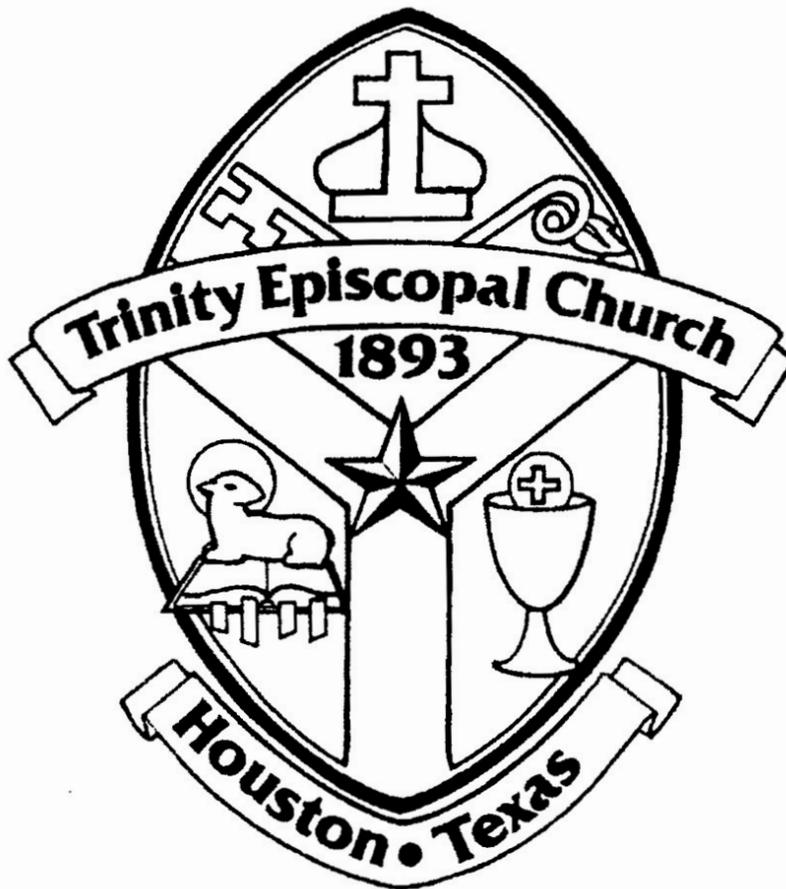


THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 28, 2022
8:00 a.m.



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector
The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Curate
The Reverend Dale Klitzke, Priest Associate

Alex Jones, Organist and Choirmaster

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

WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

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

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

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

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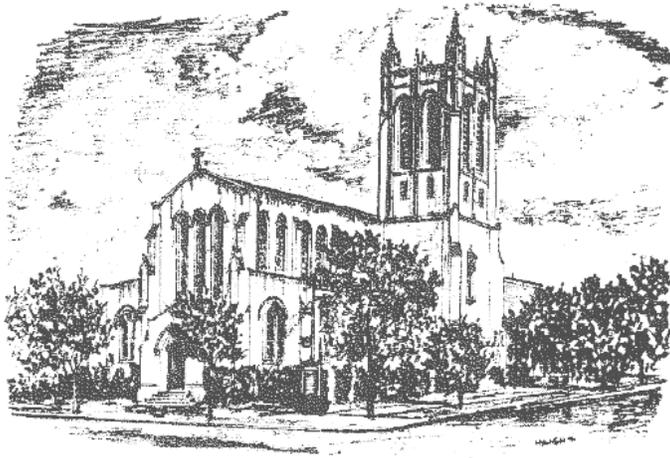
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Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*
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Jim Castro, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*
Gayle Davies-Cooley, *Historian and Archivist*

SERVING TODAY

Reader: Samantha Rainman
LEM: Donna Cloteaux
Music: Wendy Wentland, piano
Vestry of the Day: John Merullo

The Morrow Chapel Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God
and in memory of our beloved pet, Rio,
by Ric and Nick

The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God
and in Thanksgiving for Beatrice and Barney Ong's
40th Wedding Anniversary
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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand as able.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, page 323

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, page 323

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

People **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 2: 4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

1 Sing with joy to God our strength *
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

**10 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."**

11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, *
and Israel would not obey me.

