

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 5, 2021
10:30 a.m.



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

Please turn off your WiFi on your cell phones to boost the quality of our livestream. This can be done by putting the phone in Airplane Mode.

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

Alex Jones, Organist and Choirmaster

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

WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

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

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

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

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VESTRY

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

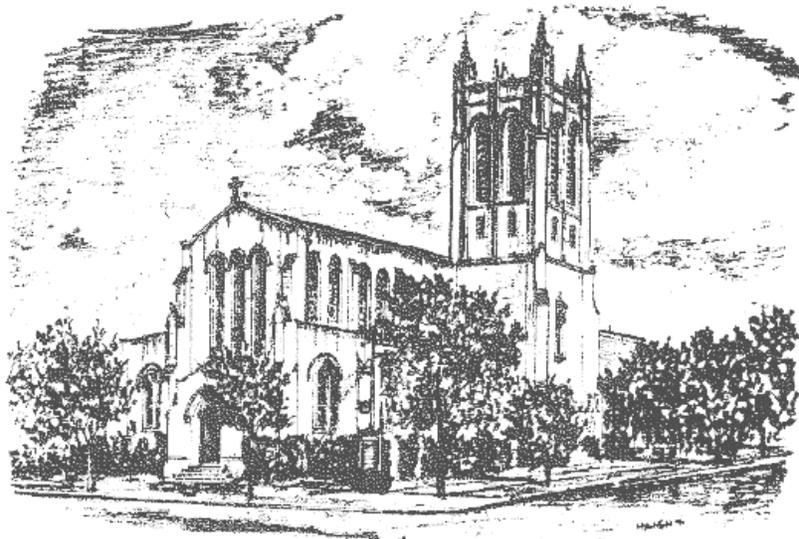
Eric Beam	Andy Durham
Ben Blanding	Pam Lawson
Jim Castro	Ann McCoy
Norma Cooper	David Theis
Terri DiRaddo	Michele White

Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*
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: Shelby Bradley
LEMs: Joanne Starbuck, Jim Castro
Acolytes: Mary Cloud, J. Bruton, A. Sennewald, J. Sennewald, B. Walton, L. Blanding
Ushers: Christian Bearup, Ileda David
Verger: Alex Bruton
Altar Guild: Carolyn Reyes, Rick Reyes, Linda Davenport
Online Greeter: Miguel Stonecipher

The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God,
and in loving memory of Gerard Lepore
by Joanne and Ron Starbuck



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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

VOLUNTARY

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen

Johannes Brahms

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Blanding family

Please stand as able.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 76

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Winchester New

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

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.**

CANTICLE S99 Trisagion

Plainsong, Mode I

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.
 Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.
 Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Baruch 5: 1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 2

Benedictus es, Domine
Sung by the Choir.

John Goss, S-184



- 1 Blessèd art thou, O Lord¹ God of our¹ fathers; *
praised and exalted a¹ böve¹ all for¹ ever.
- 2 Blessèd art thou for the¹ Name of thy¹ Majesty; *
praised and exalted a¹ böve¹ all for¹ ever.
- 3 Blessèd art thou in the¹ temple of thy¹ holiness; *
praised and exalted a¹ böve¹ all for¹ ever.
- 4 Blessèd art thou that beholdest the depths,
and dwellest be¹ tween the¹ Cherubim; *
praised and exalted a¹ böve¹ all for¹ ever.
- 5 Blessèd art thou on the glorious¹ throne of thy¹ kingdom; *
praised and exalted a¹ böve¹ all for¹ ever.
- 6 Blessèd art thou in the¹ firmament of¹ heaven; *
praised and exalted a¹ böve¹ all for¹ ever.
- †7 Blessèd art thou, O Father, Son, and¹ Holy¹ Spirit; *
praised and exalted a¹ böve¹ all for¹ ever.

†Second half of double chant.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE 68

Rejoice! rejoice, believers

Llangloffan

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

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

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

Please stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

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

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

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

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

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

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

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

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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 Sixbert Macumi and the Anglican Church of Burundi. In the diocesan cycle of prayer for San Mateo, Bellaire; San Romero, Houston; and Santa Maria Virgen, Houston. In the ministry cycle of prayer for Marilyn Dorries and the Bishop Sterling Society. 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, Eula, Kensington, Reiss, Stewart, Henry, Joyce, Bob, Theorphlis, Paul, and Eddie.

Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for Betty, Marilyn, Maxwell, Samuel, Matthew, Melinda, Mary, and Lawrence, 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 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.

CONFESSION

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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.

