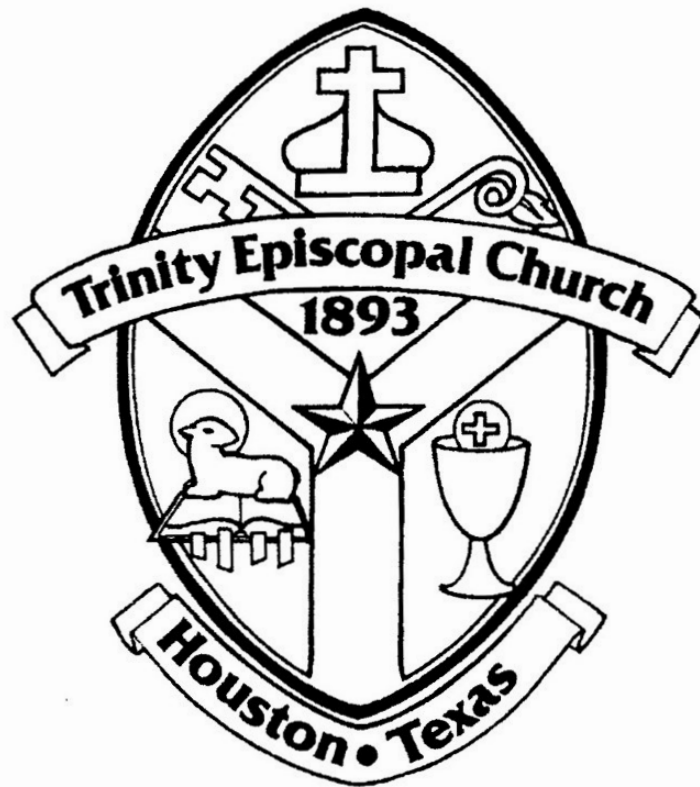


# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 16, 2023  
10:30 a.m.



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

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.
- 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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## VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*  
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Eric Beam  
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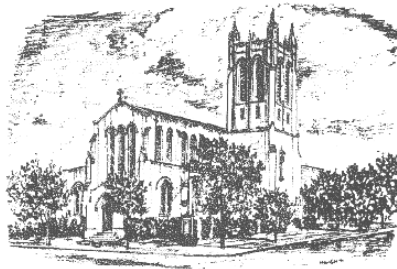
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Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*  
Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*  
Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*  
Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*  
Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*  
Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

## LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Lector: John Merullo  
Prayers: David Marsh  
LEMs: Joanne Starbuck, Ron Starbuck  
Acolytes: Barrett Hess, David Villarreal, Joanne Starbuck, Mark Goza, Mary Cloud  
Ushers: Ben Blanding, Lovette Browne, Charles Cooper  
Verge: Steve Lee  
Vestry of the Day: Eric Beam  
Altar Guild: Joanne Starbuck, Mark Goza, David Villarreal  
Audio Visual: Jeremy Velasquez  
Online Greeter: Miguel Stonecipher

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# HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

10:30 a.m. Historic Church

*Please enter in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.*

VOLUNTARY

## 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 - dian't 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 2: 14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of

the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 16

*Conserva me, Domine*  
*Alternately by whole verse.*

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- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.**
- 3 But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**
- 11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1: 3-9

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, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

