

# TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 1, 2021  
10:30 a.m.



*All attending please wear masks and maintain 6 feet social distancing with those not in your household*

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector  
The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Curate  
The Reverend Canon Dr. Henry L. Atkins, Jr., Theologian in Residence

Hank Carrillo, Interim 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 this morning. 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.

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<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/childrens-bulletins/>



### VESTRY

Amy Luke, *Senior Warden*  
John Escoto, *Junior Warden*

Eric Beam  
Ben Blanding  
Jim Castro  
Norma Cooper  
Terri DiRaddo

Andy Durham  
Pam Lawson  
Ann McCoy  
David Theis  
Michele White

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Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*  
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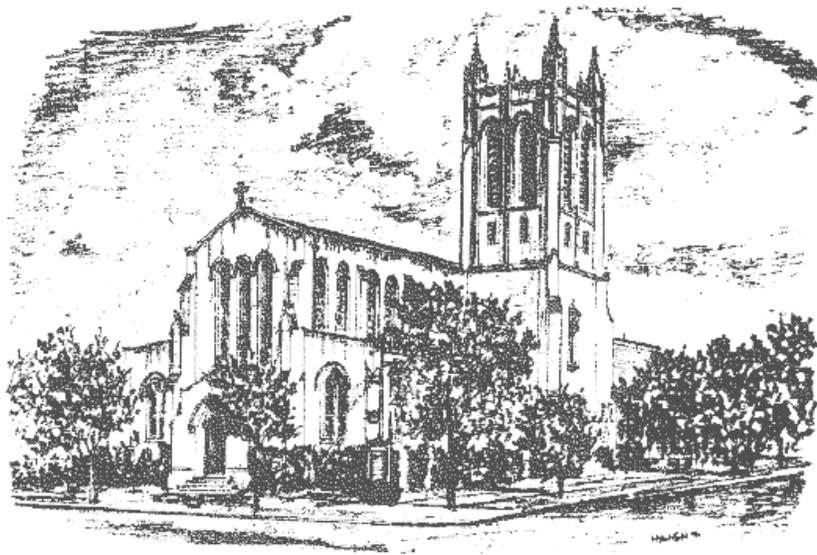
## LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Lector: Shelby Bradley

Acolyte: Mary Cloud, Mark Goza, L. Blanding

Greeter and Usher: Elmer Romero

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God  
and in memory of Romana Lippelt  
by Erma Dewispelaere and family



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# HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

VOLUNTARY

*Le Banquet Céleste*

Olivier Messiaen

*Please stand as able.*

HYMN IN PROCESSION 690

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

Cwm Rhondda

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, shield, thee, feed me now and be thou still my strength and shield. I will ev - er give to thee.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, page 355

*Officiant* 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 Gloria in excelsis

William Mathias

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.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 78: 23-29

Attendite, popule

Robert Cooke

*Sung by the choir*

- 23 So he commanded the clouds above \*  
and opened the doors of heaven.
- 24 He rained down manna upon them to eat \*  
and gave them grain from heaven.
- 25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; \*  
he provided for them food enough.
- 26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens \*  
and led out the south wind by his might.
- 27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust \*  
and winged birds like the sand of the sea.
- 28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp \*  
and round about their dwellings.
- 29 So they ate and were well filled, \*  
for he gave them what they craved.

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 4: 1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as able.*

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE 51 *We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting* Rushford



1 We the Lord's peo - ple, heart and voice u - nit - ing, praise him who  
 2 This is the Lord's house, home of all his peo - ple, school for the  
 3 This is the Lord's day, day of God's own mak - ing, day of cre -  
 4 In the Lord's ser - vice bread and wine are of - fered, that Christ may



called us out of sin and dark - ness in - to his own light,  
 faith - ful, ref - uge for the sin - ner, rest for the pil - grim,  
 a - tion, day of re - sur - rec - tion, day of the Spi - rit,  
 take them, bless them, break, and give them to all his peo - ple,



that he might a - noint us a roy - al priest - hood.  
 ha - ven for the wea - ry; all find a wel - come.  
 sign of hea - ven's ban - quet, day for re - joic - ing.  
 his own life im - par - ting, food ev - er - last - ing.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6: 24-35

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

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

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."



