

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 29, 2021
10:30 a.m.



All attending please wear masks and maintain 6 feet social distancing with those not in your household

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector
The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Curate
The Reverend Canon Dr. Henry L. Atkins, Jr., Theologian in Residence

Hank Carrillo, Interim Organist and Choirmaster

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

WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

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

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

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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connections@trinitymidtown.org

Facebook Live Stream. Please be advised that all services, including this 10:30 a.m. service, are live streamed through our Trinity Facebook Page and YouTube channels.

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

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

Eric Beam
Ben Blanding
Jim Castro
Norma Cooper
Terri DiRaddo

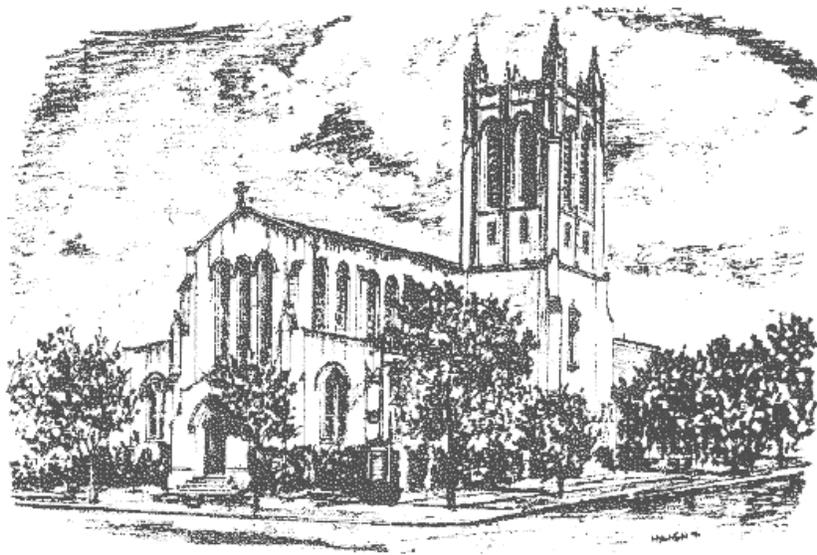
Andy Durham
Pam Lawson
Ann McCoy
David Theis
Michele White

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

LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Lector: John Merullo
Acolytes: Mary Cloud, Joanne Starbuck, L. Blanding
Verger: Alex Bruton
Ushers: Steve Lee, Ileda David

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God
and in celebration of our 39th Wedding Anniversary
by Barney and Beatrice Ong



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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

VOLUNTARY

Esquisses Byzantines, No. 1 "Nef"

Henri Mulet

Please stand as able.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 460

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Hyfrydol

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
4 Lord of lords we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of
5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest; thou on earth both Priest and
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, page 355

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.**

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Song of Solomon 2: 8-13

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 45: 1-2, 7-10

Eructavit cor meum

Matthew Camidge

Sung by the choir

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;
 let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
 my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men; *
 grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.
- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
 a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
 you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

- 8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- 10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *
on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

THE SECOND LESSON

James 1: 17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE 707

Take my life and let it be

Hollingside

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
 Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long-er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy-al throne.
 Take my-self, and I will be ev-er, on-ly, all for thee.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

**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.**

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 [Bless Afghanistan, Haiti, and all nations of the world facing tumults and natural disasters, with Christ's gifts of healing and peace.](#) We pray for Joseph our president, Kamala, our vice-president, Greg our governor, Lina, our county judge, Sylvester our mayor, for the legislatures and courts, and for this community, the nation, and the world:

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

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

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

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

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

Reader In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend Justin Badi Arama and the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.](#) In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [Holy Comforter, Spring; Holy Family, Humble; and St. Aidan's, Cypress.](#) In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Jackie Rose and the Trinity Endowment.](#) For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

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

Reader For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Hector and Kai our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Henry, our clergy; for all who minister in this place; and for all bishops and other ministers.

