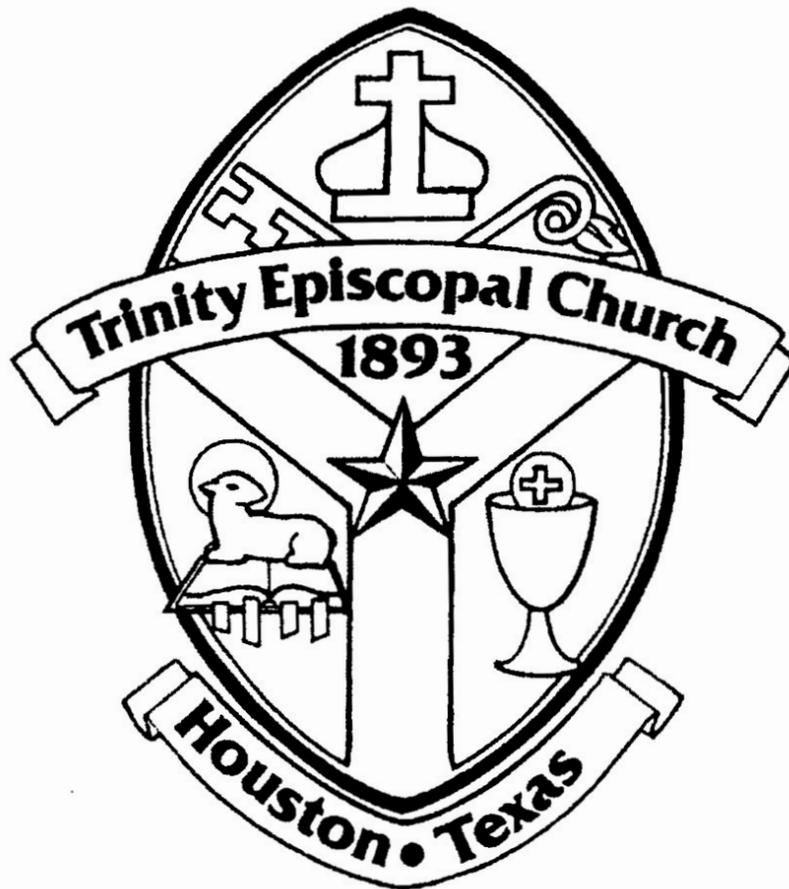


# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 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:

<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/contact-card-page/>

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### 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.
- 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/>

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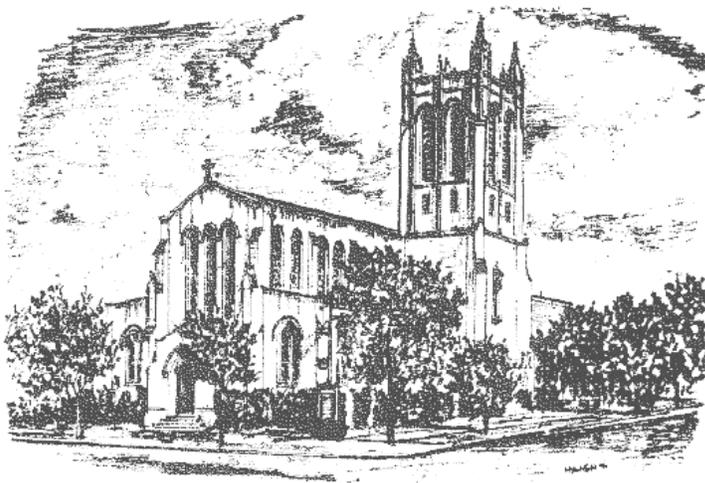
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Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*  
Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*  
Jim Castro, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

## SERVING TODAY

Reader: Ann McCoy  
LEM: Samantha Rainman  
Music: Wendy Wentland, piano  
Vestry of the Day: Ben Blanding

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God.