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 Melter Tais and the Church of the Province of South East Asia.](#) In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [Holy Spirit, Waco; St. Alban's, Waco; and St. Christopher's, Killeen.](#) In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Erma de Wispelaere, Bob Dorries, and the Sandwich Makers.](#) 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, Hector and Kai our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Henry, 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, Barbara, Eula, Kensington, Pat, Jeanne, Jimmie, Charlee, and Reiss.](#)

Hear us, Lord;

**People For your mercy is great.**

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for [Lilian, Talbot, Teri, Angel, Alina, and Bobby,](#) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

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 Esther Fiteni, Margaret Hunter, Romana Lippelt, all who have perished by contracting the Coronavirus, and all victims of gun violence,](#) that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People Who put their trust in you.**

#### CONFESSON

*BCP, page 392*

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

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

#### ABSOLUTION

*BCP, page 360*

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

**People Amen**

#### 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.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Please be seated*

## OFFERING

For those worshipping in person, there are offering plates by the doors.

**Online Giving** is available through AccessACS.

Go to [www.trinitymidtown.org](http://www.trinitymidtown.org) and click the "Give" button on the top right, or click: <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=156477>

**Texting.** Send the message **heartofmidtown** to **73256**. The prompt will ask for a credit card number which can be kept on file for future contributions.

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## OFFERTORY

*Verily, Verily I Say unto You*

Thomas Tallis

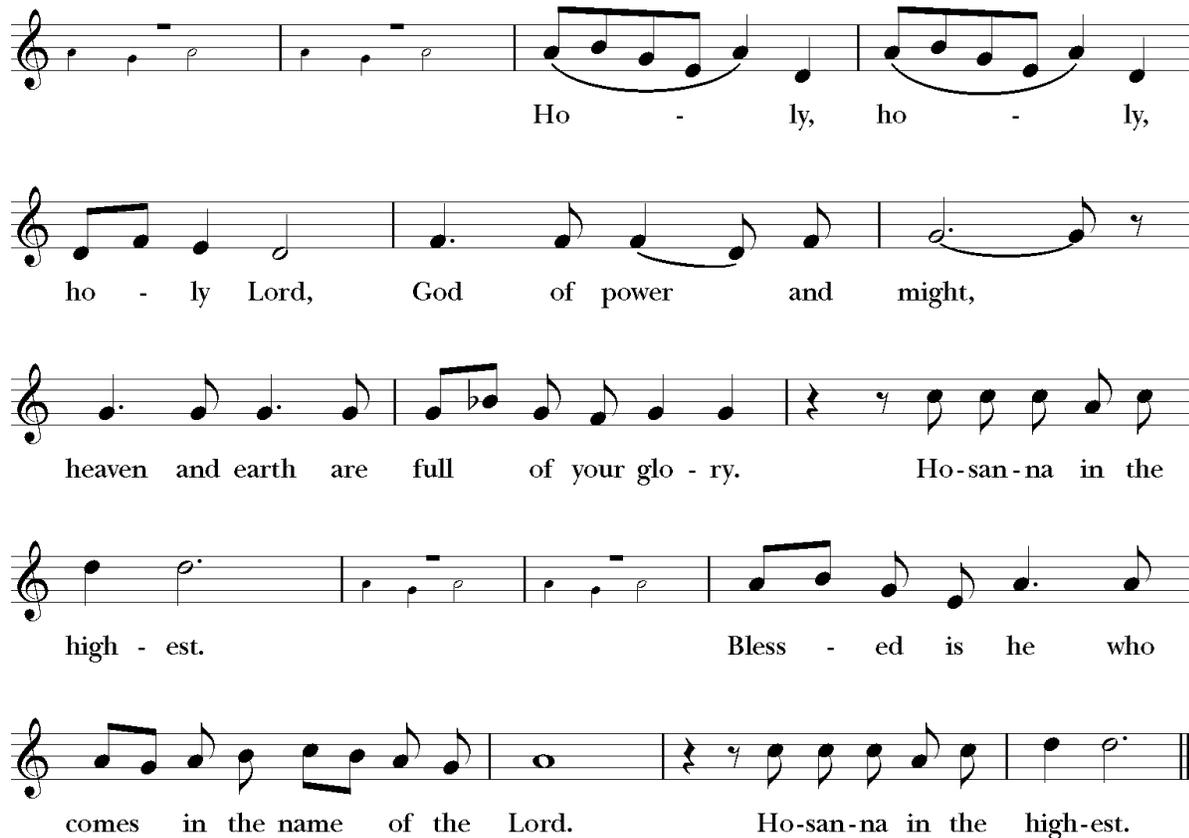
Verily, verily I say unto you:  
except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man,  
and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.  
Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood hath eternal life;  
And I will raise him up at the last day.  
For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.  
He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood,  
Dwelleth in me and I in him.



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 Mathias



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 kneel or stand as able.*

*The celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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 God, now and for ever.