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

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those who are on our prayer list: [Bill, Barbara, Eula, Kensington, Pat, Jeanne, Jimmie, Charlee, Reiss, Karen, Susan, Wanda, Andy, David, Stewart, Jeff, Terri, Carolyn, and Ben](#). Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for [Mary, John, Ben, Susan, Emily, Alice, Carolyn, and Kyle](#), who celebrate their birthdays this week.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader We pray for all who have died, [especially Donny Thrift, all who have perished by contracting the Coronavirus, and all victims of gun violence](#), that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

CONFSSION

BCP, page 392

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**People Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

BCP, page 360

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People Amen

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please pass the peace in a socially distanced manner.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated

OFFERING

For those worshipping in person, there are offering plates by the doors.

Online Giving is available through AccessACS.

Go to www.trinitymidtown.org and click the "Give" button on the top right, or click: <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=156477>

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OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

OFFERTORY

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies' Sake

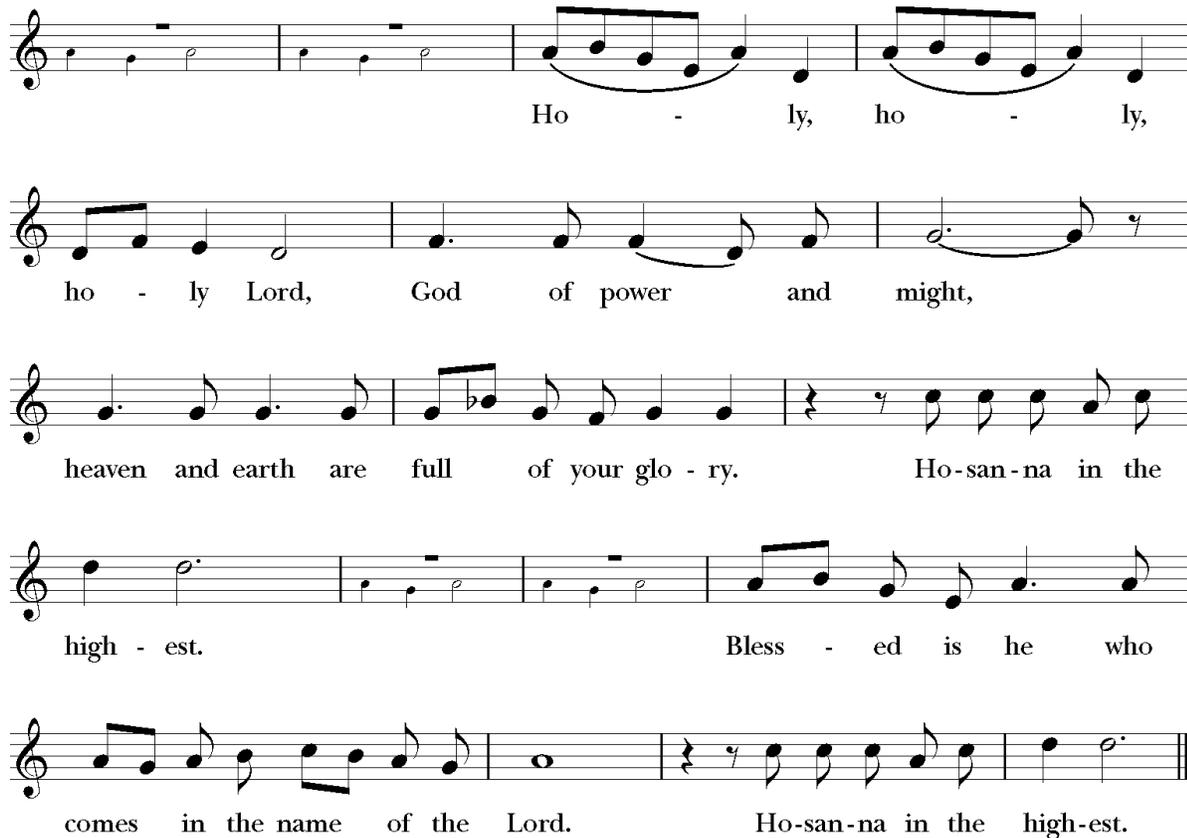
Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake,
lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past,
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives,
to decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk with a perfect heart before thee now and evermore.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S128

William Mathias



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

Please kneel or stand as able.

The celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

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

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

People AMEN.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, page 364

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

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

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

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

FRACTION ANTHEM S155

Gerald Near

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

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

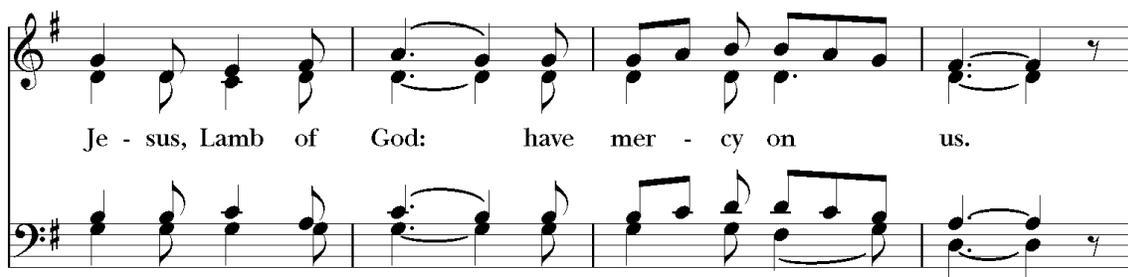
sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.

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

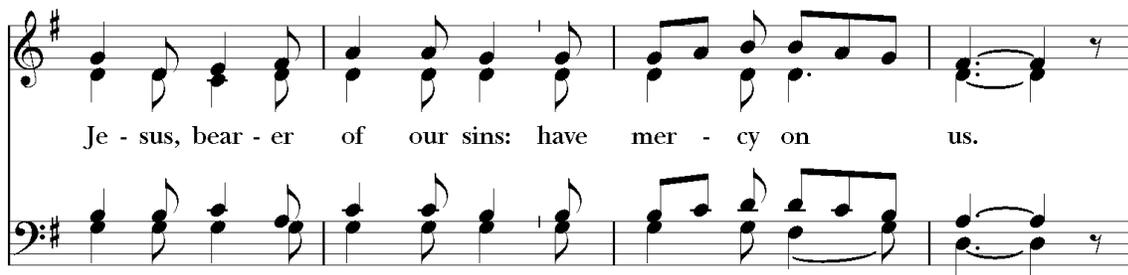
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

AGNUS DEI S164

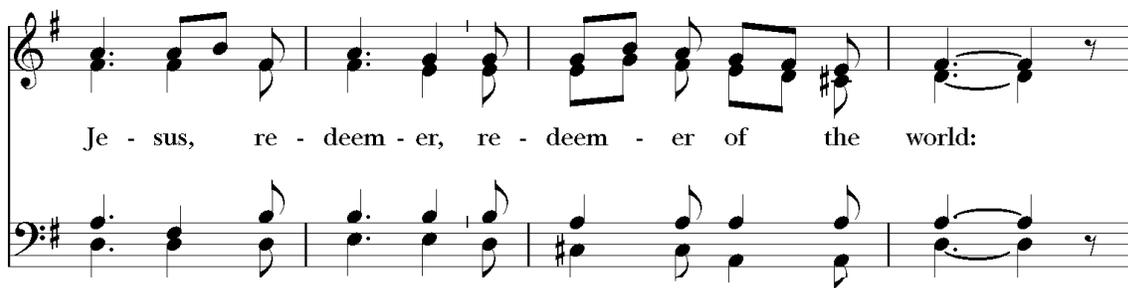
Franz Peter Schubert



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

For the duration of the current pandemic we will offer communion in one kind, the bread only. Please come forward to receive communion from a priest at the chancel steps.



