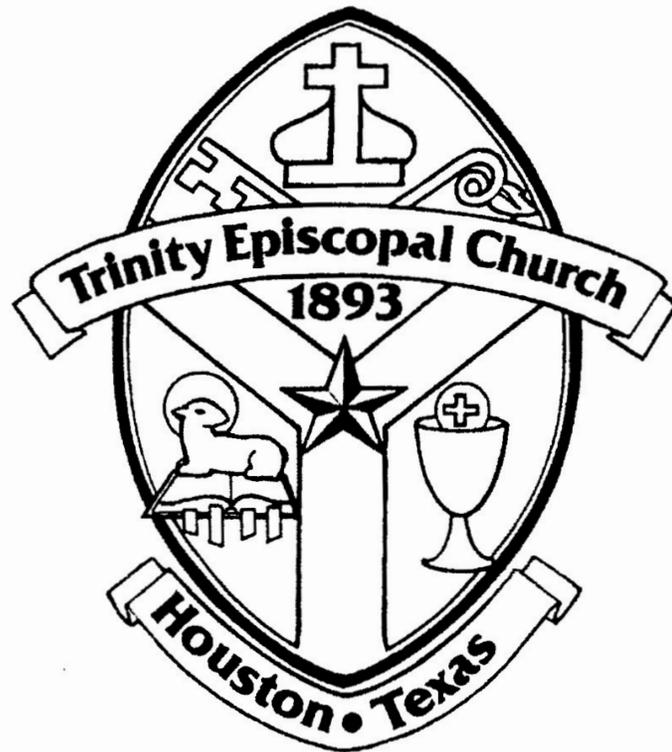


# TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 15, 2021  
12:30 p.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

April Sloan-Hubert, Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble  
Pelayo Parlade, Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble

***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 afternoon. We adapted the liturgy for this service from *A New Zealand Prayer Book* to guide our worship. In this leaflet, you'll find everything you need to follow along printed.

Whether you've been attending Trinity your whole life or this is your first time here, we invite you to participate in the service as fully as you feel comfortable doing.

If you're looking for a new church home, know that the Trinity family welcomes you. We would also appreciate your filling out a virtual visitors card, which can be accessed at this link:

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Children's activity and worship bulletins are available for download from our website under the "Worship—Bulletins" tab, or following this link:

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### VESTRY

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

Eric Beam	Andy Durham
Ben Blanding	Pam Lawson
Jim Castro	Ann McCoy
Norma Cooper	David Theis
Terri DiRaddo	Michele White

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Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*  
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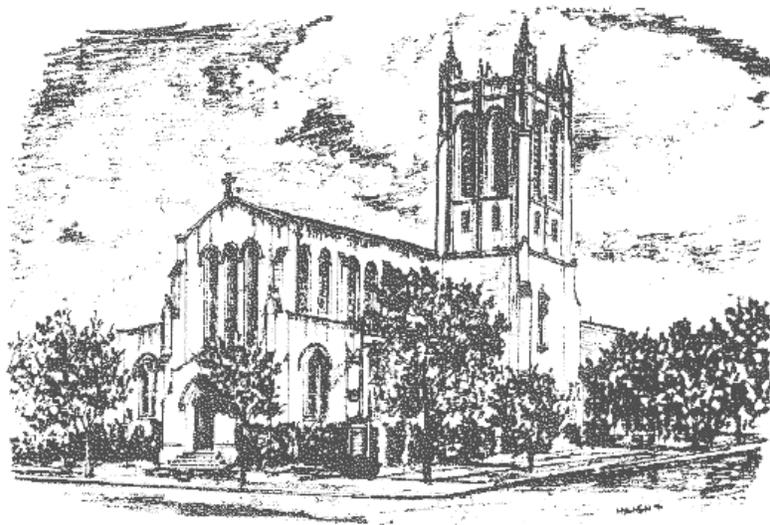
## THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Vocals: Joan Hubert, guest vocalist  
Piano: Pelayo Parlade  
Flute, Clarinet: Ernesto Vega  
Bass: Gumo Sarreon, guest musician

## SERVING TODAY

Lector: Susan Gallagher  
Prayers: David Theis  
Usher: Andy Durham  
Greeter: Paul Bower  
Audio Visual: Angel Williams

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# The Liturgy of the Word

## INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

*Please stand as able.*

**Presider** Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing; Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

**People** **God is with us, here we find new life!**

**Presider** Let us worship God.

## OPENING HYMN

### I'm Goin'-a Sing

LEVAS, page 117

I'm goin' - a sing\* when the Spir - it says sing.

I'm goin' - a sing when the Spir - it says sing.

I'm goin' - a sing when the Spir - it says sing, and o -

bey the Spir - it of the Lord.