**People AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, page 364

**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.**

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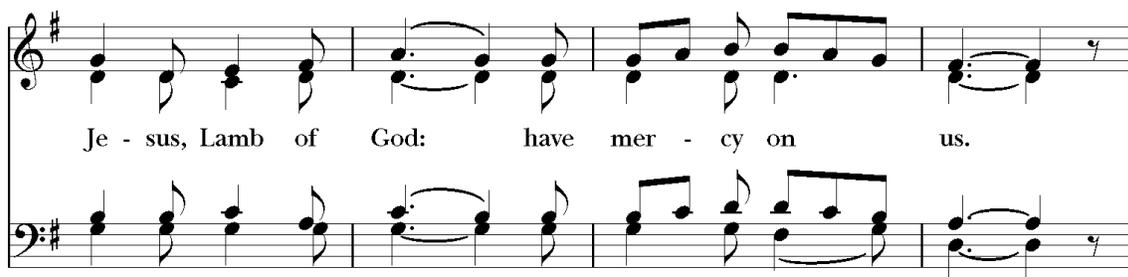
Gerald Near

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.

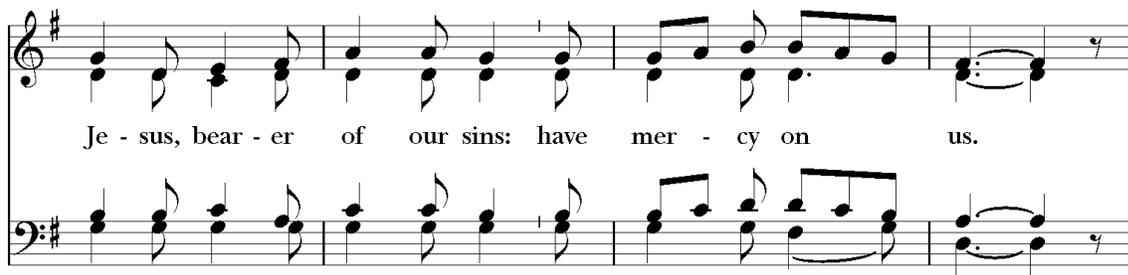
*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

AGNUS DEI S164

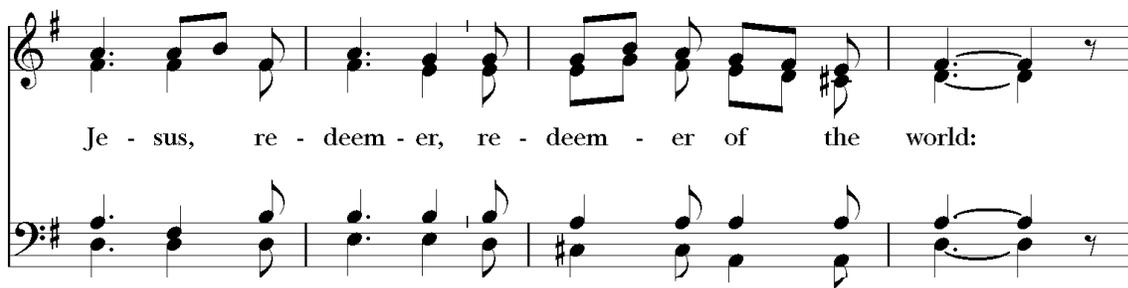
Franz Peter Schubert



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, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

*For the duration of the current pandemic we will offer communion in one kind, the bread only. Please come forward to receive communion from a priest at the chancel steps.*



*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 321

*My God, thy table now is spread*

Rockingham

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with  
2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished  
3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless  
4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the  
love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren  
well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -  
num - bers let them come and gath - er from their  
world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall  
thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.  
va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.  
Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.  
all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

*Please stand or kneel as able.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**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.**

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

*Please see our complete announcements and the Weekly Window at the end of this bulletin.*

BLESSING

*Celebrant* The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

**People** **Amen.**

*Please stand as able.*

HYMN IN PROCESSION 709

O God of Bethel, by whose hand  
*On following page*

Dundee

*Unison*



1 O God of Beth - el, by whose hand thy peo - ple still are fed;  
 2 Our vows, our prayers, we now pre - sent be - fore thy throne of grace;  
 3 Through each per - plex - ing path of life our wan - dering foot - steps guide;  
 4 O spread thy shel - tering wings a - round, till all our wan - derings cease,  
 5 Such bless - ings from thy gra - cious hand our hum - ble prayers im - plore;



1 who through this earth - ly pil - grim - age hast all thine Is - rael led:  
 2 O God of Is - rael, be the God of this suc - ceed - ing race.  
 3 give us each day our dai - ly bread, and rai - ment fit pro - vide.  
 4 and at our Fa - ther's loved a - bode our souls ar - rive in peace!  
 5 and thou shalt be our cov - enant God and por - tion ey - er - more.