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# HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*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.**

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

**People** **Amen.**

### THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*BCP, page 324*

*Officiant* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

### TRISAGION

*BCP, page 324*

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Merciful God, who didst send thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 11: 1-10*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall

graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72: 1-7, 18-19

*Deus, iudicium*  
*Alternately by whole verse.*

BCP, page 685

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;**
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.**
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!**
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 15: 4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3: 1-12

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

BCP, page 326

**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 I

BCP, page 383

- Reader* With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."  
 For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
- People Lord, have mercy.**
- Reader* For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai (*pronounced "Kaye"*), Hector, and Scott, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale, our clergy; for all who minister in this place; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
- People Lord, have mercy.**
- Reader* For [the Most Reverend Michael Lewis and the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East](#); for Holy Apostles, Katy; Holy Spirit, Houston; Hope, Houston; San Mateo, Bellaire; and for Mary Johns and the Emergency Aid Coalition, let us pray to the Lord.
- People Lord, have mercy.**
- Reader* For Joseph our president, Kamala our vice-president, Greg our governor, Lina our county judge, Sylvester our mayor, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
- People Lord, have mercy.**
- Reader* For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
- People Lord, have mercy.**
- Reader* For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
- People Lord, have mercy.**
- Reader* For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
- People Lord, have mercy.**
- Reader* For [Bill, Eula, Joyce, Bob, David, Steven, Robert, Phil, Susan, Virginia, Renard, Richard, Patty, Tom, Jackie, Tony, Be, Jim, José, Tom, Julie, Callie, Rodney, Billie, Graham, Amy, Erma, Debbie, Dana, Norma, Maryanne, John, Edgar, Hannah, and Larry](#), let us pray to the Lord.
- People Lord, have mercy.**
- Reader* For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
- People Lord, have mercy.**
- Reader* God our hope, keep us blameless before you that we may meet the coming of our Lord Jesus with joy. Remembering [especially Elsie Nelson, all victims of gun violence, and all who have perished from contracting the Coronavirus](#), may we, and all who have died, rise to life immortal with all your saints.
- People Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader* For all the blessings of this life, especially for [Stephen, Beatrix, Winifred, Marilyn, Maxwell, Samuel, Matthew, Melinda, and Mary](#) as they celebrate their birthdays, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader* For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader* That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader* In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**People** **To thee, O Lord our God.**

#### 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.

Go to [www.trinitymidtown.org](http://www.trinitymidtown.org) and click the "Give" button on the top right, click:

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**Texting.** Send the message **heartofmidtown** to **73256**. Be sure to type heartofmidtown with no spaces, or autocorrect may insert information about a different church. The prompt will ask for a credit card number which can be kept on file for future contributions.

## VERSE AND RESPONSE AT PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord

**People** **and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

BCP, page 340

*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.

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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.**

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

*BCP, page 336*

**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.**

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

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

*Please come forward to receive communion from a priest in front of the altar. 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. If you are unable to come forward for communion, it will be brought to you in your pew.*



*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

**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** May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

**People** **Amen**

**Presider** May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

**People** **Amen**

**Presider** May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

**People** **Amen**

**Presider** And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

**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  
 December 4th, 2022 | The Second Sunday of Advent-Year C  
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**Sunday In-Person Services**  
 8:00 am and 12:30 pm (Chapel)  
 10:30 am (Historic Church)

**Christmas Eve**  
 6:00 pm and 10:00 pm  
**Christmas Day and New Years Day**  
 11:00 am One Combined Service



**St. Nick is coming for a visit  
 This Sunday, December 4th  
 to Coffee Hour**

On Sunday, December 4th at 11:45 am please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a visit with St. Nick. We will also continue Advent Wreath making and will be singing carols. Please join us for this great opportunity of Fellowship.

