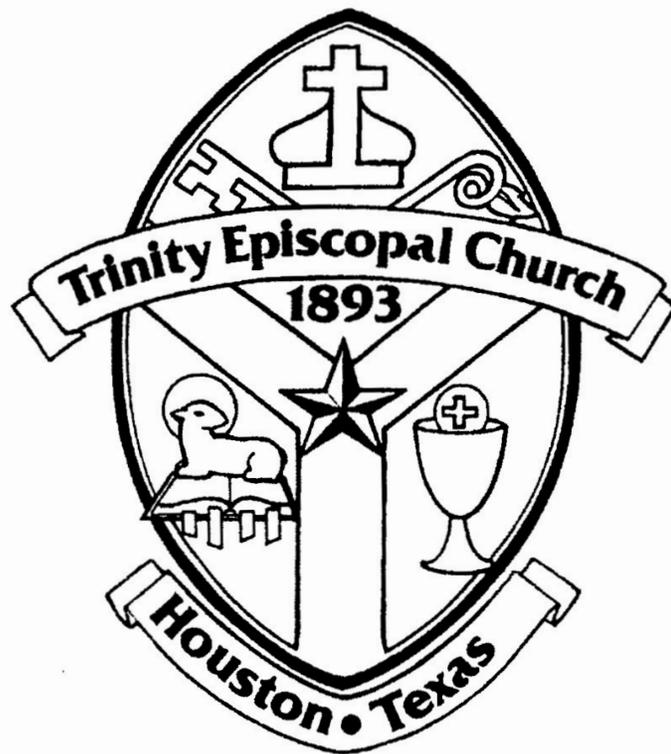


# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 5, 2021  
12:30 p.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

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 this afternoon. 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.

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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

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Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*  
Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*  
Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*  
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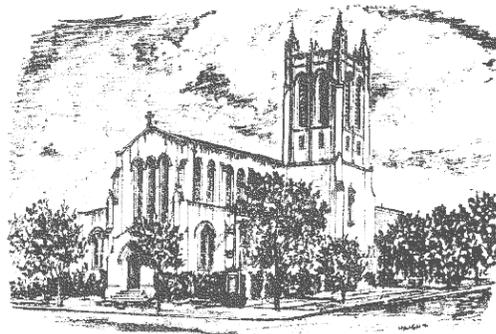
## THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Vocals: April Sloan-Hubert  
Piano: Pelayo Parlade  
Flute, Clarinet: Ernesto Vega  
Bass: Alfred Kennedy

## SERVING TODAY

Acolyte: Jackie Rose  
Lector: Susan Gallagher  
Prayers: Mary Matteucci  
Greeter: Paul Bower  
Usher: Andy Durham  
Audio Visual: Angel Williams  
Online Greeter: Pam Lawson  
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport

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# The Liturgy of the Word

## INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

*Please stand as able.*

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

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

Presider Let us worship God.

## OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

F C F  $\frac{Gm}{F}$   $\frac{C7}{E}$  F C Dm C  $\frac{F}{A}$   $\frac{C7}{G}$  F  $\frac{F}{A}$   $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$  Dm C F

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,

F C F  $\frac{Gm}{F}$   $\frac{C7}{E}$  F C Dm C  $\frac{F}{A}$   $\frac{C7}{G}$  F  $\frac{F}{A}$   $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$  Dm C F

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 gra - cious king - dom bring.

Am Dm Gm7 C7 Dm7  $\frac{C7}{E}$  F  $\frac{F}{E}$  Dm  $\frac{F}{A}$  G $\sharp$  Gm B $\flat$  maj7 Csus C

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;

$\frac{F}{A}$  F6  $\frac{Gm}{F}$   $\frac{C7}{E}$  F  $\frac{F}{E}$  Bm7( $\flat$ 5)  $\frac{C7}{E}$  B $\flat$   $\frac{C7}{E}$  F  $\frac{F7}{A}$  B $\flat$   $\frac{F}{A}$  B $\flat$   $\frac{F}{C}$  C7 F

dear De - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.  
Praise and honor to you living God for John the Baptist, and for all those voices crying in the wilderness who prepare your way. May we listen when a prophet speaks your word, and obey; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

**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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People Thanks be to God.**

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

*Please stand as able*

Luke 3: 1-6

Presider The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**People Praise and glory to God!**

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.'"

