

# ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 8, 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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### 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

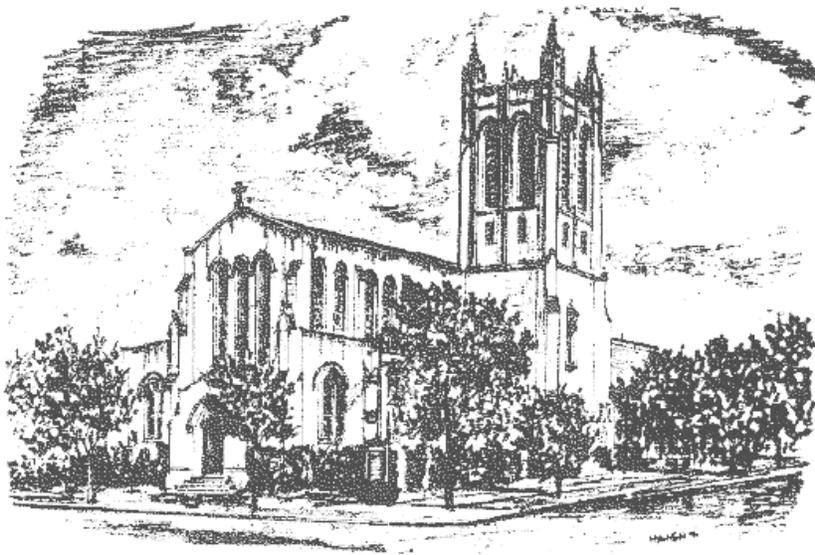
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Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*  
Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*  
Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*  
Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*  
Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*  
Jim Castro, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*  
Gayle Davies-Cooley, *Historian and Archivist*

## LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Lector: Norma Cooper  
Acolytes: Mary Cloud, Mark Goza  
Verger: Ceci Bruton  
Greeter and Usher: Elmer Romero

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God  
and in celebration of the life of  
the Reverend Henry L. Atkins, Jr.  
by his family



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# HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

VOLUNTARY

*Fugue in A Major*

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Please stand as able.*

HYMN IN PROCESSION 547

*Awake, O sleeper, rise from death*

Marsh Chapel



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall  
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and  
3 There is one Bo - dy and one hope, one Spi - rit  
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that  
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died and con - quered



1 give you light, so learn his love— its length and  
2 fear re - lease, to give the Spi - rit's u - ni -  
3 and one call, one Lord, one Faith, and one Bap -  
4 he might save; with kind and gen - tle hearts for -  
5 in the strife. A - wake, a - rise, go forth in



1 breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
2 ty, the ve - ry bond of peace.  
3 tism, one Fa - ther of us all.  
4 give as God in Christ for - gave.  
5 faith, and Christ shall give you life.

### 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.**



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.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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

1 Kings 19: 4-8

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 34: 1-8

Benedicam Dominum

Thomas Norris

*Sung by the choir*

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; \*  
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.

- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in him!

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 4: 25-5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail there God is ev - er found;  
 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear his char - i - ty we learn;  
 3 For - give we now each o - ther's faults as we our faults con - fess;  
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let all con - ten - tion cease;  
 5 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells God's be - got - ten Son;

1 brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love by love are we thus bound.  
 2 let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in re - turn.  
 3 and let us love each o - ther well in Chris - tian ho - li - ness.  
 4 be his the glo - ry that we seek, be ours his ho - ly peace.  
 5 as mem - bers of his Bo - dy joined we are in him made one.

