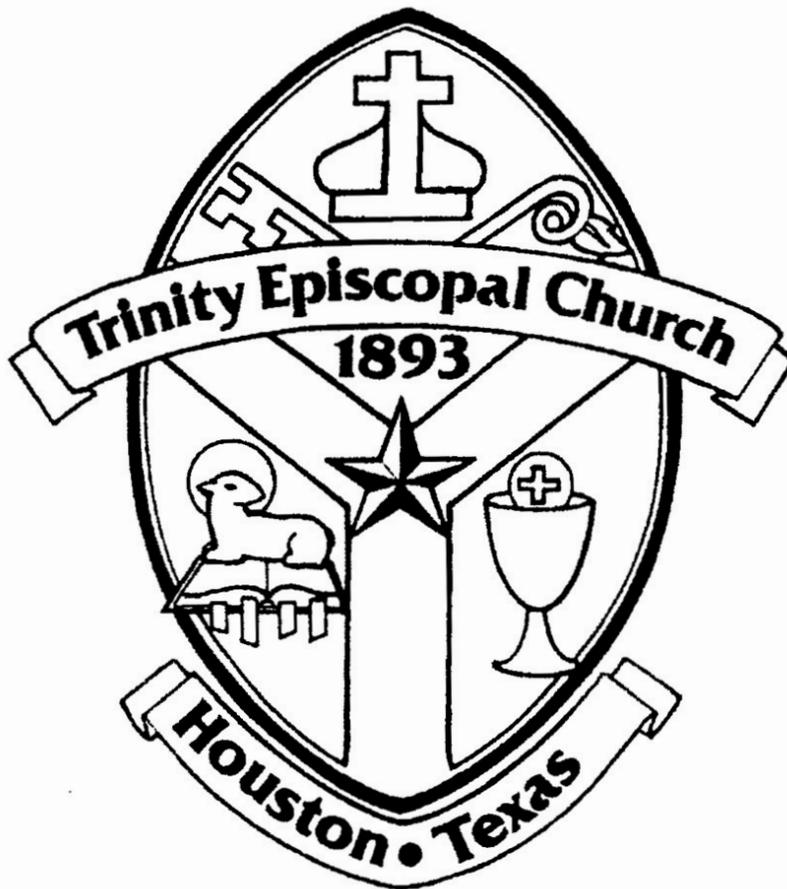


THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 7, 2022
8:00 a.m.



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector
The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Curate
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 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.

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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Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*
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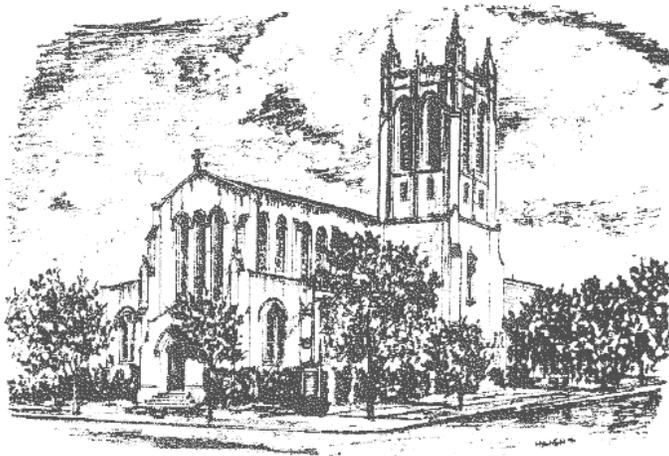
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Jim Castro, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*
Gayle Davies-Cooley, *Historian and Archivist*

SERVING TODAY

Reader: Christine Oramasionwu
LEM: Samantha Rainman
Music: Wendy Wentland, piano
Vestry of the Day: Pam Lawson

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and in thanksgiving for Charles and Germaine Field,
wonderful parents and wonderful friends,
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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand as able.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, page 323

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, page 323

Officiant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

**13 The Lord looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.**

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.

