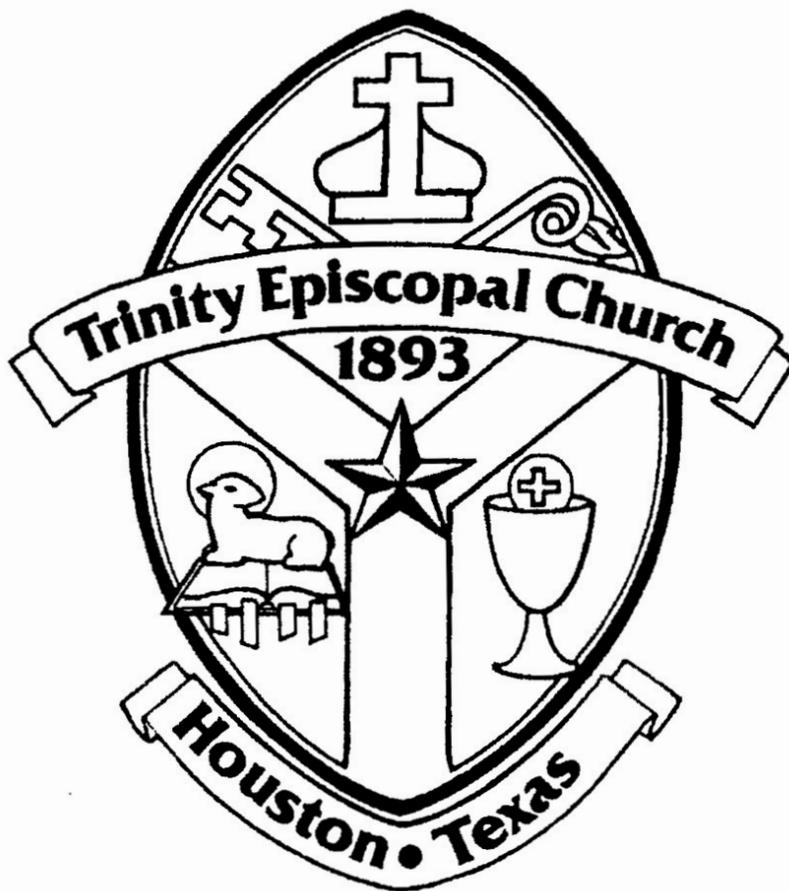


# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 11, 2022  
8:00 a.m.



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

Alex Jones, Organist and Choirmaster

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

## WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

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

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

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

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For questions about how to connect with us, please email  
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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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### VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*

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Pam Lawson

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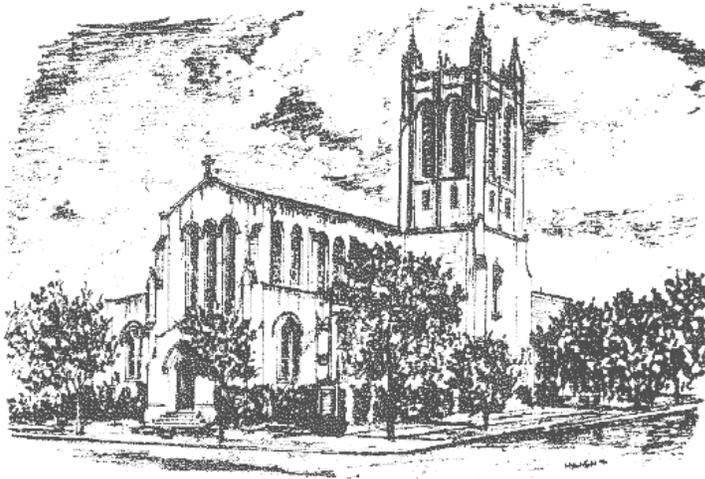
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Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*  
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Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*  
Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*  
Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*  
Jim Castro, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

## SERVING TODAY

Reader: Teddy Adams  
LEM: Donna Cloteaux  
Music: Wendy Wentland, piano  
Vestry of the Day: Jim Castro

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God  
and in celebration of our anniversary  
by Greg and Mindi Lomasang



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# HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*Please stand as able.*

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, page 323

*Officiant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

**People** **Amen.**

### THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

BCP, page 324

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

### TRISAGION

BCP, page 324

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

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end.