6 Love can exclude no race or creed  
 if honored be God's Name;  
 our common life embraces all  
 whose Father is the same.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6: 35, 41-51

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

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

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living

bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

SERMON                     The Reverend Canon Dr. Henry L. Atkins, Jr., Theologian in Residence

*Please stand as able.*

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, page 358

**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*        For Joseph our president, Kamala, our vice-president, Greg our governor,  
Lina, our county judge, Sylvester our mayor, for the legislatures and courts,  
and 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 A. Dharmaraj Rasalam and the Church of South India](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [St. Francis', Temple; St. John's, Marlin; St. Joseph's, Salado; and St. Martin's, Copperas Cove](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Vic Powell and the Sound Operators](#). 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, Jeff, Reiss, Stewart, and Andy.](#)  
 Hear us, Lord;

**People** **For your mercy is great.**  
 Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for [Theresa, Michaela, Jacob, Ruth, Anthony, and Janet](#), 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, Thom O'Brien, Tommy Theis, Geoffrey Nesossi, 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

*Be Ye Followers of God*

Leo Sowerby

Be ye followers of God, as dear children,  
And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us,  
and hath given himself for us an offering  
and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor.  
Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord  
and in the pow'r of his might.  
Wherefore, take unto you the whole armor of God,  
that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day,  
and having done all, to stand.



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.**

FRACTION ANTHEM S155

Gerald Near

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

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

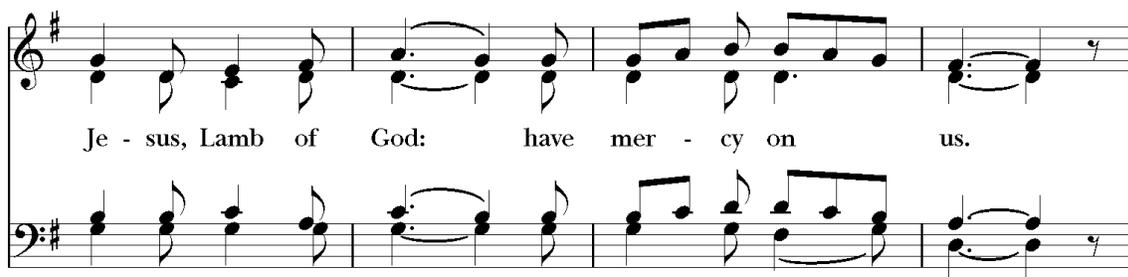
sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.

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

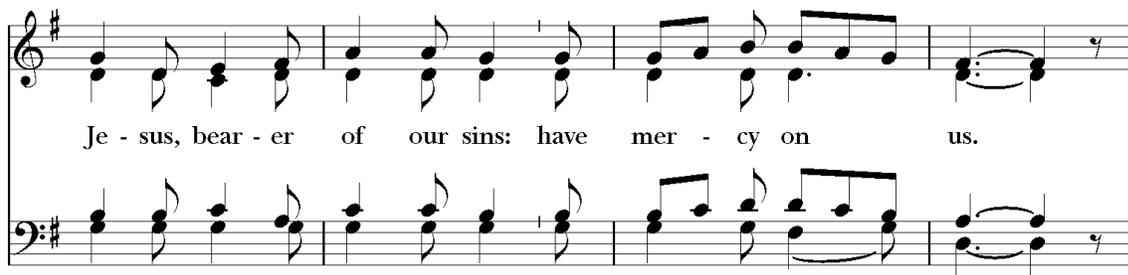
*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

AGNUS DEI S164

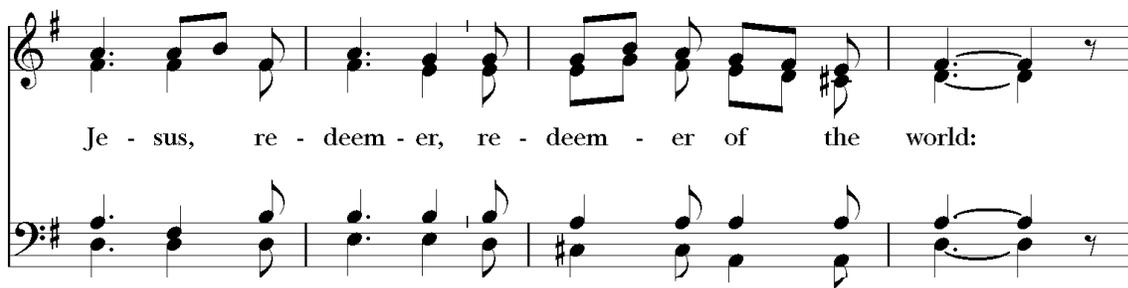
Franz Peter Schubert



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 307

*Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor*

Bryn Calfaria

1 Lord, en - throned in heav - en - ly splen - dor, first - be -  
 \*2 Here our hum - blest hom - age pay we, here in  
 \*3 Though the low - liest form doth veil thee as of  
 4 Pas - chal Lamb, thine of - fering, fi - nished once for  
 5 Life - im - part - ing heav - en - ly Man - na, smit - ten

