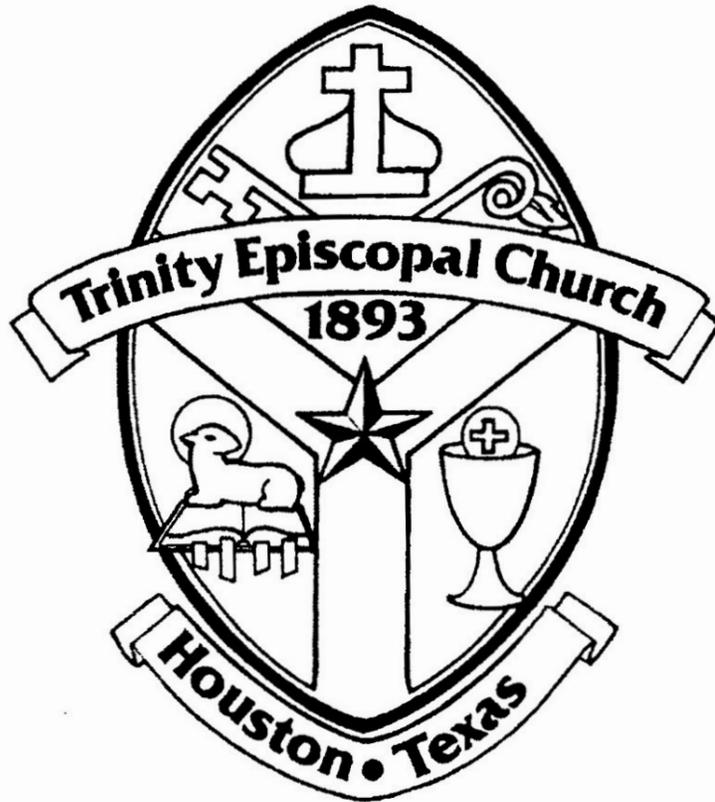


THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2022
12:30 p.m.



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

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

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

WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! We're glad you chose to worship with us. We adapted the liturgy for this service from *A New Zealand Prayer Book* to guide our worship. In this leaflet, you'll find everything you need to follow along printed.

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

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

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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:

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The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Please stand as able.

Presider The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near: Repent, and believe in the good news.

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

Presider Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set Thy peo - ple free;
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a King;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in Thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now Thy gracious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth Thou art;
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it, rule in all our hearts a - lone;



OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.
 Almighty God, you sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son; grant that those who proclaim your word may so guide our feet into the way of peace, that we may stand with confidence before him when he comes in his glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer .

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

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.

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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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL *Please stand as able* Matthew 3: 1-12
Presider The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
People Praise and glory to God.

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."

Presider This is the Gospel of Christ.
People Praise to Christ, the Word.

Please be seated

SERMON The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

Please stand as able

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response

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

Hear our -

A

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

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

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

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

B

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Response

Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend 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](#). For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

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

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

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

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

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

Response

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat major). It consists of an instrumental introduction and five systems of vocal melody. The lyrics are: "Hear our - prayer - O - Lord hea our - prayer O - Lord - - in - cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our prayer O - Lord - - - in - cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord - - - A - nd Gra - nt - us Thy - Pe - ace -".

Instrumental Intro: Chords: G^bmaj7, A^b7sus, A^b7. Lyrics: Hear our -

System A (Measures 5-8): Chords: F m7, B^bm7, F m7, B^bm7. Lyrics: prayer - O - Lord hea our - prayer O - Lord - - in -

System B (Measures 9-12): Chords: G^bmaj7, A^b7sus, A^b7. Lyrics: cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our

System C (Measures 13-16): Chords: F m7, B^bm7, F m7, B^bm7. Lyrics: prayer O - Lord - - - in -

System D (Measures 17-20): Chords: G^bmaj7, A^b7sus, A^b7. Lyrics: cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord - - -

System E (Measures 21-24): Chords: G^bmaj7, A^b7sus, A^b7, D^bmaj7. Lyrics: A - nd Gra - nt - us Thy - Pe - ace -

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

We give thanks that you are the God who brings mercy and wholeness. Comfort and heal, we pray, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble, especially for those we now name: [Bill](#), [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](#). Heavenly Father, our neighbor has nowhere to call home: help us be aware. Our neighbor needs love and community: help us be active. Our neighbor is crying out for justice: help us be adamant to see an end to homelessness. Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, especially for [Elsie Nelson](#), all victims of [gun violence](#), and all who have perished from contracting the [Coronavirus](#). Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfillment of your kingdom.

We give you thanks for your servants in every age, especially for these who are celebrating their birthdays: [Stephen](#), [Beatrix](#), [Winifred](#), [Marilyn](#), [Maxwell](#), [Samuel](#), [Matthew](#), [Melinda](#), and [Mary](#) .

Response

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

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

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

Response

THE CONFESSION

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

God forgives and heals us.

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

Presider God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself.

THE PEACE

Presider Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.

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

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

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

MUSIC AT THE PEACE

Today

Richard Smallwood

Please be seated.

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

The Liturgy of the Table

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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THE OFFERTORY

People, Look East

Trinity Jazz Ensemble

VERSE AND RESPONSE AT PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Celebrant All things come from you, O Lord

People **and of your own have we given you. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as able.

Presider The Lord is here.

People **God's Spirit is with us.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Presider

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

In your Son you suffered with us and for us, offering us the healing riches of salvation and calling us to freedom and holiness. In his coming among us, the day of our deliverance has dawned, and through him you will make all things new when he comes in power and majesty to judge the world.

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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

A - men, A - men,
A - men, A - men,
A - men, A - men, A - men.

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

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Prisider Alleluia. We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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 you come forward for communion.

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.

This is my bod - y giv - en up for you, this is my
 blood poured out for you. This is my bod - y giv - en
 up for you, this is my blood poured out for you.
 Bod - y of Christ, A - men, Blood of
 Christ, A - men, Bod - y of Christ,
 A - men, Blood of Christ, A - men.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as able.

- Presider Blessed be God who calls us together.
People Praise to God who makes us one people.
- Presider Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.
People Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.
- Presider Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.
People Praise to God who is revealed as love.
- Presider Blessed be God who alone has called us.
People Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.
- Presider Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.
People Accept our thanks for all you have done.
- Presider Send us now into the world you love.
People Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit. Amen.

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

CLOSING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here my ten - der com - fort

ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 People **We go in the name of Christ.**

Thank you for worshipping with us this afternoon.

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Advent is the first season of the church year, beginning with the fourth Sunday before Christmas and continuing through the day before Christmas. The name is derived from a Latin word for "coming". The season is a time of preparation and expectation for the coming celebration of our Lord's nativity, and for the final coming of Christ "in power and glory."



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

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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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

If you have building concerns please email 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/

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/>



Stephen Plumb, Beatrix Harvey, Winifred Harvey, Marilyn Dorries, Maxwell Jefferson, Samuel Hyde, Matthew Edgar, Melinda Cueller, and Mary Dowdy.



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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.

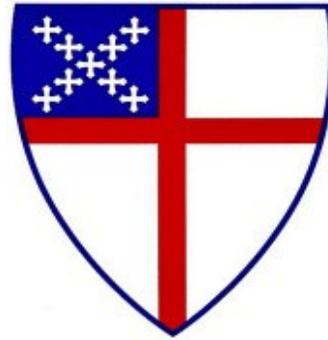
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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