**People** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35: 1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals

shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146: 4-9

*Lauda, anima mea*  
*Alternately by whole verse.*

BCP, page 803

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

**5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;**

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.

**7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**

8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**9 The Lord shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

THE SECOND LESSON

James 5: 7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11: 2-11

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

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

*(Continued on page 6)*

"This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

*Officiant*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People**      **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

SERMON      The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

MUSICAL REFLECTION      Wendy Wentland, piano

*Please stand as able.*

THE NICENE CREED      BCP, page 326

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**  
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**  
**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**  
**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**  
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.**  
**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM I      BCP, page 383

*Reader*      With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**People**      **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader*      For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai (*pronounced "Kaye"*), Hector, and Scott, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale, our clergy; for all who minister in this place; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**People**      **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader*      For [the Most Reverend Jackson Ole Sapit and the Anglican Church of Kenya](#); for [San Romero, Houston](#); [Santa Maria Virgen, Houston](#); [St. Andrew's, Houston](#); [St. Christopher's Houston](#); and for [Pat Laubach and the Coffee Hour ministry](#), let us pray to the Lord.

**People**      **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For Joseph our president, Kamala our vice-president, Greg our governor, Lina our county judge, Sylvester our mayor, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Reader For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Reader For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Reader For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Reader For [Bill](#), [Eula](#), [Norma](#), [Maryanne](#), [Gary](#), [John](#), [Edgar](#), [Larry](#), and [Nick](#), let us pray to the Lord.

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

Reader For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Reader God our hope, keep us blameless before you that we may meet the coming of our Lord Jesus with joy. Remembering [especially Tom Behrman](#), [Stewart Wainwright](#), [Elsie Nelson](#), [all victims of gun violence](#), and [all who have perished from contracting the Coronavirus](#), may we, and all who have died, rise to life immortal with all your saints.

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

Reader For all the blessings of this life, especially for [Lawrence](#), [Ric](#), [Teddy](#), [Michele](#), [Jackson](#), and [Savannah](#) as they celebrate their birthdays, let us pray to the Lord.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## CONFESSION

*Officiant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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

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

## THE PEACE

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

**People** **And also with you.**

*Please pass the peace in a socially distanced manner.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Please be seated*

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

### OFFERING

**Online Giving** is available through AccessACS.

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

### VERSE AND RESPONSE AT PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord

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

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

BCP, page 340

*Please stand as able.*

### SURSUM CORDA

*Celebrant* *The Lord be with you.*

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

*Celebrant* *Lift up your hearts.*

**People** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* *Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.*

**People** **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying,

### SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**

**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

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

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

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

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

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

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

**People**      **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*BCP, page 336*

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

*Celebrant*    Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**People**      **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

*Please come forward to receive communion from a priest in front of the altar. If you wish to partake of the chalice, you may do so by intinction. Intinction is done by dipping a host into the wine, and is completely optional. If you prefer, it is perfectly fine to continue receiving the host only. If you are unable to come forward for communion, it will be brought to you in your pew.*



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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou has prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

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

**People** **Amen**

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

**People** **Amen**

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

**People** **Amen**

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

**People** **Amen**

DISMISSAL

*Officiant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

*Thank you for worshiping with us this morning.*



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR HYBRID

# TIDINGS OF COMFORT SERVICE

WEDNESDAY,  
DECEMBER 21 AT 6PM

[WWW.TRINITYMIDTOWN.ORG](http://WWW.TRINITYMIDTOWN.ORG)



ALL ARE WELCOME TO CELEBRATE

# *Christmas*

AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, HOUSTON

CHRISTMAS EVE, 6PM(RITE II) AND 10PM(RITE I)  
CHRISTMAS DAY, COMBINED SERVICE, 11AM

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# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN  
December 11th, 2022 | The Third Sunday of Advent–Year A

Trinity Episcopal Church | [www.trinitymidtown.org](http://www.trinitymidtown.org)  
1015 Holman @ Main | 713-528-4100

**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



All are invited to our Tidings of Comfort Service! This Liturgy also known as “Blue Christmas,” or the “Longest Night,” is held on the Winter Solstice. This service recognizes that not everyone is rejoicing during this season. We will have prayers appropriate to the season that acknowledge our struggles during this time. If you would like to join the service over zoom please follow the link below.