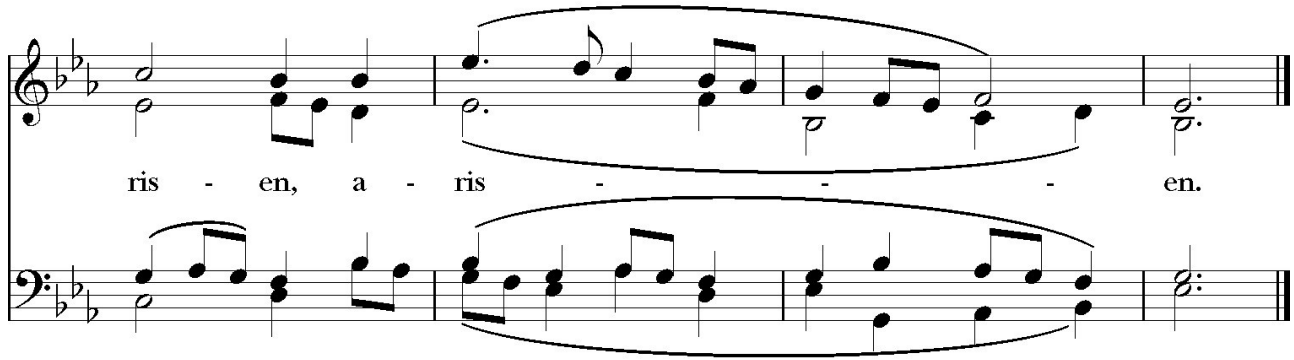
*Refrain*

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 -





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.*

SERMON

The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Associate Rector

*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; Sylvester, 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 Maimbo Mndolwa and the Anglican Church of Tanzania.](#) In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [Redeemer, Houston; San Pablo/St. Paul's, Houston; and San Pedro/St. Peter's, Pasadena.](#) In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Libby Tsubai and the Peace Cranes 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, Byron, Theresa, Florence, Charles, Kathy, Demetrick, Christopher, Letha, Connie, Phil, Bob, Sarah, Evan, Susan, and Paul.](#)
- Hear us, Lord;
- People** **For your mercy is great.**
- Reader* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for [George, Gabriel, Ella, Diego, Treadwell, Van, Dale, Catherine, Vic, and Eric](#) as they celebrate their birthdays.

**People** We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

**Reader** We pray for all who have died, [especially for the shooting victims at Old National Bank in Louisville, Kentucky, all victims of gun violence, and all who have perished from contracting the Coronavirus](#), that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

**People** Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

**Celebrant** Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People** **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.**

*Please pass the peace in a socially distanced manner.*

*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.

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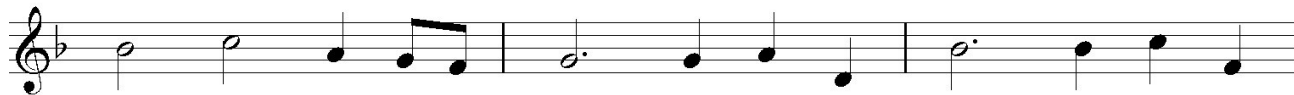
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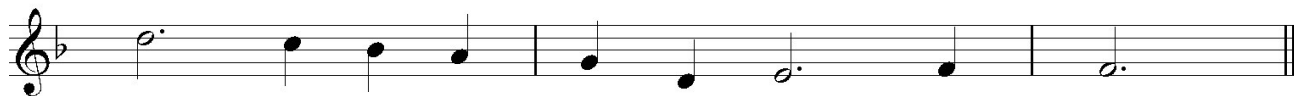




1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal  
 2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee  
 3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for  
 4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the



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

Last uns erfreuen



Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



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, according to his command, O Father:

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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

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

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

**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.**

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

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



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

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*The Prayer for Spiritual Communion is prayed by those at home unable to partake of communion in person*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, our souls, and our minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