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

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

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

COMMUNION HYMN 323 *Bread of heaven, on thee we feed* Jesu, Jesu, du mein Hirt

1 Bread of heaven, on thee we feed, for thy Flesh is
2 Vine of heaven, thy Blood sup-plies this blest cup of

meat in-deed; ev - er may our souls be fed
sac - ri - fice; Lord, thy wounds our heal - ing give,

with this true and liv - ing Bread; day by day with
to thy cross we look and live: Je - sus, may we

strength sup-plied, through the life of him who died.
ev - er be graft - ed, root - ed, built in thee.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

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

BLESSING

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People Amen.

Please stand as able.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 344

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

Sicilian Mariners

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ey - er faith - ful,
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

DISMISSAL

Officiant

People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Hyfrydol

Ralph Vaughan Williams

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

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THE WEEKLY WINDOW

of TRINITY *The Heart of Midtown*

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Year B

August 29th, 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 and in celebration of our 39th Wedding Anniversary by Barney and Beatrice Ong

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

Blessing of the Backpacks

This Sunday August 29th, at all Three Services



This Week at Trinity

Sunday, August 29nd, 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 (in Fellowship Hall)
- 12:00 pm Vaccination Clinic (In parking lot)
- 12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (live in-person and on Facebook)
- 8:00 pm Compline (In Spanish via Zoom)

Monday, August 30th, 2021

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

Tuesday, August 31st, 2021

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 1st, 2021

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

Thursday, September 2nd, 2021

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday, September 3rd, 2021

- 10:30 am Trinity Garden Club (Fellowship hall)
- 12:00 pm The Listening Post
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Inner City Spirit

A Podcast by Trinity Episcopal Church



Hosted by The Rev. Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector



A New Summer Series of Inner City Spirit is now available on our website click [here](#) for more information

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We are 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](#)

take your BEST SHOT!

FREE COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

Trinity Episcopal Church
1015 Holman St
Houston, Texas 77004

Sunday, August 29, 2021
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

WALK INS WELCOME

Appointments:
www.hhdvaccinations.org
or **832-393-4220**

Pfizer (age 12+) Vaccine
Getting vaccinated is FREE and does require ID, proof of residency, citizenship, or insurance.

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 mkjohns@wt.net

August 29th, 2021

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost –Year B

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
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For the faithful departed
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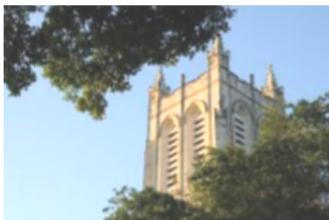
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Cases
24836
(526.93 per 100k)
72.95 % change

Data through Sun Aug 22 2021

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Readings this Sunday

Song of Solomon 2: 8-13
Psalm 45: 1-2, 7-10
James 1: 17-27
Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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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.

If interested, contact our Curate the Rev. Luz Montes at Curate@Trinitymidtown.org or me at theresa@theresawriter.com.

In joy,
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Head of the Evening Prayer and Listening Post Ministries.

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.

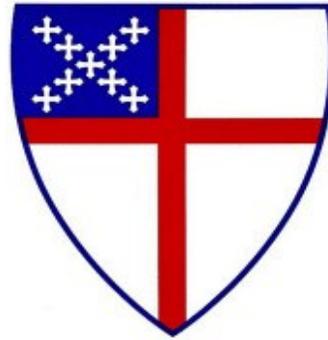
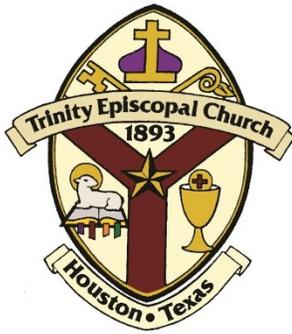
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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