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

*Please be seated*

SERMON The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

MUSICAL REFLECTION *We will meditate quietly on God's word to us.*

*Please stand as able*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Response**

Lord in Your mer - cy Lord in Your mer - cy He - ar our  
5 prayer oh Lord Lord in Your  
9 mer - cy Lord in Your mer - cy he - ar our  
13 prayer he - ar our prayer

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: [Bless Afghanistan, Haiti, and all nations of the world facing tumults and natural disasters, with Christ's gifts of healing and peace.](#) Give wisdom to those who have responsibility and authority in every land, especially Joseph, our president; Kamala, our vice-

president; Greg, our governor; Sylvester, our mayor; Lina, our county judge; and for 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 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.

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, Hector, Jeff and Kai, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Henry our clergy.

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**

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, Kensington, Reiss, Stewart, Henry, Joyce, Bob, Theorphlis, Paul, and Eddie](#).

[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 all who have perished by contracting the Coronavirus, and all victims of gun violence](#). 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: [Betty, Marilyn, Maxwell, Samuel, Matthew, Melinda, Mary, and Lawrence](#).

**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

Lovely Day

Bill Withers

## The Liturgy of the Table

*Please be seated.*

### OFFERING

**Online Giving** is available through AccessACS.

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

THE OFFERTORY

Star Child

Young/Murray

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,

The image shows three staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are "A - - men, A - - men, A - - men, A - - men, A - - men." The first staff has a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The second and third staves also have treble clefs. The music consists of simple quarter and half notes with rests, and a final fermata on the last note of the third staff.

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

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

**People We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

#### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*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.*

#### PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

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

COMMUNION HYMN

Come to the Table

Come to the ta-ble of mer- cy, pre-pared with the wine and the  
 bread. All who are hun- gry and thirst - y,  
 come and your souls will be fed. Come at the Lord's in - vi -  
 ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.  
 Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Please stand as able.*

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

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

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

THE BLESSING

Presider May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

**People Amen**

CLOSING HYMN

Like a Child



1. Like a child love would send to re - veal and to mend, like a
2. Like a child we will meet, rag-ged clothes, dirt - y feet, like a
3. Like a child born to pray and to show us the way, like a



child and a friend, Je-sus comes. Like a child we may find claim-ing  
child on the street, Je-sus comes. Like a child we once knew com-ing  
child here to stay, Je-sus comes. Like a child we re - ceive all that



heart, soul, and mind, like a child strong and kind, Je-sus comes.  
back in - to view, like a child born a - new, Je-sus comes.  
love can con-ceive, like a child we be-lieve, Je-sus comes.

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

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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.

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

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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

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## 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



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TRINITY MIDTOWN ANNUAL GIVING 2022

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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](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  
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Melinda Cueller  
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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.

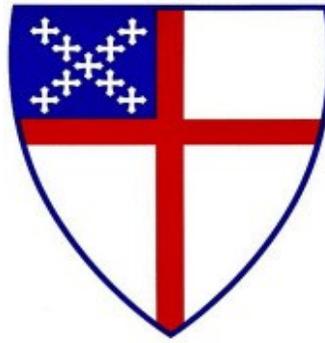
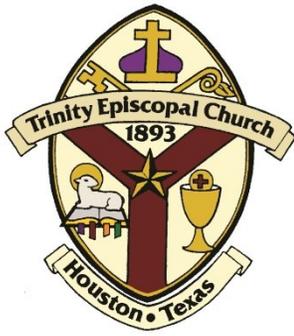
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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