## 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*

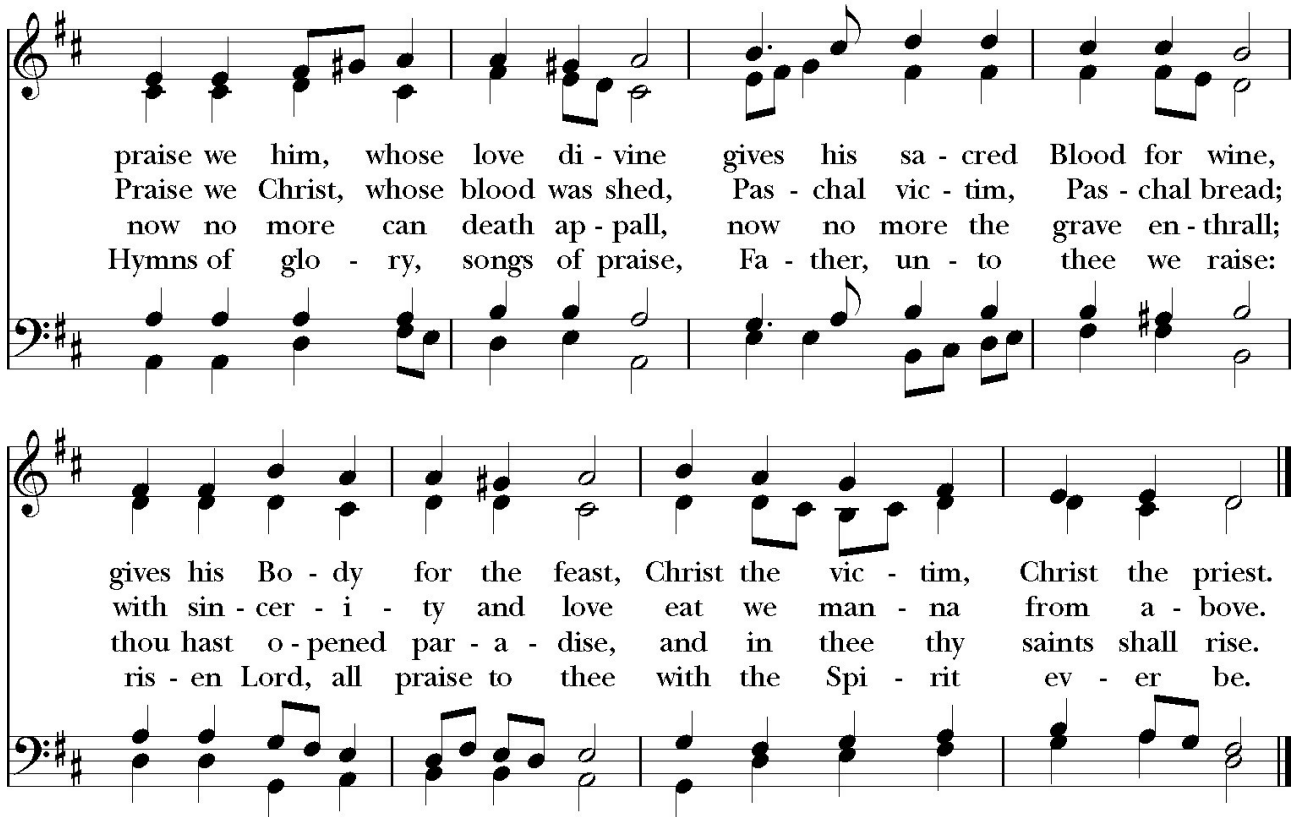
HYMN IN PROCESSION 174

*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.

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

VOLUNTARY

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.*

*Please join us for Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall immediately following this service.*

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*We would like to thank Kathy and Don Goodell for this week's coffee hour.*

*Please note that these dates are open to host (part/all) coffee hour:*

*April 30, May 21, and June 4*

*Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or online.*



# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN  
April 16, 2023 – Second Sunday of Easter, Year A

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

## Choral Benefit Concert: April 15th, 3pm

Join us for a musical celebration as we gather together to support our amazing choir here at Trinity. We look forward to seeing you there and you can donate online [here](#) (please put Choir Benefit 2023 in memo line).

## Men's Half Day Retreat: April 29th, 9am-1pm

We are excited to announce we will be having a men's half day retreat at the end of April. Join Rev. Dale Klitzke for a time of fellowship, discussion, and prayer. You are welcome to invite your friends as well! Register by April 20th for a free book! RSVP [here](#) so we can plan well!