**12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, *
to follow their own devices.**

13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! *
that Israel would walk in my ways!

**14 I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.**

15 Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, *
and their punishment would last for ever.

**16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Wendy Wentland, piano

Please stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

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

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

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

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

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

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

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

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

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

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

Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend Don Tamihere, the Most Reverend Philip Richardson, and the Anglican Church in Aotearoa](#) (*pronounced "ow-tehr-OH-ah"*), [New Zealand and Polynesia](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [St. Isidore's, Spring; St. James the Apostle, Conroe; and St. Luke's, Livingston](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Ryan Mire and the Weekly Window](#).

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONFESSION

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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

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

THE PEACE

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

Please pass the peace in a socially distanced manner.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

OFFERING

Online Giving is available through AccessACS.

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

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Please stand as able.

SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

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

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

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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

The celebrant continues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

People AMEN.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

For the duration of the current pandemic we will continue to offer communion in one kind for those who wish to receive the bread only. Please come forward to receive communion from a priest in front of the altar. If you are partaking of the chalice, please use the hand sanitizer at the end of your pew before approaching the clergy and chalice-bearer. Also, if you wish to partake of the chalice, you may do so by intinction. Intinction is done by dipping a host into the wine, and is completely optional. If you prefer, it is perfectly fine to continue receiving the host only.



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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

THE BLESSING

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

People **Amen**

DISMISSAL

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning.



THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN

August 28th, 2022 | The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost—Year C

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

Please continue to mask up
and practice social distancing.

Trinity Garden Club Resumes Meeting: Friday, September 2nd

September 2, 2022, at 10:30 am in Smith room; Trinity garden club will begin in-person meetings. TGC's mission is the beautification of our five church gardens. Meetings are always on the first Friday of each month from September–May. There are refreshments, a speaker, and lots of great gardening conversations. All meetings are open and guests and new members are cherished.

Evening Prayer Ministry: Greeters Needed

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

Community Outreach: Lots clothing drive

Please bring donations of men's sneakers, men's pants and shorts waist size 32 and smaller, hoodies, jackets, backpacks, totes, blankets, and towels to the Lord of the Streets table on Aloha Sunday. Your homeless neighbors will be grateful. A cookie (or two) is your reward!



Peace Cranes Memorial

We are folding orange origami peace cranes as a memorial to children (ages 0–17) who have died in the US as a result of gun violence. If you're interested please contact Libby Tsubai at tsubaie@yahoo.com, or drop by our demonstration table at Coffee Hour during the month of August. For more information visit: [Peace Crane Project](#).

Pub Theology Featured Trinity Author is Libby Tsubai.

Pub Theology returns on August 31st from 7 pm to 8:30 pm at the Community Bar located at 2700 Smith St., Houston Tx. 77006. Libby Tsubai will be our guest author for this month. For a short bio on Libby follow the link below.

<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/blog/this-months-featured-guest-trinity-author-for-pub-theology-is-libby-tsubai/>

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, August 28, 2022

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

Monday, August 29, 2022

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday, August 30, 2022

5:30 pm Evening Prayer
6:00 pm Ministry Head Meeting in FH

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

10:30 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 Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Pub Theology at Community Bar

Thursday, September 1, 2022

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday, September 2, 2022

10:00 pm Trinity Garden Club Smith Rm
12:00 pm Listening Post
12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm
5:30 pm Evening Prayer





PRAYERS

Our custom is to read aloud each week the names of those who request our prayers. We also remember in our Prayer Chain and Bulletin those who desire prayers. Please email to keep us informed. For information or comments about prayer names, please contact the Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero. If you would like to participate as a member of the prayer chain, please contact Norma Cooper.

Allegra, Gareth, Mary, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Jill, Stephen, Emily, Van, Kensington, Theresa, Marvin, Ric, Margaret, Livia, Barbara, Larry, Carolyn, Sylvia, Norma, Be, Jeanne, Linda, Shelby, Stewart, Stephen, Barbara, Daniel, Minnie, Jeanette, Eddie, Theophilis, Lynn, Vanessa, Ellis, Margaret, Cindy, Cristine, Tony, Dick, Maribel, and Emma.