**15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.**

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

**17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.**

18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,

**19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.**

20 Our soul waits for the Lord; *
he is our help and our shield.

**21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.**

22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12: 32-40

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Curate

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Wendy Wentland, piano

Please stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, page 326

**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.**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world. Almighty and ever-living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Hector, Jeff and Kai (*pronounced "Kaye"*), our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale our clergy, and for all who minister in this place, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend Howard Gregory and the Church in the Province of the West Indies](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [Christ the King Atascocita, Humble; Good Shepherd, Kingwood; and Good Shepherd, Tomball](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Alex Bruton and the Trinity Vergers ministry](#).

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joseph, our president; Kamala, our vice-president; Greg, our governor; Lina, our county judge; Sylvester, our mayor; and the legislatures, and courts; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [Bill, Eula, Tony, Joyce, Bob, Cindy, Maribel, Cristine, Bob, David, Steven, Robert, Phil, Linelle, Susan, Armando, Kathy, Margaret, Theresa, Susan, Don, Virginia, Renard, Hannah](#), and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Almighty God, thou lovest all thy children and art a home to those who are in any need or trouble; inspire thy Church with the Spirit of Christ's love, empower us to battle the root causes of homelessness, and help us to live as one with one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. We offer you, O Lord, our prayers of thanksgiving, [especially for Bobby, Theresa, Michaela, Jacob, Ruth, Anthony, and Sawyer](#), as they celebrate their birthdays.

And we also bless thy Holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [especially for Elaine McGown, Marilyn Chapman, Patricia King, all who have perished by contracting the Coronavirus, and all victims of gun violence](#), beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Officiant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

OFFERING

Online Giving is available through AccessACS.

Go to 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

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Please stand as able.

SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

For the duration of the current pandemic we will continue to offer communion in one kind for those who wish to receive the bread only. Please come forward to receive communion from a priest in front of the altar. If you are partaking of the chalice, please use the hand sanitizer at the end of your pew before approaching the clergy and chalice-bearer. Also, 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.



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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou has prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Presider The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

People Amen

DISMISSAL

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning.



THE WEEKLY WINDOW

of TRINITY *The Heart of Midtown*

August 7th, 2022

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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – Year C

Sunday In-Person Services.

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.

Announcements

Episcopal Way classes are now forming for the Fall. Our first Episcopal Way class will be this August on Friday the 26th and Saturday the 27th. If you are interested in attending classes please email curate@trinitymidtown.org

Our Evening Prayer Ministry is in need of greeters. Greeters help assemble the sandwich bags, welcome our congregation as they enter, offer service leaflets and masks as appropriate, help to lead the responses in the service, and assist the officiant with distributing food and water. If you have a heart to serve and are available, especially on Monday or Tuesday evenings from 5 to 6, please contact John Merullo at rockhopperlad@gmail.com or 713-818-6355.

Houston Canterbury is looking for volunteers to help welcome students back to campus at TSU on Sunday Aug 14 from 11am to 5pm and at UH on August 18th, 19th & 20th (time TBD). If interested, contact Rev. Charles at cgraves@houstoncanterbury.org or (832) 819-3228

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, August 7th, 2022

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:30 am Sunday Meditations (Hybrid via Zoom and in-person Smith room)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III
8:00 pm Compline

Monday, August 8th, 2022

5:30 pm Evening Prayer
7:00 pm Communications meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, August 9th, 2022

4:00 pm Pastoral Care Team
5:30 pm Evening Prayer
6:00 pm Property meeting (Zoom)
6:30 Finance meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, August 10th, 2022

10:30 am Staff Meeting
12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting (Youth Room)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer
6:00 pm Healing Service (Zoom)

Thursday, August 11th, 2022

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday, August 12th, 2022

12:00 pm Listening post
12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting (Youth room)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Community Outreach



We are folding orange origami peace cranes as a memorial to children (ages 0 – 17) who have died in the US as a result of gun violence.

