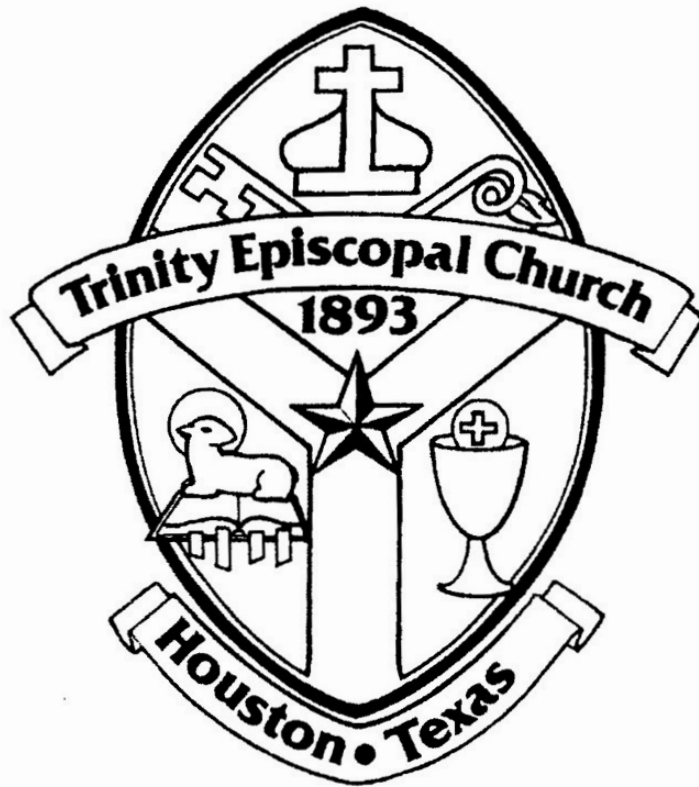


# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024  
10:30 a.m.



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, 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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**Facebook Live Stream.** Please be advised that this service is live streamed through our Trinity Facebook Page and YouTube channels. By participating in the service, you are consenting to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your children who participate.

**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.

## VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*  
Eric Beam, *Junior Warden*

Brent Chambers  
Tony Huffman  
Pam Lawson  
Mary Matteucci  
John Merullo

Samantha Rainman  
Jeanne Sommerfeld  
Andréa Shiloh  
Gladys Vallés  
David Villarreal

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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: David Marsh  
Prayers: Stan Tubbs  
LEMs: David Villarreal, Stan Tubbs  
Acolytes: K. Lomasang, H. Hensman, G. Chambers, A. Lomasang, L. Chambers  
Ushers: Steve Lee, Lovette Browne, Leah Stasney  
Vergers: Christian Bearup  
Vestry of the Day: Tony Huffman  
Altar Guild: Madeline Mauk, Jeanne Sommerfeld, Linda Davenport  
Audio Visual: Jeremy Velasquez

The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God  
and in memory of Stephen Wentland  
by Wendy Wentland

The Baptistry flowers and the flowers in the Chapel of the Holy Trinity  
are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration  
of Ranji and Stephen Bercegeay-Zwahr's  
Second Wedding Anniversary by  
Ranji and Stephen Bercegeay-Zwahr



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# HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

10:30 a.m. Historic Church

*Please enter in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.*

VOLUNTARY

*Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist*

Dietrich Buxtehude

## The Liturgy of the Word

*Please stand as able.*

HYMN IN PROCESSION 392

*Come, we that love the Lord*

Vineyard Haven



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join  
2 Let those re - fuse to sing that nev - er knew our God; but  
3 The heirs of grace have found glo - ry be - gun be - low; ce -  
4 Then let our song a - bound and let our tears be dry; we're



in a song with sweet ac - cord and thus sur-round the throne.  
chil - dren of the heaven - ly King may speak their joys a - broad.  
les - tial fruits on earth - ly ground from faith and hope may grow.  
march-ing through Em - man - uel's ground to fair - er worlds on high.