\*2. pray 3. moan 4. shout

## OPENING PRAYER

**Presider** Living host, call us together, call us to eat and drink with you. Grant that by your body and your blood we may be drawn to each other and to you. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 9: 1-6

**Reader** A reading from Proverbs.

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, "You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

**Reader** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

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

## THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5: 15-20

**Reader** A reading from Ephesians.

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Reader** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

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

## THE GOSPEL

*Please stand as able*

John 6: 51-58

**Presider** The Holy Gospel according to John.

**People** **Praise and glory to God!**

Jesus said, "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."

The people then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

**Presider** This is the Gospel of Christ.

**People** **Praise to Christ, the Word.**

*Please be seated*

SERMON

The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Curate

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*We will meditate quietly on God's word to us.*

*Please stand as able*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The musical score is written in G-flat major (three flats) and 4/4 time. It begins with an instrumental introduction. The first line of music is labeled 'instrumental intro' and includes the chords G<sup>b</sup>maj7, A<sup>b</sup>7sus, and A<sup>b</sup>7. The lyrics 'Hear our -' are written below the staff. The second line is marked with a box 'A' and starts at measure 5. It includes the chords F m7, B<sup>b</sup>m7, F m7, and B<sup>b</sup>m7. The lyrics are 'prayer - O - Lord hea our - prayer O - Lord - - in -'. The third line starts at measure 9 and includes the chords G<sup>b</sup>maj7, a diamond symbol, A<sup>b</sup>7sus, and A<sup>b</sup>7. The lyrics are 'cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our'. The fourth line is marked with a box 'B' and starts at measure 13. It includes the chords F m7, B<sup>b</sup>m7, F m7, and B<sup>b</sup>m7. The lyrics are 'prayer O - Lord - hear - our - prayer - O - Lord - - - in -'. The fifth line starts at measure 17 and includes the chords G<sup>b</sup>maj7, A<sup>b</sup>7sus, and A<sup>b</sup>7. The lyrics are 'cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord'. A note at the end of the score reads: 'Soft piano improvisation during prayer, play intro to cue next response.'

### Response

Let us pray for the preservation of the earth. We give thanks for the beauty and abundance of the earth.

Give us and all peoples grace to live in harmony with your creation, wisdom and generosity in our use of its bounty.

Let us pray for peace and shared prosperity, and for the end of systemic racism that divides us.

We pray for leaders to serve the common good: Give wisdom to those who have responsibility and authority in every land, especially Joseph, our president; Kamala, our vice-president; Greg, our governor; Sylvester, our mayor; Lina, our county judge; and for the legislatures and courts, that we may share with justice the resources of the world, and work together in trust.

### Response

Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend Thabo Makgoba and the Anglican Church of Southern Africa](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [St. Paul's, Waco](#); [St. Thomas', Rockdale](#); and [Waco Church Plant, Waco](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for the [Trinity Vestry and the Stewardship Campaign](#). For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

We give thanks for the good news of salvation for all people. Strengthen us for our work in the world, empower your Church to proclaim the gospel in service, word and sacrament.

Unite in the truth all who confess your name, that we may live together in love to your glory.

Let us pray for ourselves and our community. We give thanks for the fellowship of the communities in which we live and work, especially Trinity Church.

We pray for our bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Hector, Jeff and Kai, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Henry our clergy.

We commend to your keeping ourselves and each other, our families, those with whom we work and learn, our neighbors and our friends. Enable us by your Spirit to live in love for you and for one another.

**Response**

We give thanks that you are the God who brings mercy and wholeness.

Comfort and heal, we pray, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble, especially for those we now name: [Bill, Barbara, Eula, Kensington, Pat, Jeanne, Jimmie, Charlee, Reiss, Karen, Susan, Wanda, and Andy.](#)

[Heavenly Father, our neighbor has nowhere to call home: help us be aware.](#)

[Our neighbor needs love and community: help us be active. Our neighbor is crying out for justice: help us be adamant to see an end to homelessness.](#)

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, [especially Geoffrey Nesossi, Tommy Theis, the Reverend John Price, all who have perished by contracting the Coronavirus, and all victims of gun violence.](#) Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfillment of your kingdom.

We give you thanks for your servants in every age, especially for these who are celebrating their birthdays: [Jeffrey, Kaycie, Natalie, Heidi, Ford, and Richard.](#)

**Response**

O God, we who come before you this day are many and diverse, with different needs and desires.

We ask you to accept our thanksgivings, to guide our ways, and to receive our praise. O God, hear the prayers of your people.

