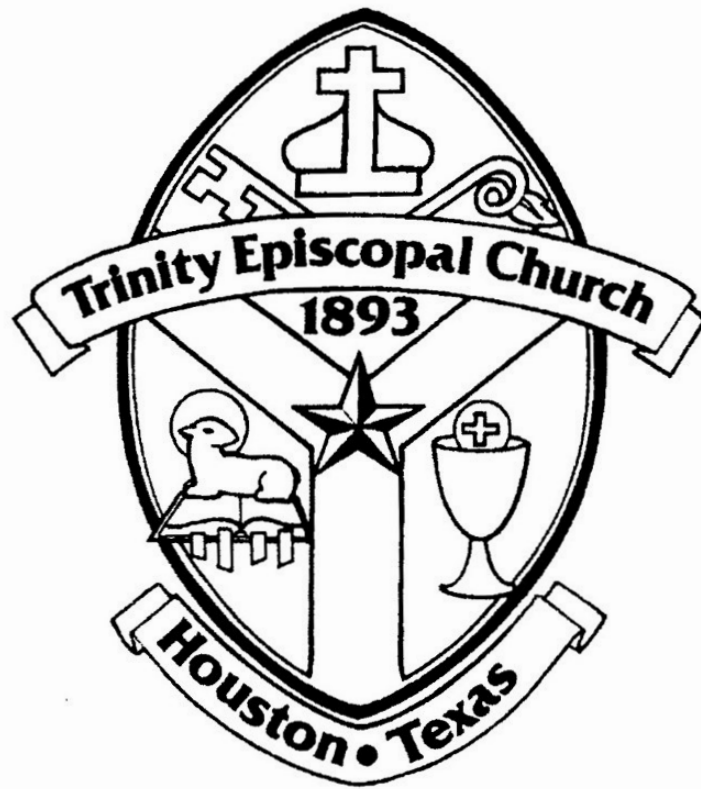


# THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 27, 2023  
10:30 a.m.



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector  
The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Associate Rector  
The Reverend Dale Klitzke, Priest Associate  
Aspirant for Holy Orders Barrett Hess, Preacher

Alex Jones, Organist and Choirmaster

***Making God's Presence Real  
By Sharing Christ's Life-Changing Love***

# WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! We're glad you chose to worship with us. We follow the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to guide our worship. In this leaflet, you'll find everything you need to follow along printed.

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

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

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For more information, please visit our website:  
[www.trinitymidtown.org](http://www.trinitymidtown.org)

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

**Children 3yrs through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade** We offer Children's Chapel in Room 112 during this service. The children who wish to participate will be led out right before the Gospel, and will return at the passing of the peace so that they can participate in Communion with their families.

## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

- Your children are welcome here at Trinity! First, please relax and enjoy your time here. We know that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it.
- Each Sunday, your child may pick up a pew activity in the back of the church.
- To make things easier for your family, dare to sit closer to the front where your child can see what's going on at the altar. Guide them in the liturgy and be models for them. Help them sing the hymns and encourage them to stand/sit when appropriate, say "Amen" and "Thanks be to God," and generally help them be a part of the service. The liturgy belongs to them too.
- If you have to leave, hurry back! Jesus wants the children here, and we do too. If you need help, just ask. There are many here who are willing to lend you a hand.
- Children's activity and worship bulletins are available for download from our website under the "Worship—Bulletins" tab, or following this link:

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

## VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*  
John Escoto, *Junior Warden*

Eric Beam  
Ben Blanding  
Pam Lawson  
Mary Matteucci  
Ann McCoy

John Merullo  
Samantha Rainman  
Gladys Vallés  
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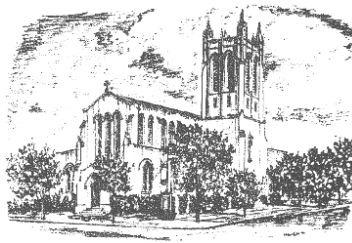
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Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*  
Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*  
Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*  
Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*  
Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*  
Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

## LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Lector: Stan Tubbs  
Prayers: Shelby Bradley  
LEMs: Larry Laubach, Pat Laubach  
Acolytes: L. Blanding, S. Chambers, K. Lomasang, H. Hensman, B. Walton  
Ushers: Steve Lee, Jackson Griffon, Leah Stasney, Kerry Ward, Will Seger  
Verger: Christian Bearup  
Vestry of the Day: David Villarreal  
Altar Guild: Madeline Mauk, Jeanne Sommerfeld, Linda Davenport  
Audio Visual: Jeremy Velasquez

The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God  
and in celebration of Phil and Carol's 60th wedding anniversary  
by Philip Turley



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# HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

10:30 a.m. Historic Church

*Please enter in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.*

VOLUNTARY

## The Liturgy of the Word

*Please stand as able.*

HYMN IN PROCESSION 334

*Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing*    Alles ist an Gottes Segen

1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -  
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,  
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -

vo - tion voic - ing; glo - ry be to God on high!  
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;  
lert and liv - ing in your Spi - rit, strong and free.

Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this Eu - cha -  
by your Blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your Bo - dy,  
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in

rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.  
ev - ery na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - lowers be.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, page 355

*Officiant* 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

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

**People** Amen.

CANTICLE S280 Glory to God

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - mighty - 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, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People** **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 51: 1, 1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, \*  
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 12: 1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

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

*Children's Chapel, for children aged three through fifth grade, begins before the reading of the Gospel during the hymn. The children are invited to follow the cross, carried by Ms. Erika on the Baptismal Font side, for a lesson and will return to their parents after the passing of the peace.*

Please stand as able.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE 476

Can we by searching find out God

Epworth

1 Can we by search - ing find out God or for - mu - late his ways?  
 2 Al - though his be - ing is too bright for hu - man eyes to scan,  
 3 Our boast - ful - ness is turned to shame, our prof - it counts as loss,  
 4 There God breaks in up - on our search, makes birth and death his own;

Can num - bers mea - sure what he is or words con - tain his praise?  
 his mean - ing lights our sha - dowed world through Christ, the Son of Man.  
 when earth - ly val - ues stand be - side the man - ger and the cross.  
 he speaks to us in hu - man terms to make his glo - ry known.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16: 13-20

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

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

*Officiant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Barrett Hess, Aspirant for Holy Orders



NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

BCP, page 392

*We invite you to offer any prayers you wish to share in the comment section.*

*Reader* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.  
For all people in their daily life and work;

**People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Reader* We pray for Joseph, our president; Kamala, our vice-president; Greg, our governor; Lina, our county judge; Sylvester, our mayor; and the legislatures, and courts: For this community, the nation, and the world:

**People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Reader* For the end of systemic racism that divides us; for the just and proper use of your creation;

**People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Reader* For [all women and men, boys and girls who are homeless this day](#), and for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.

**People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Reader* In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend Andrew Chan, and the Hong Kong Anglican Church](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [St. Cornelius Church Plant, Belton; St. Francis', Temple; St. John's, Martin; and St. Joseph's, Salado](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Shelby Bradley and the Archives ministry](#). For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

**People For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Reader* For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai (*pronounced "Kaye"*), and Hector, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale, our clergy; for all who minister in this place; and for all bishops and other ministers.

**People For all who serve God in his Church.**

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those who are on our prayer list: [Bill, Nick, Kathy, Bob, Dale, Edith, Jane, Mark, Eliana, Guillermo, Phil, Carolyn, Laura, David, Gloria, Mirabel, Graeme, Christopher, and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.](#)

Hear us, Lord;

**People For your mercy is great.**

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for [Linda, Oliver, Caroline, Mary, John, Ben, Susan, Emily, and Alice](#) as they celebrate their birthdays.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**People And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Reader We pray for all who have died, [especially for the victims of the Maui wildfires, 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.**

#### CONFESION

*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.**

*Please stand as able.*

#### THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*

*The children who attended Children's Chapel will return  
at this point so that they can participate with their families in the Holy Communion.*

*Please be seated.*

#### BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

*Adapted from Blessing of Backpacks by Wendy Claire Barrie  
and Blessing of the Backpacks and Back-to-School Worship Liturgy by Illustrated Ministries,*

O God, our lives are in your hands: Look on us with favor as we begin another school year. Lead us into life-giving rhythms of grace and light, where our regular routines become the framework for worship and blessing. We pray for health and wholeness, fun and growth, surprise, and amazement for this school year ahead, knowing you will hold us all. Help us to trust in your goodness all the days of our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## 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](http://www.trinitymidtown.org) and click the "Give" button on the top right, or click:  
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### OFFERTORY

*O Praise the Lord*

*Adrian Batten (1591-1637?)*

O praise the Lord, all ye heathen, praise him all ye nations.  
For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us:  
and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever and ever. Amen.

Please stand as able.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 400, stanza 7

Lasst uns erfreuen

Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -

ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the

Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

*Refrain*

O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

SURSUM CORDA S120

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 S125

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please stand or kneel, as able.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**AMEN.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

***Celebrant and People***

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
 sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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

AGNUS DEI S166

*Gerald R. Near*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on  
 us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.  
 Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to come participate in Holy Communion. If for any reason you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms across your chest for a blessing.

Our tradition is to receive both bread and wine, sharing in the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips, or you may "intinct" by dipping the wafer into the chalice. If you prefer, you may also receive the bread only: After consuming the wafer, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine.

