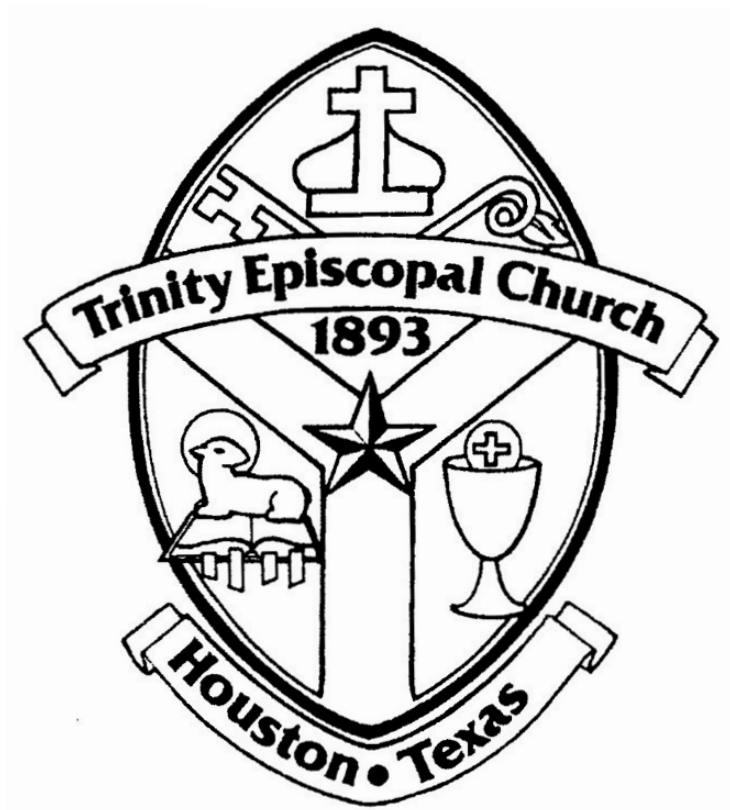


THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 2024
10:30 a.m.



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector
The Reverend Dale Klitzke, Priest Associate
The Reverend Kristen Sullivan, 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

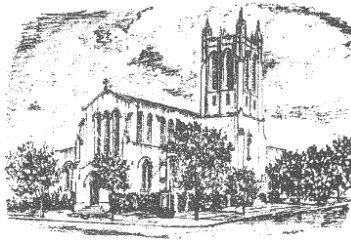
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Jeanne Sommerfeld
Andréa Shiloh
Gladys Vallés
David Villarreal

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

LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Lector: Catherine Reed
Prayers: Ron Starbuck
LEMs: Joanne Starbuck, Ron Starbuck
Acolytes: J. Sennewald, L. Chambers, G. Chambers, J. Draper, S. Chambers
Ushers: Ken Jones, Barrett Hess, Jody Rathburn, Richard Rathburn
Verger: Ron Mailloux
Vestry of the Day: Eric Beam
Altar Guild: Mark Goza, David Villarreal, Catherine Guthrie, Kathryn Laurence
Audio Visual: Jeremy Velasquez

The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God



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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

10:30 a.m. Historic Church

Please enter in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.

VOLUNTARY

Prelude Modale

Jean Langlais

The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand as able.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 492

Sing, ye faithful

Finnian



1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,
2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to
3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -
4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's



sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior
Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,
kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,
throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,



let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your
bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the
Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the
till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, page 355

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

William Matthias



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.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 3: 12-19

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



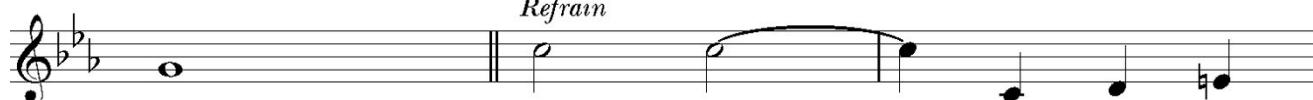
1 Look there! the Christ, our Bro - ther,
 2 Good Je - sus Christ in - side his
 3 Good Je - sus Christ, our Bro - ther,
 4 Look there! the Christ, our Bro - ther,



comes re - splen - dent from the gal - lows tree and what he
 pain looked down Gol - go - tha's ston - y slope and let the
 died in dark - est hurt up - on the tree to of - fer
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brings in his hurt hands is life on life for you and
 blood flow from his flesh to fill the springs of liv - ing
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 brings in his hurt hands is life on life for you and



me.
 hope.
 ty.
 me.