For the faithful departed

All who have perished by contracting the coronavirus, and all victims of gun violence.

Altar Flower Dedications This Week



The Morrow Chapel Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory of our beloved pet, Rio, by Ric and Nick

The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for Beatrice and Barney Ong’s 40th Wedding Anniversary by Beatrice and Barney Ong

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up at www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/

Aloha Sunday is September the 11th.

Aloha means both goodbye and hello. Say “Aloha” to summer, and say “Aloha” to church offerings! Fun, flashy, flowery Hawaiian-themed clothes, encouraged, not required! Ministry Fair in Fellowship Hall, 11:45 am–1:00 pm. Find out how you can serve this year! Discover Educational and Parish Life offerings. Invite a friend to join you!



Caroline Grunewald, Bryan Montemarano, Mary Matteucci, John Merullo, Ben Semmes, Susan Sample, Emily White, Alice Powell, Rhett Tull, Carolyn Reyes and Kyle Scallan.

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John Escoto, Junior Warden
Eric Beam, Ben Blanding, Jim Castro, Terri DiRaddo, Pamela Lawson, Mary Matteucci, Ann McCoy, John Merullo, Sheila Wainwright, and Michele White.

New Fall Office Hours

Monday–Thursday 9 am – 4 pm
Friday 9 am – 1 pm
Closed on Labor Day, September 5th, 2022

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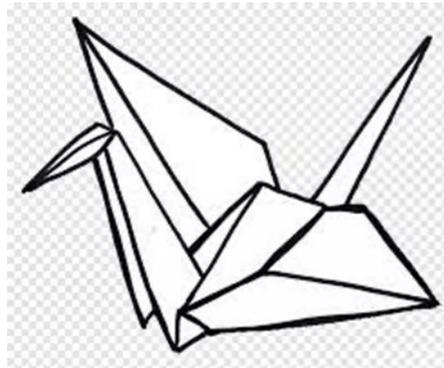
For more information on annual giving visit [2022 Stewardship Campaign](#).

Lamentation - Remembrance - HOPE

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

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

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



A HISTORY OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Trinity Episcopal Church of Houston has existed as a house of worship and a center of its community for over a century. As such, it has adapted to the changing nature of the city, as Houston grew from a regional town of approximately 40,000 souls to a dynamic metropolitan giant, the fourth largest city in the United States. With a congregation that grew from a few founding members in the 1890s to several thousand parishioners at its peak, Trinity Church is an example of how spiritual people have contended with the challenges presented during a city's most crucial period of urban development.

Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street and Holman Avenue. That structure, designed by Ralph Adams Cram of Boston and William Ward Watkin of Houston became an architectural landmark constructed in the neo-Gothic style with Texas limestone and a 97 foot bell tower.

During the late 1910s and 1920s, Trinity entered an era of explosive growth, paralleling that of the city, and became an important center of the Episcopal faith. The congregation's many youth and adult activities were community events that attracted wide attention among the general populace. An integral part of its city, Trinity likewise maintained special relationships with Houstonians of other faiths. With a membership numbering 1,900 parishioners in 1930, Trinity emerged as the largest Episcopal parish in the Diocese of Texas and one of the largest in the nation.

After World War II, Houston's growth presented Trinity with perhaps its greatest challenge. As the city physically expanded into the new postwar suburbs, Trinity's membership began to decline. Rather than abandon its historic location, the congregation showed itself to be steadfast. Resurrecting itself from this period, Trinity reaffirmed its mission, this time as a beacon in the inner city where it has become a leading institution in the heart of Houston, determined to enhance the quality of urban life for everyone.

While our neighborhood has gone through many changes, the parish has remained steadfast, and actively ministers to a diverse congregation and to the poor in its midst. As the Midtown Houston neighborhood began redeveloping, starting in the early 2000s, Trinity Church has rededicated itself to its spiritual mission, and has become an active part of the Midtown area for music and other creative art expressions.





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