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>

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

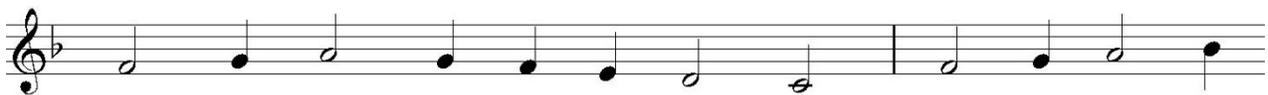
OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

OFFERTORY HYMN 67

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry

ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken

and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Please stand as able.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 400, stanza 7

Lasst uns erfreuen

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

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

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

Refrain

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

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



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.

This setting is not used in Lent.

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

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

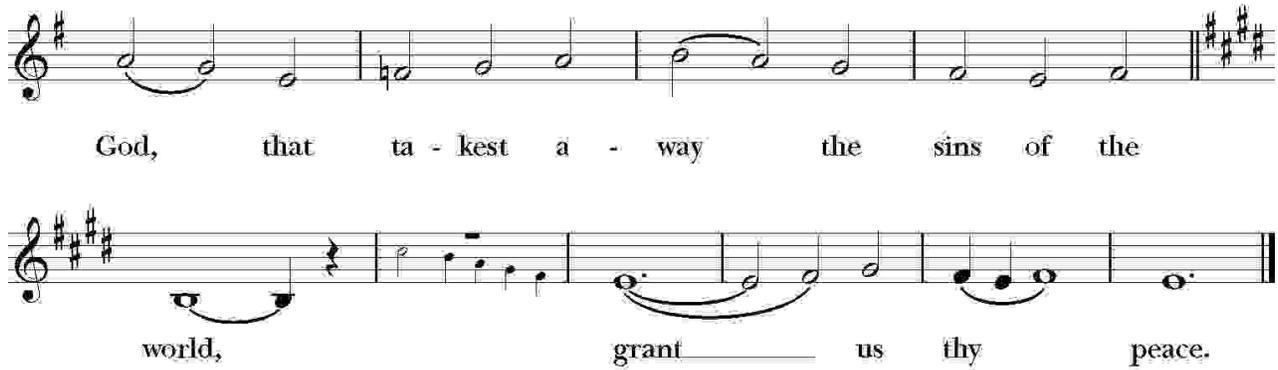
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Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

AGNUS DEI S158

Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of



God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

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



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

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 ANTHEM *And the Glory of the Lord* from "Messiah" George Frideric Handel

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
And all flesh shall see it together
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken
And all flesh shall see it together,
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Please stand or kneel as able.

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 May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

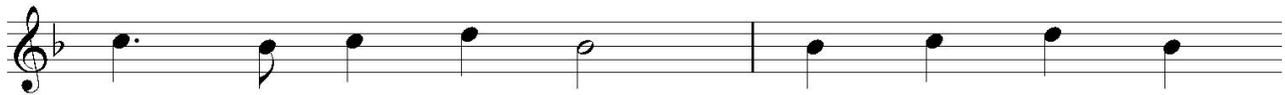
People Amen.

Please stand as able

HYMN IN PROCESSION 54 *Savior of the nations, come!* Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

DISMISSAL

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599 Johann Sebastian Bach

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for carol singing and a visit from St. Nicholas.

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HAVE YOU CONSIDERED TRINITY MIDTOWN IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING?

- I would like to be contacted regarding a legacy gift to Trinity Midtown.

MORE INFORMATION

- Please have a member of the clergy or staff call.

A pledge to Trinity Midtown is more than just a dollar amount, it is an investment in the future of mission and ministry. Everyone has a story to tell, share yours here.

TELL US HOW YOU RECOGNIZE A FUTURE WITH HOPE AND HOW YOU HOPE THAT TO CONTINUE IN 2022:

Blank lines for writing a response to the question about recognizing and continuing hope in 2022.



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For questions regarding pledging payments, contact Trinity Midtown's church office at 713-528-4100 or finance@trinitymidtown.org. Contributions to Trinity are deductible under the new tax laws. For more information please contact your tax professional or financial institution.

This is your friendly reminder to fill out your pledge card if you haven't already done so. Thanks!



THE WEEKLY
WINDOW
of TRINITY *The Heart of Midtown*

December 5th, 2021

The Second Sunday of Advent – Year C

Sunday In-Person Services.

**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.**

Announcements



December 05th 2nd Advent

Advent Wreath Making, 9:30 am–10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall
St. Nicholas Visit and Sing Along with Carver 11:45 am–12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

December 12th 3rd Advent

Festive Coffee Hour and Sing along with Thanh 11:45 am–12:30 pm, Fellowship Hall,
Youth Outreach to Covenant House 11:45 am–12:30 pm,

December 15th

Tidings of Comfort Service, 6:00 pm, Morrow Chapel

December 19th 4th Advent

Lessons and Carols, Chrismon Tree Dedication, 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall.
Sandwich Makers 11:45 am – 12:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.
Youth Holiday Lunch 12:30 pm

The Trinity Vestry proudly presents the 2022–2025 slate of vestry candidates:

Eric Beam
John Merullo
Mary Matteucci
Sheila Wainwright

Vestry members will be elected at Trinity's Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 23, 2022 in Fellowship Hall from 9:15am to 10:15am.