Refrain

Joy! joy! joy to the



heart and all in this good day's dawn - ing!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24: 36b-48

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

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

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Reverend Kristen Sullivan, Guest Preacher

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

BCP, page 392

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 Don Tamihere and the Most Reverend Sione Ulu'ilakepa, and the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia.](#) In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [San Pablo/ St. Peter's, Houston; San Pedro/St. Peter's, Pasadena; St. Alban's, Houston; and St. James', Houston.](#) In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Andy Durham and the Stewardship 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, and Dale, our clergy, and for Kristen our guest preacher; 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, Cindy, Angela, Velma, Leslie, and Johnnye.](#)

Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for [Rick, Mike, Ella, George, Gabriel, Diego, Treadwell, Van, and Catherine](#) 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 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.

The Celebrant prays the following Collect:

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The children who attended Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will return at this point so that they can participate with their families in the Holy Communion

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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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One

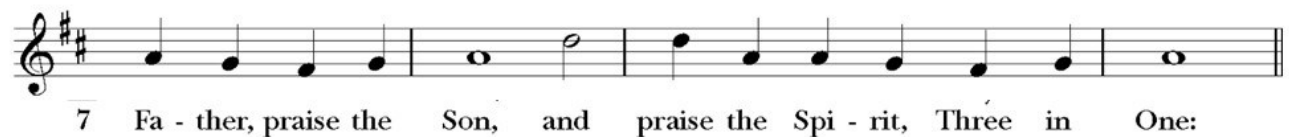
Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away;
for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
the flowers appear upon the earth;
the time of the singing of birds is come;
arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Please stand as able.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 400 stanza 7

Lasst uns erfreuen



GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

SURSUM CORDA S120

Celebrant
The Lord be with you. *People*
And al - so with you.

Celebrant
Lift up your hearts. *People*
We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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,

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 HYMN 306

Come, risen Lord

Sursum Corda



1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;
2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met;
3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take,
4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,



nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
thou at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:
one Church u - ni - ted in com - mun - ion blest;
who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;

thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest
 "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet:
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;

in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.
 faith still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.
 with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
 be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

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 178 Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

Alleluia No. 1

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain

He is the King of crea - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY

Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

*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 everyone who helped with 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



April 14, 2024 – Easter 3 (B)
Week 3: 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.



When I was a child, our family often went on summer trips across the country. On one of those trips, we signed up for a guided tour of a deep cavern in Arkansas. There were about a dozen in our group. We followed lit pathways to the deepest place in this large cave, and the guide had us all sit down on benches. Then, she turned out all the lights. We sat in utter and complete darkness, several hundred feet underground, for maybe one minute. Then, she lit a single match, and every eye was instantly focused on the glow of that flame.

The first service of Easter – The Great Vigil – begins with the rubric: In the darkness, fire is kindled. At some moment between sundown on Saturday and sunrise on Sunday, God raised the lifeless body of Jesus from death to life in the tomb. On Saturday night or early Sunday morning, churches around the world annually symbolize and celebrate this joyful moment of Jesus' resurrection by lighting a fire in the dark. The fire is blessed, the Paschal Candle is lit, and then the joyful light is shared as candles held by every person in the congregation are lit from it.

It is truly a joyful light that is shared. The resurrection of Jesus means that God's love for us cannot be contained – even by death or a dark tomb. Sin and death do not have the last word over humanity. God does. And, as the Prayer of Humble Access reminds us, God's property is always to have mercy. With the resurrection of Jesus, death is conquered. Jesus is raised and we who follow him are raised to new and eternal life with him.

This eternal life that is offered to us does not begin when our mortal bodies die. It begins now. The power of Christ's resurrection is available to you and to me now. We no longer must live with old fears, old shames, old mistakes, old brokenness, and old patterns that made us less than God intends for us. Our old lives can give way to God's way of love. In our baptisms, we were buried with Christ in his death and raised to new life with him. We are new creations. Our old shames, old mistakes, old sins, are forgiven, buried, and healed. A new way of life, following our resurrected Lord, is ours right now.

When a match was lit in that dark cavern, every eye turned, every head turned, and almost everyone reoriented their bodies to face that new light. May we so live in the power of Christ's resurrection that our hearts, minds, and bodies are reoriented to God's way of love. May we join our resurrected Lord in the work of making all things new.



***The Rt. Rev. Dr. David G. Read** serves as bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, the sixteenth bishop to serve in West Texas (the eleventh diocesan). He has jurisdiction over 87 congregations within the diocese, including parishes, missions, and church plants ranging in size from 40 members to 2,000 members.*



THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN
April 14, 2024 – The Third 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)

Intergenerational Anti-Racism Workshops

April 27th at 10 am.

Trinity will host some anti-racism workshops to help build Beloved Community on Saturday, April 27th at 10 am. Join us for fellowship, food, and discussion led by Tracie Jae, who has worked with Episcopal dioceses on human-centered equity and racial justice. There will be breakout sessions for adults, youth, and children. Please plan to attend and help to make our wonderfully diverse parish family even more welcoming for everyone.