*The people may offer their own specific petitions, praises or thanksgivings.*

## Final Response

instrumental intro  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $A^{\flat}7sus$   $A^{\flat}7$

Hear our -

**A**

5  $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$   $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$

prayer - O - Lord hea our - prayer O - Lord - - in -

9  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $\Phi$   $A^{\flat}7sus$   $A^{\flat}7$

cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our

**B**

13  $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$   $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$

prayer O - Lord - hear - our - prayer - O - Lord - - - in -

17  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $A^{\flat}7sus$   $A^{\flat}7$

cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord - - -

Soft piano improvisation during prayer, play intro to cue next response.

$\Phi$

21  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $A^{\flat}7sus$   $A^{\flat}7$   $D^{\flat}maj7$

A - nd Gra - nt - us Thy - Pe - ace - -

## THE CONFESSION

Presider Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. I will confess my sins to the Lord. I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

God forgives and heals us.

**People We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us; some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.**

Presider God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself.

## THE PEACE

Presider Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.

**People Who breaks down the walls that divide.**

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

**People Praise to Christ who makes us one.**

## MUSIC AT THE PEACE

# The Liturgy of the Table

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

For those worshiping in person, there is an offering plate by the door.

**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.

## THE OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

Joan Hubert, soprano

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; Be thou my best thought in the day and the night, Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.	Be thou my soul's Shelter, be thou my strong Tow'r, O raise thou me heav'n-ward, great Pow'r of my pow'r.
Be thou my Wisdom, be thou my true Word; Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord; Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.	Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; Be thou mine inheritance, now and always; Be thou and thou only the first in my heart, O High King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.
Be thou my Breast-plate, my Sword for the fight; Be thou my whole armor, be thou my true Might;	High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun, O grant me its joys, after vict'ry is won; Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be thou my Vision, O Ruler of all.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please stand as able.*

Presider	The Lord is here.
<b>People</b>	<b>God's Spirit is with us.</b>
Presider	Lift up your hearts.
<b>People</b>	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
Presider	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<b>People</b>	<b>It is right to offer thanks and praise.</b>

Presider It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language, with the whole Church on earth and in heaven, joyfully we give you thanks and say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Therefore heavenly Father, in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son, we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come in glory.**

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness, we were far off until you brought us near and our hands are empty until you fill them.

As we eat this bread and drink this wine, through the power of your Holy Spirit feed us with your heavenly food, renew us in your service, unite us in Christ, and bring us to your everlasting kingdom. From you, and through you, and for you are all things. To you be the glory for ever,

Let the Church say A - men, let the Church say A - men God has  
 spo- ken let the Church say A - men

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.  
 Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**People We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.  
 Alleluia, alleluia.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

*For the duration of the current pandemic we will offer communion in one kind, the bread only. The priest will bring communion to your seat.*



*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.

Let the heav'n light shine on me, Let the heav'n light shine on

me, for low is the way to the up-per bright world, Let the

heav'n light shine on me. Shine on me, Shine on

me. Let the light from heav'n shine on

A - men, A - men.

me. A - men. A - men.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Please stand as able.*

Presider Blessed be God who calls us together.  
**People Praise to God who makes us one people.**

Presider Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.  
**People Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.**

Presider Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.  
**People Praise to God who is revealed as love.**

Presider Blessed be God who alone has called us.  
**People Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.**

Presider Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.  
**People Accept our thanks for all you have done.**

Presider Send us now into the world you love.  
**People Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

#### COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

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

#### THE BLESSING

Presider Christ who has nourished us with himself, the living bread, make you one in praise and love, and raise you up at the last day, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

**People Amen**

#### CLOSING HYMN

#### The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1. The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we  
2. We go to com - fort those who mourn and  
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, to  
4. Then let us go to serve in peace, the



go in Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
set the bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
scat - ter joy like seed and, all our days, to  
gos - pel to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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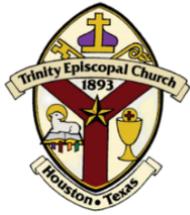
Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People We go in the name of Christ.**

*Thank you for worshipping with us this afternoon.  
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# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

of TRINITY *The Heart of Midtown*

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost – Year B

August 15th, 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.**



### THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up for a flower dedication by clicking [here](#)

**SAVE THE DATE  
10/10/21  
TO BLESS YOUR  
PETS**

## This Week at Trinity

### Sunday, August 15th, 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)
- 11:45 am Sandwich Makers Ministry Fellowship Hall
- 12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (live in-person and on Facebook)
- 8:00 pm Compline (In Spanish via Zoom)

### Monday, August 16th, 2021

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

### Tuesday, August 17th, 2021

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting (via zoom)

### Wednesday, August 18th, 2021

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

### Thursday, August 19th, 2021

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

### Friday, August 20th, 2021

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

### Saturday, August 21st, 2021

- 9:00 am Evening Prayer Training Workshop

SCAN ME



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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.