1 got - ten from the dead. Thou a - lone, our strong de -  
 2 lov - ing rev - erence bow; here for faith's dis - cern - ment  
 3 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there thine an - gels  
 4 all when thou wast slain, in its full - ness un - di -  
 5 Rock with stream - ing side, heaven and earth with loud ho -

Al - le -

1 fend - er, lift - est up thy peo - ple's head.  
 2 pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.  
 3 hail thee, branch and flower of Jes - se's stem.  
 4 min - ished shall for ev - er - more re - main.  
 5 san - na wor - ship thee, the Lamb who died.

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

1 Je - sus, true and liv - ing  
 2 Thou art here, we ask not  
 3 We in wor - ship join with  
 4 Cleans - ing us from ev - ery  
 5 Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri -

1 bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!  
 2 how. Thou art here, we ask not how.  
 3 them. We in wor - ship join with them.  
 4 stain. Cleans - ing us from ev - ery stain.  
 5 fied! Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

*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.

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;  
 2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,  
 \*3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;  
 4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;  
 in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;  
 each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;  
 to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,  
 praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,  
 loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,  
 For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.  
 praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.  
 and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.  
 for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

DISMISSAL  
Officiant  
**People**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

*Praeludium in g minor*

Dietrich Buxtehude

*Thank you for worshiping with us this morning.  
Please remember to maintain social distancing as you depart.*

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# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

of TRINITY *The Heart of Midtown*

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – Year B

August 8th, 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.**



## THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration of the life of the Reverend Henry L. Atkins, Jr. by his 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](#)

## This Week at Trinity

### Sunday, August 8th, 2021

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (live in-person)
- 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Gulf Coast Blood Drive
- 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 9th, 2021

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

### Tuesday, August 10th, 2021

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 6:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (via zoom)
- 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (via zoom)

### Wednesday, August 11th, 2021

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

### Thursday, August 12th, 2021

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

### Friday, August 13th, 2021

- 10:30 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 and put together brown bags of food to be distributed daily after evening prayer.

For More Information click [here](#)



Let's help Emergency Aid Coalition (EAC) help our neighbors by donating canned goods. They can always use another peanut butter! Trinity collects non perishable food offerings at the back of the church every Sunday.

Thank you!

Questions? Contact Mary Johns [mjohns@wt.net](mailto:mjohns@wt.net)

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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, 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, Stewart

For the faithful departed

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

For our Iona Seminarian

Carrie Hirdes



Theresa McClellan  
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### Readings this Sunday

1 Kings 19: 4-8  
Psalm 34: 1-8  
Ephesians 4: 25-5:2  
John 6: 35, 41-51

Blessings Friends,

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

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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.

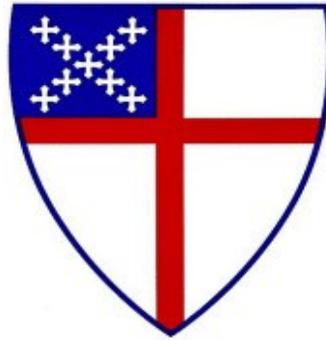
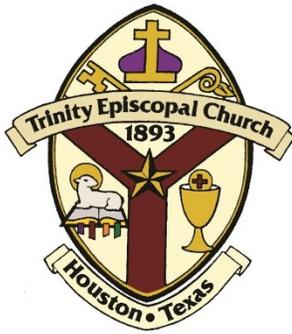
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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