If you're interested please contact Libby Tsubai tsubaie@yahoo.com, or drop by our demonstration table at Coffee Hour during the month of August

For more information about the peace crane project click [here.](#)

Episcopal Relief & Development is in close contact with the Episcopal dioceses of Lexington, Missouri, and Southwestern Virginia after heavy rainfall and flash flooding killed at least 37 and left hundreds more missing in the region.

For more information on how you could help the relief efforts click [here.](#)

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, Mary, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie,

Tom, Jill, Stephen, Emily, Van, Kensington, Theresa, Marvin, Ric, Margaret, Livia, Barbara, Larry, Carolyn, Sylvia, Mary, Be, Norma, Jeanne, Linda, Shelby, Stewart, Steven, Barbara, Daniel, Minnie, Jeanette, Eddie, Theophilis, Lynn, Vanessa, Ellis, Soraya, Leila, Saba, Ben, and Emma.

For the faithful departed

Elaine McGown, Marilyn Chapman, Patricia King, all who have perished by contracting the coronavirus, and all victims of gun violence.

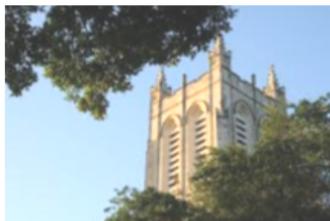


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Altar Flower Dedications for this week

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God

and in thanksgiving for Charles and Germaine Field, wonderful parents and wonderful friends, by Caroline Levander

The Baptistry flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and

in loving memory of my Dad, Robert Percy Jones, Sr., my recently deceased cousin, Rev. Carlotta Shepherd-Madison, and in thanksgiving for my brothers, Robert Percy Jones, Jr., and Bryan Merle Jones, by Shelby Ann Bradley

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up for a flower dedication by going to

<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/>

Coffee Hour Sign-ups Are available for the following upcoming Sundays.

08/14/22, 09/04/22

You can sign-up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or email volunteer@trinitymidtown.org

New office hours for the Summer will be the following
Monday-Thursday 7 am - 3 pm
Friday 7 am - 12 pm

If you have any building concerns please remember to email frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org about them. Thanks!



A FUTURE WITH HOPE

TRINITY MIDTOWN ANNUAL GIVING 2022

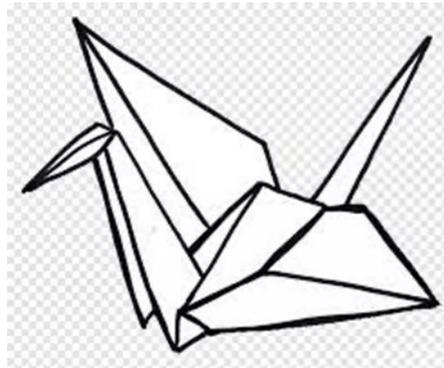
For More Information On Our Annual Giving Click [Here](#)

Lamentation - Remembrance - HOPE

We are folding **orange** origami peace cranes as a memorial to children (ages 0 - 17) who have died in the US as a result of gun violence. Our goal is to fold a crane for every child lost in 2022. Sadly, as of mid-July, that number stands at nearly 1,000 and will undoubtedly grow. (Over 20,000 people in the US have died as a result of gun violence in the first half of 2022.) If we know the name and age of a child, it will be written on the crane. As strings of cranes are completed they will be incorporated into the Gun Violence Memorial, adjacent to the Columbarium.

Folding cranes will not stop gun violence, but it is a spiritual practice that our ministry has found helpful, whether done individually or in a group. Folding is conducive to prayer and reflection, and when done in community the conversations we have and connections we make are healing. This project seeks to help us lament the tragedy of gun violence, remember victims, and create hope for the future.

If you're interested please contact Libby Tsubai (tsubaie@yahoo.com), or drop by our demonstration table at Coffee Hour during the month of August.



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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