For More Information click [here](#)

Sandwich Makers Sunday starts immediately after 10:30 Service in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider staying to help make Sandwiches to help us with our daily outreach.



Let's help Emergency Aid Coalition (EAC) help our neighbors by donating canned goods. They can always use another peanut butter! Trinity collects nonperishable food offerings at the back of the church every Sunday. Thank you! Questions? Contact Mary Johns [mjohns@wt.net](mailto:mjohns@wt.net)

### 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, Rev. John Price, and all who have perished by contracting the coronavirus and victims of gun violence.

#### For our Iona Seminarian

Carrie Hirdes



Jeffrey Edgar  
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Terri DiRaddo, Andy Durham, Ann McCoy,  
David Theis, Michele White, Pamela Lawson,  
and Eric Beam.

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Harris County is currently in the Red Threat level of Covid-19 cases. We must continue to do our part to end the virus. Please remember to mask up, wash your hands, and social distance. Vaccinations are available for free from most healthcare providers in the city.

7-Day Totals, Rates, Percentages, and % Change in Last 7 Days

Cases  
14184  
(300.93 per 100k)  
13.99 % change

For More Info from the CDC about Covid-19 please click [here](#) for the following link.

### Readings this Sunday

Proverbs 9: 1-6  
Psalm 34: 9-14  
Ephesians 5: 15-20  
John 6: 51-58

Physical and Spiritual Sustenance  
The Evening Prayer and Sandwich Maker Ministries  
By Theresa D. McClellan

At 5:30 p.m. every weekday, the church bell tolls, and footsteps head toward the front doors of Trinity Episcopal Church Midtown. They come from street benches, from beneath the freeway, from buses, from halfway houses, from newly acquired apartments, from minimum wage jobs, neighborhood jobs, and occasionally from the community.

They come in search of a place of respite from the streets, to get cool, to hear prayers, to receive food, to feel welcome.

The officiant, usually wearing a choir robe or vestments, greets them with a smile from the podium, welcoming them to evening prayer. She thanks them for coming and tells them, "this is your time. Time to get still, to hear prayers, perhaps a message that will touch you, make you think. This is your time to pray and to be prayed for. Welcome."

The security guard who greets them reminds them to enter and be seated on the left side of the sanctuary where the officiant will be speaking. He tells them to remove their hats and place their sometimes extensive belongings on the floor, so it doesn't scratch the pews. The congregation of about 20-40 visitors is predominately male, but some women have joined. Some of the men and women are regular visitors.

The officiant, standing behind the lector podium, reads Scripture, Psalms, and Prayers from the Book of Evening Prayer, according to the daily lectionary. Some officiants have prepared a mini-sermon based on the day's Scripture, but it is not required.

After the prayers have ended, our visitors line up single file to exit out the side door and receive a fresh brown bag of two bologna and cheese sandwiches, condiments, and crackers. A water cooler with cups is outside the sanctuary.

For some, it is their first and only meal of the day, and they often grasp the officiant's hand in gratitude for the physical and spiritual sustenance. This is a ministry that nurtures your soul and requires many hands.

To make these meals possible, volunteers from the **Sandwich Makers Ministry** gather at Trinity on the first Tuesday of the month and the third Sunday of the month to make sandwiches. More than **800 sandwiches** are made at each of those gatherings. The need is great.

The sandwiches are individually stored in plastic bags and placed in the freezer to extend freshness. This season when we begin the **Evening Prayer Ministry** on **Monday, September 27**, we will need two volunteers to arrive daily **before the 5:30 p.m. service** to assemble the pre-made sandwiches into brown bag meals. These volunteers will also serve as greeters who may be the only friendly face our Evening Prayer visitors have encountered that day. When we see the face of God in everyone, it is easy to offer a smile.

Since we have been offering Evening Prayer nightly online, we will provide live streaming of the prayer service. Rev. Luz's husband Thanh will provide training **9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, August 21**, for volunteer greeters to learn these skills so we may offer the service to a wider audience.

Friends, the Evening Prayer Ministry, and the Sandwich Makers Ministry is an opportunity for faith in action. I hope this inside look inspires you to join. Volunteers have committed to weekly services or just twice a month. Our long-time leader John Merullo will train newcomer Officiants.

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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.

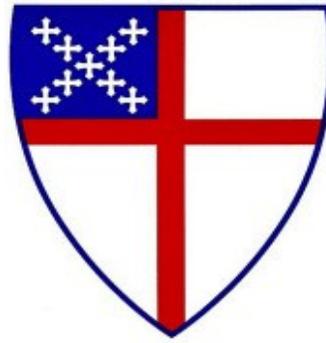
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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