If you do not wish to "intinct" from the common cup, there will be a third chalice, for intinction only, available in the baptistery. If you wish to partake of this chalice, please proceed to the baptistery after receiving a wafer from the priest.



We offer a gluten-free bread option for those with dietary restrictions who wish to receive communion. To receive a gluten free wafer, please clasp your hands with palms facing each other when the priest administering the bread approaches you.

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion is prayed by those at home unable to partake of communion in person

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, our souls, and our minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

## COMMUNION HYMN 525

*The Church's one foundation*

Aurelia



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;  
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,  
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

*The Celebrant distributes a communion kit saying,*

*Celebrant* On behalf of God and Trinity Parish, we send forth these holy gifts that those who will be visited may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

**People Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please kneel or stand as able.*

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
 you have graciously accepted us as living members  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 and you have fed us with spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
 Send us now into the world in peace,  
 and grant us strength and courage  
 to love and serve you  
 with gladness and singleness of heart;  
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty  
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -  
 3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and  
 4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be bro - ken  
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters  
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - ering,  
 deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re - ly on,

formed thee for his own a - bode; on the Rock of A - ges  
 and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, when such a  
 show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their  
 makes them kings and priests to God. 'Tis his love his peo - ple

found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose? With sal -  
 riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,  
 ban - ner, light by night, and shade by day, safe they  
 rais - es o - ver self to reign as kings: and as



va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
 like the Lord, the giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.  
 feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.  
 priests, his sol - emn prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY

*Those who wish to listen to the closing Voluntary  
 are invited to come and sit in the Choir.*

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.*

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*Please join us for Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall  
 immediately following this service.*

*We would like to thank Linda and Bob Davenport for hosting this morning's coffee hour.*

*Please note that Sundays starting September 17 are open to host (part/all) coffee hour.  
 Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or online, or scan this QR code:*



**SUPPORT THE  
 HAWAI'I FIRE RESPONSE**





## THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN

August 27, 2023 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

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**Sunday In-Person Services**  
8:00 am and 12:30 pm (Chapel)  
10:30 am (Historic Church)

### Trinity Block Party Talks! Last One! Sept. 10th

Join us for one of our last two discussions about our City Block! We will be sharing ideas about our outdoor spaces, talking about the Bering House, and updating you on the parking lot construction scheduled for 2024.

Sunday, September 10th from 1:45pm–3:45pm, Fellowship Hall  
RSVP [HERE](#).

### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

#### Sunday, August 27th, 2023

7:30am – 1:30pm Nursery Open  
All Services – Blessing of the Backpacks  
8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)  
9:00 am Sunday Meditations (Zoom)  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)  
10:45 am Children’s Chapel  
11:45 am Sandwich Makers (Fellowship Hall)  
12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Chapel)  
8:00 pm Compline (Facebook)

#### Monday, August 28th, 2023

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

#### Tuesday, August 29th, 2023

5:30 pm Evening Prayer  
6:30 pm Ministry Heads Meeting (Smith/Zoom Hybrid)

#### Wednesday, August 30th, 2023

10:00 am Staff Meeting  
12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer  
6:00 pm Healing Service (Zoom)  
7:00 pm Pub Theology (Mucky Duck)  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, August 31st, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

#### Friday, September 1, 2023

10:00 am Garden Club (Fellowship Hall)  
12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

#### Saturday, September 2, 2023

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

### Blessing of the Backpacks: Sunday, August 27th

Trinity will honor and bless students, faculty, and staff returning to school at all services this Sunday. All children, youth, and adults are encouraged to bring their backpacks, bags, or briefcases for a blessing.

### Pub Theology: Wednesday, August 30th

We invite you to join us for Pub Theology as we gather together in our new location, The Mucky Duck located at 2425 Norfolk St. This is our first gathering for Pub Theology for the Fall. Come and join us for a pint and some great theological discussion as we address the weekly provided questions (more details to follow).

### Aloha Sunday: Sunday, September 10th

Please plan to join us on September 10th for services and in the Fellowship Hall for Aloha Sunday! There will be tables for the various ministries set up and volunteers ready to answer questions or help you sign up to get more involved here at Trinity! Each ministry will provide light snacks and we encourage you to come dressed in Hawaiian attire. We will also be taking a special collection in the Fellowship Hall for the relief efforts in Lahaina to help the recovery efforts after the tragic fires.

### Community Voices for Public Education: Saturday, September 16th

Ben and Saba Blanding invite you to join them at their home (backyard) for a Community Voices in Public Education meeting on Saturday, Sept. 16th from 8:30–10:30am to share about the TEA takeover of HISD. They will have donuts and coffee, program is from 9–10am. Please email Saba for additional information if you would like to attend [skblanding@gmail.com](mailto:skblanding@gmail.com). Address: 6608 Rockbridge Lane, Houston TX 77023–4020.