## LOTS Breakfast and Worship: Volunteers Needed!!

We are pleased to announce that we will be restarting our LOTS breakfast and worship. This is a significant outreach opportunity that has been a tradition at Trinity for many years. **We need volunteers to help make it happen!** We are in need of greeters, cooks, building guides, and more. If you have helped in the past or if you are new to Trinity and want to get involved please reach out to Ann McCoy at [ann.mccoy@att.net](mailto:ann.mccoy@att.net) and Linda Davenport at [lindadavenport421@yahoo.com](mailto:lindadavenport421@yahoo.com). Thank you!

## Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who participated and served in worship with us during Holy Week! We loved seeing your beautiful faces at our worship services. Easter Sunday was a great day and full of joy. We are so grateful for all that you do at Trinity, and we love being in community with you as we worship and serve our Risen Lord!



## ASSISTANCE NEEDED! 12:30pm AV support

We are looking for a volunteer to assist with AV operations at 12:30pm service, including streaming the service. We are able to provide training and guidance if you are interested in serving. Please email Luz at [associaterector@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:associaterector@trinitymidtown.org) for more information and to volunteer. Thank you!

## SAVE THE DATE: Church Retreat! April 12-14, 2024

Many of you have requested that we do an all church retreat. We are excited to announce that we have booked a weekend at Camp Allen for **April 12-14, 2024!** Please mark your calendars now for next year! We will have more information and registration coming soon! We hope you will be a part of this special weekend of fellowship and learning as we gather together as a church community!

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

### Sunday, April 16th, 2023

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)  
9:30 am Education Hr for All – Adults in Smith Rm, Tweens in Fellowship Hall, Kids in Atrium  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)  
11:45 am Sandwich Makers  
12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Chapel)  
8:00 pm Compline (Facebook)

### Monday, April 17th, 2023

5:30pm Evening Prayer

### Tuesday, April 18th, 2023

9:30 am Episcopal Health Foundation  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer  
6:30 pm Vestry Meeting

### Wednesday, April 19th, 2023

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

### Thursday, April 20th, 2023

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

### Friday, April 21st, 2023

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

### Saturday, April 22nd, 2023

4:00 pm Cornerstone

Our Weekly Zoom links can be found at

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



### PRAYERS

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

Allegra, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Jill, Stephen, Emily, Van, Dick, Teresa, Victims of Violence, Ric, Barbara, Livia, Carolyn, Sylvia, Daniel, Kensington, Theophilis, Lynn, Joyce, Bob, Cindy, Christine, David, Robert, Patty, Jose, Julie, Callie, Billie, Be, Graham, Debbie, Dana, Edgar, Gary, Maryanne, Sam, Samantha, Jarrett, Maddie, Harrison, Eugenia, Emilia, Gaby, Mary.

### For the faithful departed:

The shooting victims at Old National Bank in Louisville, KY, all victims of gun violence and all who have perished from contracting the Coronavirus.

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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.

### 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/).  
The next available dates: April 23rd, and 30th.



Sign-ups for coffee hour hosts are available, please sign up online to volunteer [here](#).  
Next available dates: April 30th, May 21st, and June 4th.



George Zemanek, Gabriel Theis, Ella Kathleen Eskola, Diego LeGrande, Treadwell Atkins, Van White, Dale Klitzke, Catherine Reed, Vic Powell, Eric Beam

### Office Hours

Monday–Thursday 9 am – 4 pm  
Friday 9 am – 1 pm

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



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For more information on annual giving visit [2023 Stewardship Campaign](#).

## **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.

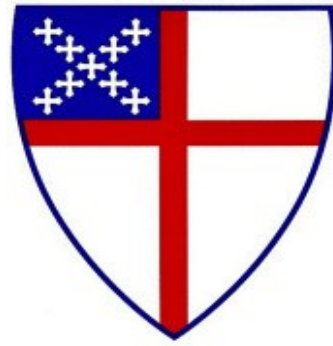
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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