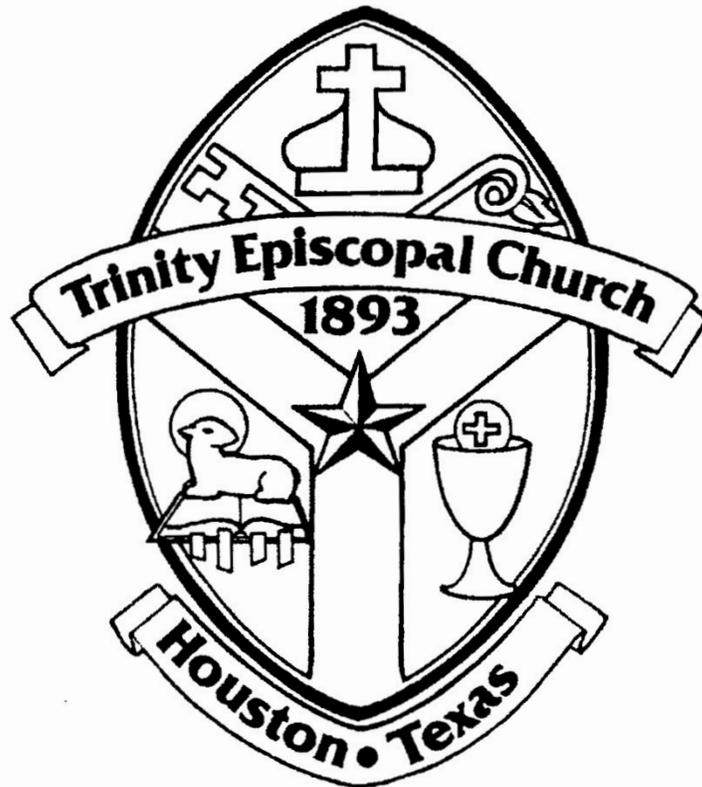


SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 5, 2021
8:00 a.m.



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

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

Alex Jones, Organist and Choirmaster

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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.

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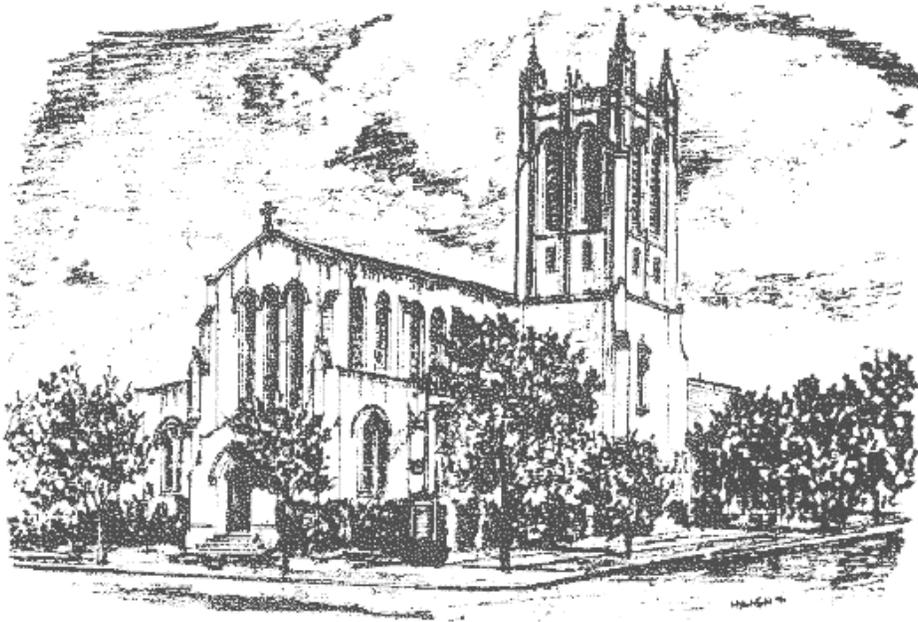
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SERVING TODAY

Reader: Donna Cloteaux
LEM: Samantha Rainman
Music: Wendy Wentland, piano

The 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 I

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

WELCOME

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.

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Officiant Lord, 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

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 19

Benedictus Dominus Deus
Alternately by whole verse.

BCP, page 92

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1: 3-11

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.**

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

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

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 be to thee, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Wendy Wentland, piano

Please stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

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

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

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

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

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

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

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

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

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

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

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

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

[Bless Afghanistan, Haiti, and all nations of the world facing tumults and natural disasters, with Christ's gifts of healing and peace](#). Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [Bill, Eula, Kensington, Reiss, Stewart, Henry, Joyce, Bob, Theorphlis, Paul, Eddie, and](#) all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Almighty God, thou lovest all thy children and art a home to those who are in any need or trouble; inspire thy Church with the Spirit of Christ's love, empower us to battle the root causes of homelessness, and help us to live as one with one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever.

We offer you, O Lord, our prayers of thanksgiving, [especially for Betty, Marilyn, Maxwell, Samuel, Matthew, Melinda, Mary, and Lawrence](#) as they celebrate their birthdays.

And we also bless thy Holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [especially all who have perished by contracting the Coronavirus, and all victims of gun violence](#), beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.
Amen.

CONFESSION

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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

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

THE PEACE

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

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING

For those wishing to leave an offering, there is an offering plate by the door.

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OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

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.

Please stand as able.

The celebrant continues

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

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

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

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

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

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

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

People AMEN.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

BCP, page 338

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

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



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

**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

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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

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.
Please remember to maintain social distancing as you depart.*

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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**



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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



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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.

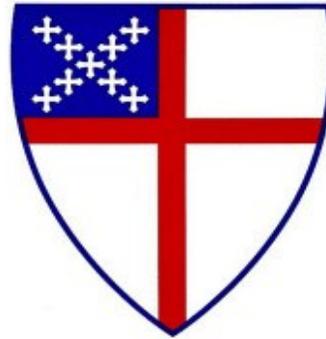
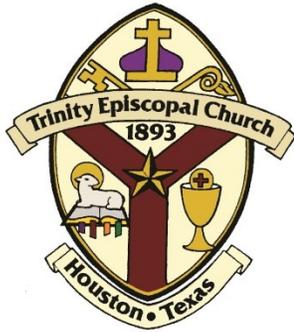
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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