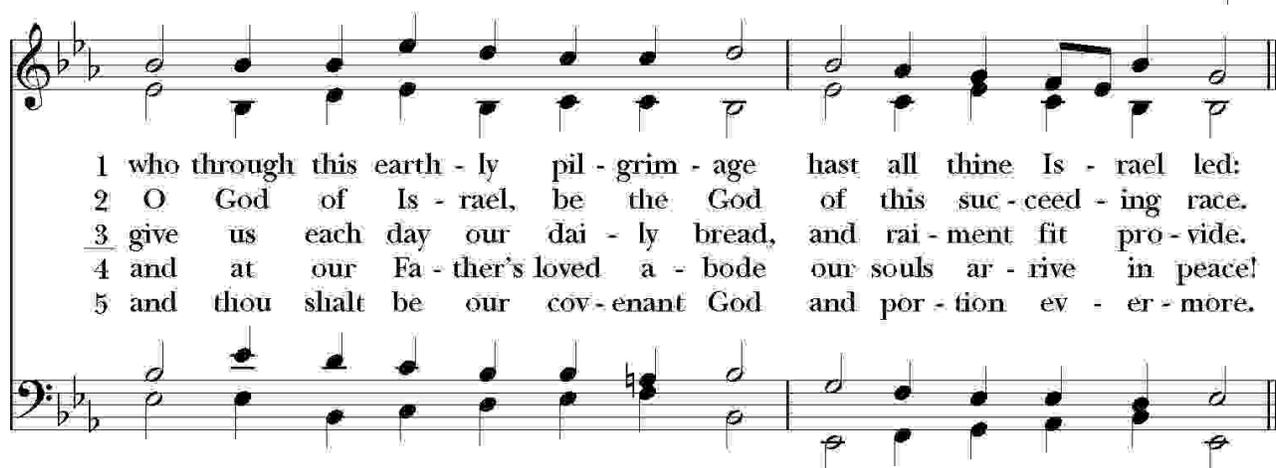
*Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)*



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 5 and thou shalt be our cov - enant God and por - tion ev - er - more.



## DISMISSAL

Officiant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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Please remember to maintain social distancing as you depart.*

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# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

of TRINITY *The Heart of Midtown*

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – Year B

August 1st, 2021

## Announcements

**Sunday In-Person Services have resumed.**

**8:00 am and 12:30 pm are in the Chapel. 10:30 am is held in the Historic Church. Please make sure to continue to mask up and social distance.**

**There will be a sign in sheet for each service at the entrances.**

## Say Hello to Carver Mathis, Trinity's New Youth Missioner



Houston "Carver" Mathis is a native Houstonian with deep roots in The Episcopal Church. Carver is well versed in the breadth and versatility of Episcopal church liturgy. As a kid, Carver was in church anytime the doors were open. He served as an acolyte, was a member of the choir, and was actively involved in his youth group (Rev. Rich Houser+ was his youth minister! Trinity ties!!).

Carver is passionate about many things, he truly believes his strong suits are tailored toward making an impact on the next generation...youth! He believes strongly that they are the future of The Episcopal Church and society as a whole! As a community of believers, we must uplift and support them in their daily walk with Christ. Carver's greatest hope upon his arrival at Trinity is that he would nurture and support our youth, be an encouraging presence in the lives of everyone at Trinity, and work alongside our community in furthering the kingdom of God. Looking forward to meeting you all very soon!

Carver's first official Sunday will be on August 29th

## This Week at Trinity

### Sunday, August 1, 2021

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (live in-person)
- 9:30 am Parenting with Grace (via Zoom)
- 9:30 am Sunday Meditations (via Zoom)
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (live in-person and on Facebook)
- 12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (live in-person and on Facebook)
- 8:00 pm Compline (In Spanish via Zoom)

### Monday, August 2nd, 2021

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

### Tuesday, August 3rd, 2021

- 10:00 am Sandwich Makers (Fellowship hall)
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 1:00 pm Newcomers outreach

### Wednesday, August 4th, 2021

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook
- 6:00 pm Healing Service (via Zoom)
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, August 5th, 2021

- 1:00 pm TLC (Masterson Room)
- 5:00 pm TLC (Masterson Room)
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

### Friday, August 6th, 2021

- 10:00 am Yoga and Meditations
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer



We are considering bringing back in September some ministries that have helped us connect with those living around us. Join us.