### Taste of Trinity: Saturday, September 23rd

Mark your calendars: Our fall kickoff for all groups will be a dinner at Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. We will still have at least one dinner group and one brunch group. If we have enough participants, we may divide into multiple groups, still offering at least one for mealtime options. You can sign up on Aloha Sunday!

### Blood Drive: September 24th

We are partnering again with the Gulf Coast Blood Center for a fall blood drive. We still need at least 8 people to sign up in the Fellowship Hall in order for us to host the blood drive. Please sign up if you will be here and would like to donate. Blood donations are critical to saving lives, we encourage you to register this weekend.

### Save the Date

October 7th – Episcopal Way Class  
October 8th – Blessing of the Animals

October 22nd – Bishop’s Visit/Annual Giving Kick-Off and Four Choirs Evensong



### 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, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Jill, Stephen, Emily, Van, Dick, Theresa (Fobbs), Victims of Violence, Ric, Barbara, Sylvia, Joyce, Bob, Cristine, David, Robert, Susan, Cindy, Patty, Dana, Samantha, Emilia, Gaby, Florence, Rick Charles, Harrison, Kathy, Erma, Henry, Theresa (McLellan), Alton, Pete, Mary, John, and Chris.

#### For the faithful departed:

Victims of the Maui wildfires and all victims of gun violence.

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\*Please note we will never ask you for money or gifts via email. Scams are circulating again, so please be aware and cautious.

### Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up at [www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/](http://www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/).

The next available dates: **September 3rd, October 8th, and 15th.**



Sign-ups for coffee hour hosts are available, please signup online to volunteer [here](#) or scan QR code below. For questions or further information please click [here](#) to contact Jamie Chambers

Next available dates: **September 17th, October 1st and 8th.**



Linda Davenport, Oliver Hoeink, Caroline Grunewald, Mary Matteucci, John Merullo, Ben Semmes, Susan Sample, Lauren Santerre, Emily White, Alice Powell

#### Office Hours

Tuesday–Thursday 9 am – 4 pm  
Friday 9 am – 1 pm

If you have building concerns please email [frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org). Thanks!



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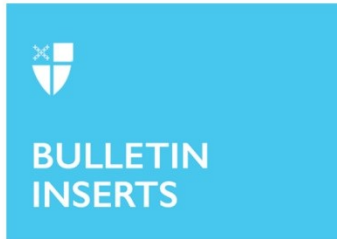
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**August 27, 2023 – Pentecost 13 (A)**  
**Getting Connected: Young Adult and Campus Ministry**

*Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. - Matthew 18:5*

If you are a young adult who is looking for community and relationship as you explore your faith and way in life, the Office of Young Adult and Campus Ministries wants to help you find a connection to a ministry, chaplaincy, local clergy person, congregation, group, leader, or organizer.

The Office of Young Adult and Campus Ministries, along with the Young Adult and Campus Ministries Council of Advice, works together to help young adults find new communities and connect with individuals wherever they are in The Episcopal Church. We know that finding a community can be a daunting and overwhelming task, so we want to help in any way that we can.

We have a couple of ways to get you connected to a new ministry when you move or progress from being a youth to a young adult.

The first option is to check out the Episcopal Asset Map that is being updated and maintained by ministries themselves. Visit this link to search your area and see what is going on: <https://iam.ec/yacmmmap>. The Young Adult and Campus Ministries Network map has some but not all of our ministries represented; if your ministry is not on here, please submit information!

Secondly, you can fill out a Young Adult Referral Form. This can be filled out by the young adult or a mentor, parent, or clergy person who is seeking to help them find a ministry. Once you submit this form, we will do our best to connect you to a congregation, young adult ministry, campus ministry, or other kinds of ministry near you. When we receive your request, the Officer for Young Adult and Campus Ministries and the Council of Advice reach out to local ministries and find the best possible connection for the young adult. Find the form here: <https://iam.ec/yareferrals>.



If you have questions, please contact the Rev. Shannon Kelly, Director of the Department of Faith Formation and Officer for Young Adult and Campus Ministries, at [skelly@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:skelly@episcopalchurch.org).

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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.

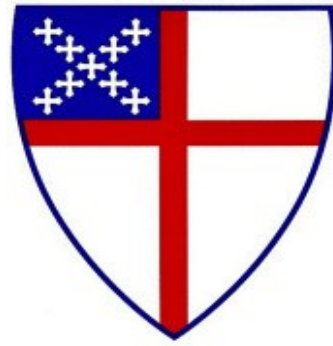
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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