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, December 5th, 2021

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:30 am Advent Wreath Making in Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Sunday Meditations (via Zoom)
9:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in Atrium rm 112
9:30 am ECC Tweens rm 207
9:30 am Youth Forum
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:45 am St. Nicholas Visit and Sing along with Carver in Fellowship Hall
12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III
8:00 pm Compline (In Spanish via Zoom)

Monday, December 6th, 2021

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday, December 7th, 2021

10:00 am Sandwich Makers – Fellowship Hall
10:30 am Staff Meeting
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday, December 8th, 2021

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

Thursday, December 9th, 2021

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday, December 10th, 2021

9:30 am Houston Federation Garden Club Meeting – Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Outreach

He's making a list...for the EAC

**Canned Fruits & Vegetables
Peanut Butter, Jelly
Tuna, Beans,
Stews,
Soups,
Cereals & Pastas**



Trinity collects food for the Emergency Aid Coalition (EAC) Food Pantry every Sunday at the back of the church



Don't forget to support Trinity Episcopal Church through Amazon! To participate, visit www.smile.amazon.com and select Trinity Episcopal Church as your charity of choice. The site and selection are no different from the Amazon you are used to, but when you purchase through the link, Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to Trinity.



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All Are Welcome to Celebrate Christmas at Trinity, Midtown!

Christmas Eve

Kids Come As You Are Pageant, 5:30pm

Choral Prelude, 6:00pm

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 6:30pm

Choral Prelude, 10:00pm

Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 10:30pm

Christmas Day

Jazz/Gospel Service, 11:00am

First Sunday after Christmas

Combined Service, 11:00am

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Gifts that matter, If you are looking for a unique Christmas gift for someone special this year, but you don't want to just buy more "stuff", we have an opportunity for you to honor that special person and to honor and help Trinity at the same time! Our clergy and staff have put together a wish list of items that will help Trinity and its ministries. If you would like to see this list please click on the below link

https://www.trinitymidtown.org/uploads/images/gifts-that-matter-2021_393.pdf



2021 Christmas Flower Order Form is Now Live!!

The deadline for Christmas flower/dedications in order to be included in the Christmas Service Bulletin is December 19th, 2021 Click [Here](#) to go to our form.

SHARE THE GIFT OF READING THIS CHRISTMAS.

Trinity's Advent Book Drive

Donate new or gently used books by December 19, 2021.
Books will go to Harris County Psychiatric Center.

Prayers

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

Allegra, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Jill, Stephen, Emily, Van, Vivian Jane, Bob, Theresa, Marvin, Sue, Tom, Nick, Ric, Margaret, Livia, Joshua, Sandi, Barbara, Larry, Monica, Carolyn, Sylvia, Daniel, Lynelle, Mary, Leonard, Jim, Elise, Be, Norma, Jeanne, Karen, Susan, Charlee.

For the faithful departed
Joel Middaugh and all who have perished by contracting the coronavirus and victims of gun violence.

For our Iona Seminarian
Carrie Hirdes



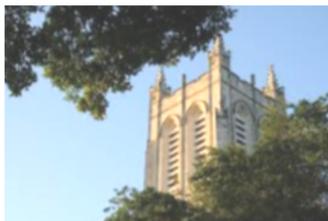
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Betty Pecore
Marilyn Dorries
Maxwell Jefferson
Samuel Hyde
Matthew Edgar
Melinda Cueller
Mary Dowdy
Lawrence Dickerson



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THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gerard Lepore dedicated by Joanne and Ron Starbuck

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

Readings for this week

Baruch 5: 1-9

Canticle 19

Philippians 1: 3-11

Luke 3: 1-6

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.

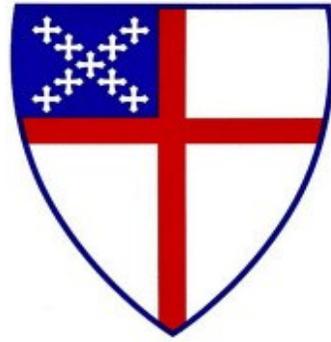
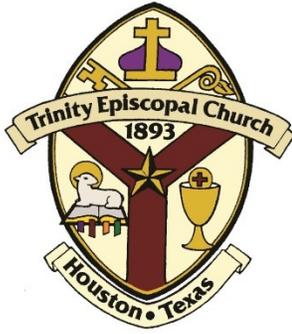
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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