The ministries focus on those who have no roof over their head. The Listening Post, our ministry of presence; Evening Prayer, where we lead our visitors in prayers in the sanctuary read by the volunteer; and the Sandwich Makers who gather 15 minutes a day to make dozens of sandwiches and put together brown bags of food to be distributed daily after evening prayer.

For More Information click [here](#)



## THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of Romana Lippelt by Erma Dewispelaere and family

If you would like to make a flower dedication we have the following Sundays available August 15th, and August 29th You can sign up for a flower dedication by clicking [here](#)

SCAN ME



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### 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.

- Myron, Allegra,
- Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie,
- Tom, Jill, Stephen, Emily, Van, Vivian
- Jane, Bob, Theresa, Marvin, Sue, Ester,
- Tom, Nick, Ric, Margaret, Livia,
- Joshua, Sandi, Barbara, Larry, Monica,
- Carolyn, Randy, Sylvia, Danielle, Lynelle,
- Minnie, Mary, Richard, Leonard, Jim,
- Elise, Be, Reiss, Phil, Carol

#### For the faithful departed

Margaret Hunter, Romana Lippelt, Esther Fiteni, and all who have perished by contracting the coronavirus and victims of gun violence.

#### For our Iona Seminarian

Carrie Hirdes



- Lilian Warren
- Talbot Cooley
- Terri DiRaddo
- Angel Williams
- Alina Montemarano
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### Readings this Sunday

Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15

Psalms 78: 23-29

Ephesians 4: 1-16

John 6: 24-35



Blessings Friends,

We are considering bringing back in September some ministries that have helped us connect with those living around us. Join us.

The ministries focus on those who have no roof over their head. The **Listening Post**, our ministry of presence; **Evening Prayer**, where we lead our visitors in prayers in the sanctuary read by the volunteer; and the **Sandwich Makers** who gather 15 minutes a day to make dozens of sandwiches and put together brown bags of food to be distributed daily after evening prayer.

We are looking for volunteers for all three ministries. And let me tell you, these will nourish your soul and your prayer life.

Everyone yearns to be seen and heard, and this is most true for those who find their shelter on the streets and are often dismissed, shamed, and overlooked.

While the Lord of the Streets provides tangible goods such as mail, clothing, healthcare, and Bible study, "The Listening Post" is an opportunity for those clients and anyone on the street to stop for respite.

Every Friday from noon to 2 p.m., we create an oasis on the street in front of Trinity Church beneath the old oak tree. We provide anyone walking a chair to rest their bodies, refreshments, and someone to talk to about their day, their joys, their sadness, or anything on their mind.

With a simple gesture of hospitality and a listening ear, we allow them to sit in silence if they want to, without filling out forms. It allows them to express their concerns and to have someone to talk to, have someone to listen, someone to witness. It gives them time to breathe, to think, to vent, to release, and in so doing, allows them the space to hear their thoughts. By providing a non-judgmental presence, we give a safe space to find their path to a solution.

In the Book of Job, the most powerful thing his friends could do for seven days was sit in silence and honor his grieving. So many of those we encounter who are homeless or near homeless are so set upon they feel like JOB. We are their witness. We see them. We hear them. And in so doing, we empower them.

We are not counselors. We are listeners. We will provide training. But some skills you will need are to be a good listener without trying to fix them, empathetic, and the ability to remain calm, non-judgmental.

Over the next few Sundays, we will share moments from those ministries in this space in the hopes you will want to get involved.

If interested, contact our Curate Luz at [Curate@TrinityMidtown.org](mailto:Curate@TrinityMidtown.org) or me at [Theresa@theresawriter.com](mailto:Theresa@theresawriter.com)

In joy,  
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## 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.

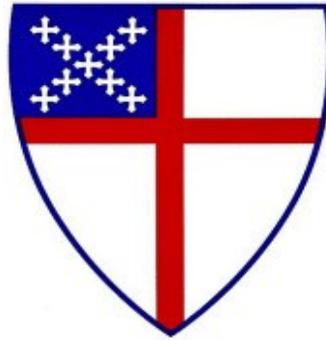
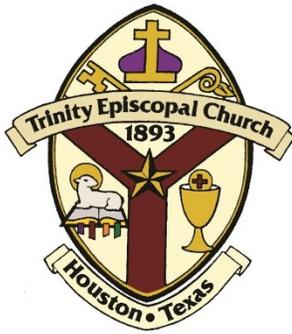
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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