4, a quarter rest, a half note on G4, and a quarter rest. The third staff has a half note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on Bb4, a quarter note on A4, and a half note on G4.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**People We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

#### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*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 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. Just as I am, without one plea, But  
 2. Just as I am, though tossed about With  
 3. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight  
 4. Just as I am, thou wilt receive; Wilt  
 5. Just as I am, thy love unknown Has  
 6. Just as I am, of thy great love The

1. that thy blood was shed for me,  
 2. many-a conflict, many-a doubt;  
 3. riches, healing of the mind,  
 4. welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,  
 5. broken every barrier down;  
 6. breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,

1. And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O  
 2. Fightings and fears with in, without, O  
 3. Yea, all I need in thee to find, O  
 4. Because thy promise I believe, O  
 5. Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O  
 6. Here for a season, then a-bove: O

Lamb of God, I come, I come.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Please stand as able.*

- Presider Blessed be God who calls us together.  
**People Praise to God who makes us one people.**
- Presider Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.  
**People Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.**
- Presider Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.  
**People Praise to God who is revealed as love.**
- Presider Blessed be God who alone has called us.  
**People Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.**
- Presider Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.  
**People Accept our thanks for all you have done.**
- Presider Send us now into the world you love.  
**People Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

THE 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 upon you and remain with you for ever.

**Amen.**

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight;  
 2. We may not touch His hands and side,  
 3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief;  
 4. That, when our life of faith is done;

1. no gra - cious words we hear from Him who  
 2. nor fol - low where He trod; but in His  
 3. and may our faith a - bound, to call on  
 4. in realms of clear - er light, we may be -

1. spoke as none e'er spoke; but we be -  
 2. prom - ise we re - joice, and cry, "My  
 3. you when you are near, and seek where  
 4. hold you as you are, with full and

1., 2., 3. | 4.  
 1. lieve Him near.  
 2. Lord and God!"  
 3. you are found.  
 4. end - less sight.

THE DISMISSAL

Presider     Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**People**     **We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Thank you for worshipping with us this afternoon.*

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*Please note that dates are open to host (part/all) coffee hour  
on April 14, 21, and 28.*

*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 Dittmore by Joanne and Ron Starbuck.  
Gerard Lepore by Joanne and Ron Starbuck.  
Mary and Rocco Lepore by Joanne and Ron Starbuck.  
Edna and Robert Starbuck by Joanne and Ron Starbuck.  
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.  
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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.

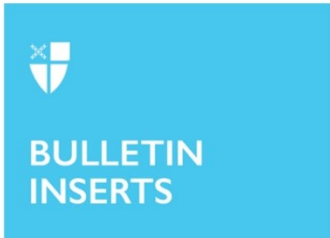
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Norma and Charles Cooper in Memory of Evelyn and Nathaniel Gilmore, Sr., and Ruby Cooper .

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 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.

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



*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

If you have building concerns please email [parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org).



For more information on annual giving visit [www.trinitymidtown.org/give](http://www.trinitymidtown.org/give).

## **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.

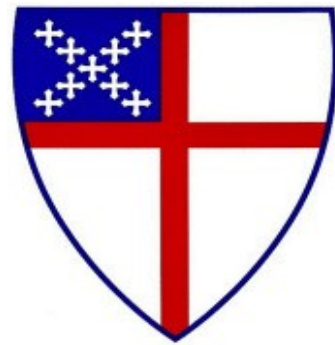
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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