*Refrain*  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na! Re - joice, give thanks and sing.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, page 355

*Officiant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

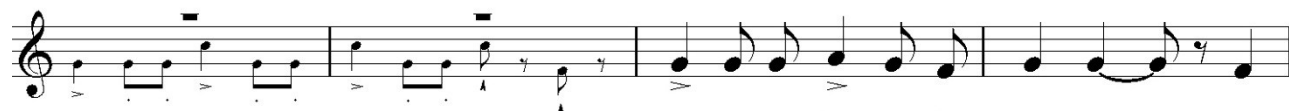
**People** **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, page 355

*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.**



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 God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People** **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 8: 26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed

the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 22: 24-30

*Deus, Deus meus*  
*Sung by the choir.*

Goss, #49

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*

"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*

he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*

they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*

the saving deeds that he has done.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 4: 7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

1 Thou art the Way, to thee a - lone from sin and death we flee;  
 2 Thou art the Truth, thy word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
 3 Thou art the Life, the rend - ing tomb pro - claims thy con - quering arm;  
 4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to know,

and all who would the Fa - ther seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee.  
 thou on - ly canst in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
 and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.  
 that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15: 1-8

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*Officiant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, 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

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 Samuel Sunil Mankhin, and the Church of Bangladesh.](#) In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [All Saints', Fort Worth; All Souls, Arlington; and Faith, Wichita Falls.](#) In the ministry cycle of prayer for [John Merullo, George Zemanek, and the Taste of Trinity.](#) 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; 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, Daniel, Angela, Velma, Brian, Norma, and Diane.](#)

Hear us, Lord;

**People For your mercy is great.**

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for [Tim, Stephanie, Paul, Randy, Jacob, Kathryn, and Saba](#) 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 Dorothy Church, Cindy Brimberry, 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

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## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life!

Such a Way as gives us breath,

Such a Truth as ends all strife,

Such a Life as killeth Death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength!

Such a Light as shows a feast,

Such a Feast as mends in length,

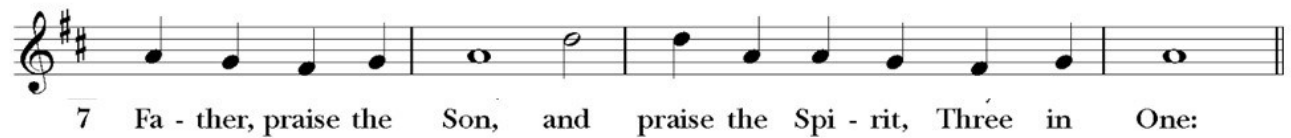
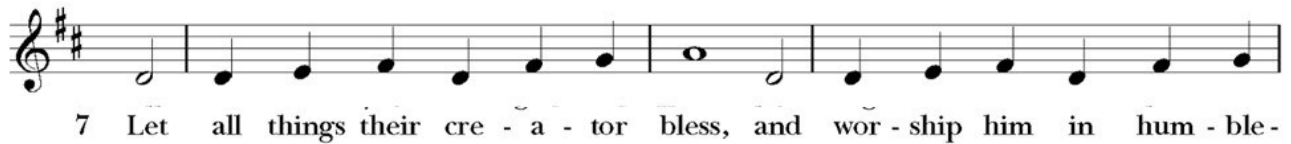
Such a Strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart!

Such a Joy as none can move,

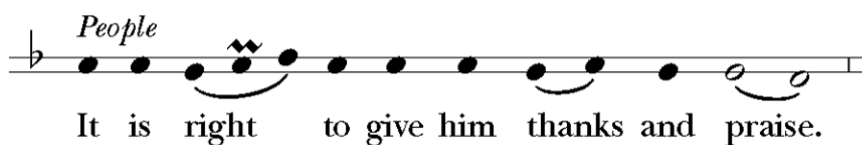
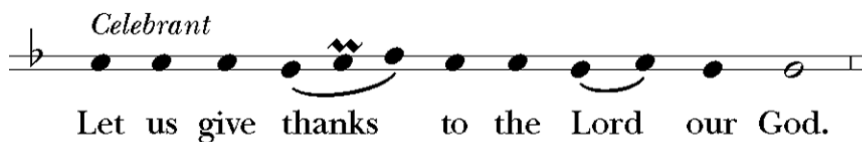
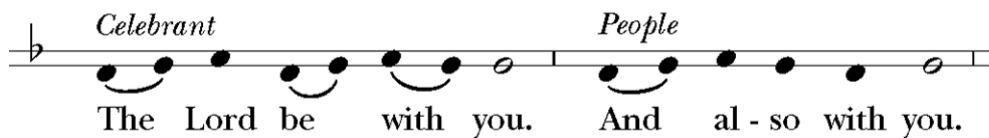
Such a Love as none can part,

Such a Heart as joys in love.



## GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

## SURSUM CORDA S120



*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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S128

William Matthias



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 God, 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

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 340

*For the bread which you have broken  
(Sung by congregation and choir)*

Beng-Li



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the  
2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your  
3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed  
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have  
gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -  
at our Fa - ther's board, may the Church still wait - ing  
hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you





spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

*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.**

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in  
 3 God is Love; and though with blind - ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -  
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through  
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

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

VOLUNTARY

*Festive Trumpet Tune*

David German

*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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*Flower dedication dates are available for May 5 and May 12..*

*Please sign up to donate on our website.*

*We would like to thank Ranji and Stephen Bercegeay-Zwahr  
 for hosting this morning's coffee hour.*

*Please note that May 5 and 12 are available to host (part/all) coffee hour.*

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





# 2024 TRINITY 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 Bob Davenport, 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 Count Basie 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 Michele 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](mailto:Theresa@theresawriter.com)





## THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MIDTOWN  
April 28, 2024 – The Fifth 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 28th, 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 II (Church)  
11:45 am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)  
12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Chapel)  
1:45 pm Completas recording (Chapel)  
8:00 pm Completas (Facebook)

#### Monday, April 29th, 2024

5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

#### Tuesday, April 30th, 2024

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

#### Wednesday, May 1st, 2024

10:30 am Staff Meeting (Smith)  
12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)  
6:00 pm Healing Service (Zoom)  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Room 218)  
7:00 pm Pub Theology (Mucky Duck)

#### Thursday, May 2nd, 2024

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

#### Friday, May 3rd, 2024

10:00 am Garden Club (Fellowship Hall)  
12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

#### Saturday, May 4th, 2024

12:00 pm Eagle Scout Ceremony  
(Fellowship Hall)

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

## Thy Kingdom Come – Ascension to Pentecost

Please join in praying with Christians throughout the world between the Feast of the Ascension (May 9th) and Pentecost (May 19th). Thy Kingdom Come was begun in the Church of England in 2016, and has since spread to churches worldwide. More information may be found in flyers at the church, on our website or at [thykingdomcome.global](http://thykingdomcome.global).

## Multilingual Pentecost Reading – May 19th

It is our custom on the Day of Pentecost to have the lesson from Acts where the Apostles are heard to be speaking in multiple languages to be read in many languages simultaneously. If you can read in a language other than English and would like to participate, please let Pat Laubach know at [volunteer@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:volunteer@trinitymidtown.org). We can supply the text if you need it. We would like to have as many people participate as possible and welcome new readers.

## Choral Evensong for Trinity Sunday – May 26th

Celebrate our parish feast day with a special service of Choral Evensong, on Trinity Sunday, May 26th, at 5:30 p.m. Organist/Choirmaster Alex Jones and the Trinity Choir will present this sung liturgy which will include works by Charles Villiers Stanford and Benjamin Britten.

## Trinity Jazz Festival Silent Auction–July 18th

Along with the return of the Trinity Jazz Festival (see flyer for more details), this year also brings the return of the Jazz Festival Silent Auction. Donations are needed for this important fund raiser. Suggested donation items include gift certificates from restaurants or local businesses, gift baskets, theater, sport, or event tickets, timeshare/weekend getaway opportunities, etc. Please contact Jonathan Goodsell at [jwgoodsell@gmail.com](mailto:jwgoodsell@gmail.com) for more information.

## Honoring Sam Jones

Our longtime security guard Sam Jones recently retired after over 30 years of service to Trinity. Donations to a purse in honor of his three decades as part of the Trinity community will be accepted through May and will be presented to him in June. Please contact Larry Laubach at [finance@trinitymidtown](mailto:finance@trinitymidtown) for more details.



### 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, Daniel, Angela, Velma, Brian, Norma, Diane  
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, Anneliese, Ella, Julie, Leslie, All Victims of Violence

### For the faithful departed:

Cindy Brimberry, Dorothy Church, 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: May 5th, 12th



Sign-ups for coffee hour hosts are available, please signup 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: May 5th, 12th



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### Office Hours:

Monday–Thursday 9 am – 3 pm

Friday 9 am – 1 pm

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**April 28, 2024 – Easter 5 (B)**  
**Week 5: 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.*

During Eastertide, we lift high the good news that God's saving work in human history has been accomplished solely through the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus. We proclaim that in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting our trespasses against us, and that salvation is not earned by any human effort at all but received by faith in the finished work of Christ.