RSVP at <https://rsvp.church/r/zRKEFS5z>. A link is also on our website and in the weekly email.

Sandwich Makers – Today at Coffee Hour

Please lend a helping hand today at coffee hour as we make sandwiches for our Evening Prayer ministry.

Every weekday at 5:30, Trinity offers the Evening Prayer service for a mostly underhoused congregation. Afterwards, we offer everyone a bag with two of these sandwiches and some crackers and cold water. Please help us make this important ministry possible.

Meet and Greet with the Rector – April 21st

Are you new or new-ish to our community? Do you want to learn more about Trinity? Please grab your coffee and meet the Rector in her office at 12 noon on Sunday, April 21st for some conversation. Can't make it this time? We'll have another in June.

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

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, April 14th, 2024

7:30am – 1:30pm Nursery Open
8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)
9:00 am Sunday Meditations (Zoom)
9:30 am Education Hour
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Church)
11:45 am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Chapel)
8:00 pm Compline (Facebook)

Monday, April 15th, 2024

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

Tuesday, April 16th, 2024

12:00 pm The Listening Post
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)
6:30 pm Vestry (Smith)

Wednesday, April 17th, 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 18th, 2024

12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)
6:30 pm Listening Heart (Masterson)

Friday, April 19th, 2024

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

Saturday, April 20th, 2024

5:00 pm Cornerstone Awakening

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



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, Cindy, Angela, Velma, Leslie, Johnnye 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, all victims of violence.

For the faithful departed:

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 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.

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Happy Birthday!

Rick Reyes, Mike Crum, Ella Eskola, George Zemanek, Gabriel Theis, Diego LeGrande, Treadwell Atkins, Van White, Catherine Reed, Franceska Serra



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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.



For more information on annual giving visit www.trinitymidtown.org/give.

2024

JAZZ FESTIVAL

JULY 18-21

Set your summer calendar to sizzle in July for a four-day weekend of smooth jazz, Latin jazz, and big-band jazz featuring the Sinatra-style crooner from New York, Benny Benack III.

After a four-year hiatus following Covid, Trinity's annual jazz festival is back and hotter than ever, moving from January to July 18-21.

The time change is not the only big news.

With a theme of "Resurrection," we have taken on the energy of the Phoenix rising from the ashes, and you will see our branding logo to that effect. This new energy allowed us to re-imagine and expand our venues, collaborate with broader communities, and express the power of the Beloved Community through music and connection.

Starting with our Thursday night VIP dinner once held in a hotel, under the magic hands of Tony Huffman, our Trinity fellowship hall will be transformed, featuring a Louisiana-style catered meal from the Ragin Cajun, a live band, and a silent auction. So put on your dancing shoes, get your grub on, and open your wallets to the silent auction featuring fantastic packages for your bidding.

We are collaborating with St. John's United Methodist Church Downtown to produce the Friday night concert featuring smooth jazz saxophonist Kim Waters at the WeServ Theatre inside the church at 2019 Crawford Street.

On Saturday afternoon, let your inner creativity loose and learn from the masters in masterclass jazz workshops at Trinity Midtown. The workshops are public and open to everyone.

Saturday night, prepare to be wowed by the magic fingers of trumpeter and velvet-voiced headliner Benny Benack III. But

not before Latin music local favorite Ermelinda Cuellar sets the stage with her sultry sounds.

On Sunday, our signature annual jazz Mass returns featuring the music of a yet-to-be-determined noted artist under the musical direction of master trumpeter James Williams III and the spiritual leadership of our rector, the Rev. Hannah Elizabeth Atkins Romero.

Organizers and Trinity members leading the planning of this four-day festival are co-chairs Michelle White and Ann McCoy.

Here are ways you can help: Of course, buy tickets. We have more than a dozen committee members for this massive undertaking and plenty of room for your help on committees such as fundraising and hospitality. Consider making donations for our silent auction or contacting your friends in business, entertainment, or service to donate packages for bidding, including timeshares, season tickets, artwork, massages, etc. If you have a business, consider buying an ad in our program guide featuring information on the four-day festival and the artists. For more information, contact Theresa D. McClellan at 616-389-7142 or Theresa@theresawriter.com



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.

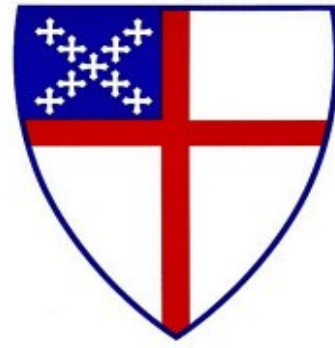
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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