**THIS WEEK AT TRINITY**

**Sunday, December 4, 2022**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I Chapel  
 9:00 am Sunday Meditations (Zoom)  
 9:30 am Advent Wreath Making in Fellowship Hall  
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II Church  
 11:45 am Visit with St. Nick Coffee hour in Fellowship Hall  
 12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III Chapel  
 8:00 pm Compline

**Monday, December 5, 2022**

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

**Tuesday, December 6, 2022**

10:00 am Sandwich Makers in Fellowship Hall  
 12:00 pm Yoga with Saba in Atrium II  
 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

**Wednesday, December 7, 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

**Thursday, December 8, 2022**

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

**Friday, December 9, 2022**

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

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

**Guest Parking**

On Sundays please leave the spaces in the parking lot with Guest Parking signs open for our visiting guests to whom we want to show our warm Trinity hospitality!

**Community Outreach: Winter Clothing Drive**

Have some unused winter clothing? Looking to de-clutter your closet? Consider donating your gently used/new winter weather items to our neighbors who need them. All clothing donations will be given to the Covenant House Texas residents. Trinity will be accepting donations through December 18th. For more information contact Carver Mathis our youth missionary at [youth@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:youth@trinitymidtown.org)

**Save the date for December 19th at 7 pm for a Solo Concert with Carver Mathis**

An evening of Broadway, Opera, Gospel, Holiday Classics, and more! Join Carver as he sings many beloved pieces, new repertoire, and our favorite holiday classics! Join us on December 19 at 7 PM!

This evening will also be a fundraiser for an organization that is near and dear to Carver's heart. Covenant House Texas provides shelter for homeless youth in many cities across the country and abroad. This organization has a reputation for helping homeless youth become ALL that they were created to be. Covenant House offers medical treatment, offers therapy to all residents, meals, and other essential services! It is critical that we support the next generation.

Tickets can be purchased at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/carver-mathis-solo-concert-there-will-be-a-miracle-tickets-430091323727>



### 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, Linelle, Jill, Stephen, Emily, Van, Kensington, Theresa, Marvin, Ric, Margaret, Livia, Barbara, Larry, Carolyn, Sylvia, Norma, Be, Linda, Shelby, Stewart, Stephen, Barbara, Daniel, Minnie, Jeanette, Eddie, Theorphilis, Lynn, Vanessa, Ellis, Margaret, Cindy, Cristine, Tony, Dick, Maribel, Emma, Armando, Susan, and Kathy.

### For the faithful departed

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

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**New Fall Office Hours**  
Monday–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!

### Altar Flower Dedications This Week



The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God.

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/)

### Christmas Flowers 2022



Christmas flower ordering is now live on our website. This year’s deadline is December 18th.

For more information visit our link <https://www.trinitymidtown.org/blog/christmas-flowers-2022/>



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# 2022 Advent Season Calendar

## November:

11/27 First Sunday of Advent, Advent Wreath Making in Fellowship Hall 9:30 am –10:15 am and 11:45 am –12:30pm

## December:

12/04 Second Sunday of Advent, St. Nicholas visit at Coffee Hour, 11:45 am, Pictures with St. Nicholas in Fellowship Hall.

12/11 Third Sunday of Advent, Lessons and Carols at 10:30 am service.

12/18 Fourth Sunday of Advent, Chrismon Tree Dedication at 10:30 am service.

12/21 Wednesday, Tidings of Comfort 6:00 pm in the Chapel.

12/24 Saturday, Christmas Eve, 6:00 pm Carols, 6:30 pm Come As You Are Pageant and Rite II Choral Eucharist, 10:00 pm Carols, 10:30 Rite I Holy Eucharist

12/25 Sunday, Christmas Day, 11:00 am Jazz/Gospel one combined service. Epiphany House Blessing Kits available.

12/26 Winter Holiday, Offices closed, reopen 01/03/2023

## January 2023:

01/01 The First Sunday after Christmas, The Holy Name. Epiphany House Blessing Kits available.

## 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.

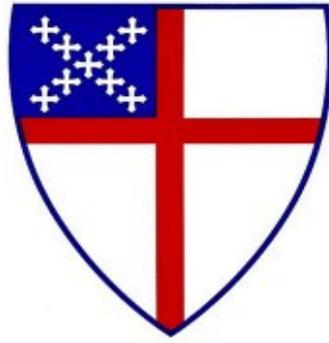
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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