But let's be honest: Sometimes this all sounds too good to be true – a well-meaning sentiment, but not terribly helpful when confronted with day-to-day reality. In the face of darkness, despair and death, we need resurrection, not sentiment.

We know all too well that life is filled with suffering. Some of us feel paralyzing guilt and condemnation because of the sins we've committed. Some of us feel overwhelming shame because of the sins committed against us. Some of us feel despair because of the impulses and addictions that seem to have power over us. Some of us are shrouded in the darkness of depression. Some of us are suffocated by grief because death has taken a child, a spouse, a parent or a friend.

Rather than minimize darkness, despair and death, Jesus experiences it and comforts us in it right now. The one who stepped out of the grave on Easter morning has the last word. We're comforted knowing that Jesus Christ, God himself, knows what it's like to suffer, and that his Resurrection is a guarantee of our future resurrection to eternal life. Because Jesus conquered death, we know that darkness is not the end of the story or the last word on us. The risen Christ says the last word on us is "hope."

The Bible teaches that our suffering is a place to experience God's sustaining grace in our weakness (2 Cor. 1:8-9, 12:9-10). Grief, Scripture clearly says, is a natural response when we experience loss, but it can be tempered by the good news of Christ's Resurrection. Because of his victory over death, all threats against us are tamed. He conquers all our enemies: Satan, sin, hell and the grave. The Resurrection not only readjusts our horizon, but it completely transforms our understanding of the future as well.

Where darkness, despair and death had reigned, Jesus breaks in with light, liberation and love. A picture of this comes from Robert Louis Stevenson, the author of "Treasure Island" who lived in Scotland in the 19th century. As a boy, he and his family lived on a hillside overlooking a small town. He was intrigued by the work of the old lamplighters, who went about with ladders and torches, lighting the streetlights for the night.

One evening, as Robert stood watching with fascination, his nurse asked him, "Robert, what in the world are you looking at out there?" With great excitement, he exclaimed, "Look at that man! He's punching holes in the darkness!" Jesus Christ, "the light of the world" (John 8:12), has entered our suffering to punch holes in the darkness and lead us into the dawn of his grace, love and eternal life. While it is true that in the midst of life, we are in death, what's more true is that, because of the Resurrection, in the midst of death, we are in life.



***The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin S. Holcomb** is the bishop of the Diocese of Central Florida, a seminary professor, and an author or editor of more than twenty books on theology, abuse, and biblical studies. This reflection was adapted from [Bishop Holcomb's Easter sermon at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke, Orlando, March 31, 2024](#).*

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

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

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

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

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

## A HISTORY OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

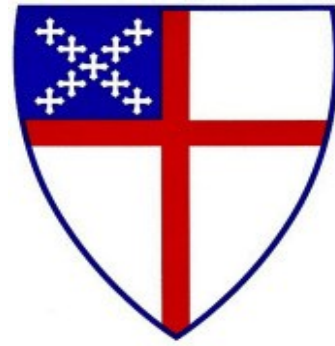
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street and Holman Avenue. That structure, designed by Ralph Adams Cram of Boston and William Ward Watkin of Houston became an architectural landmark constructed in the neo-Gothic style with Texas limestone and a 97 foot bell tower.

During the late 1910s and 1920s, Trinity entered an era of explosive growth, paralleling that of the city, and became an important center of the Episcopal faith. The congregation's many youth and adult activities were community events that attracted wide attention among the general populace. An integral part of its city, Trinity likewise maintained special relationships with Houstonians of other faiths. With a membership numbering 1,900 parishioners in 1930, Trinity emerged as the largest Episcopal parish in the Diocese of Texas and one of the largest in the nation.

After World War II, Houston's growth presented Trinity with perhaps its greatest challenge. As the city physically expanded into the new postwar suburbs, Trinity's membership began to decline. Rather than abandon its historic location, the congregation showed itself to be steadfast. Resurrecting itself from this period, Trinity reaffirmed its mission, this time as a beacon in the inner city where it has become a leading institution in the heart of Houston, determined to enhance the quality of urban life for everyone.

While our neighborhood has gone through many changes, the parish has remained steadfast, and actively ministers to a diverse congregation and to the poor in its midst. As the Midtown Houston neighborhood began redeveloping, starting in the early 2000s, Trinity Church has rededicated itself to its spiritual mission, and has become an active part of the Midtown area for music and other creative art expressions.





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