<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/blog/tidings-of-comfort-2022/>

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

### Sunday, December 11, 2022

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I Chapel  
9:00 am Sunday Meditations (Zoom)  
9:30 am Education Hr for All – I – Adults in Smith Rm, Tweens in Fellowship Hall, Kids in Atrium  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II Church  
11:45 am Sandwich Makers in FH and Christmas cookie and card making in FH  
12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III Chapel  
8:00 pm Compline

### Monday, December 12, 2022

5:30 pm Evening Prayer  
8:00 pm Trinity Communications Committee mtg – Zoom

### Tuesday, December 13, 2022

12:00 pm Yoga with Saba in Atrium II  
5:00 pm Pastoral Care team Mtg – Zoom  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer  
6:00 pm Property Committee Mtg– Zoom  
6:30 pm Finance Committee Mtg– Zoom

### Wednesday, December 14, 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 15, 2022

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

### Friday, December 16, 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/>

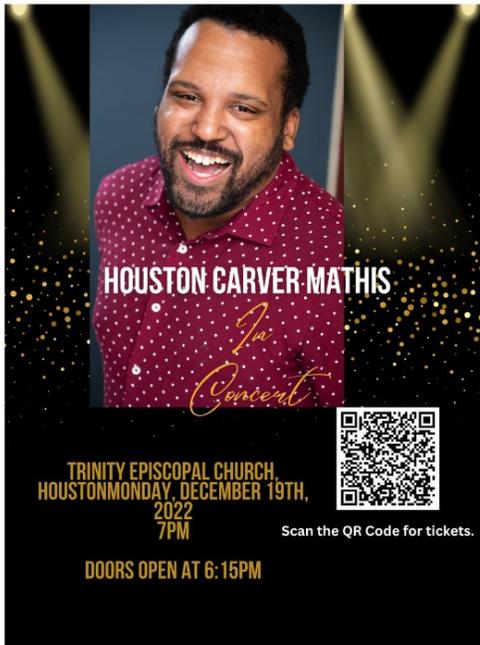
### Guest Parking

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!



The services will begin with a thirty-minute prelude. Our come-as-you-are Christmas Pageant, held on Christmas Eve at the 6:30 pm service, is open to children of all ages. We want every child to know they are welcome to participate as much or as little as they choose. There are no speaking parts. Children are invited to join us beginning at 5:30 pm to pick a costume and hear the Christmas Story at 6 pm. Parents can stay to listen to the story with their child or can join the congregation for the choral prelude. Children will then gather in Fellowship Hall at 6:15 to process and join in the blessing of the creche. After the blessing of the creche, children will return to be with their families for the remainder of the service. We ask that you please return the costumes after the service.

Please note our Christmas Day and New Year’s Day services will be one combined service at 11:00 am on each day. Regular services will resume at regular times on Sunday, January 8th, 2023.



## 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>

## Community Outreach: Winter Clothing Drive

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



## 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/>



### 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, Stephen, Barbara, Daniel, Minnie, Jeanette, Eddie, Theophilis, Lynn, Vanessa, Ellis, Margaret, Cindy, Cristine, Tony, Dick, Maribel, Emma, Armando, Susan, Joyce, Bob, David, Steven, Robert, Phil, Susan, Virginia, Renard, Richard, Patty, Tom, Tony, Jim, Jose, Julie, Callie, Rodney, Billie, Graham, Erma, Debbie, and Kathy.

#### For the faithful departed

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

## Altar Flower Dedications This Week

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration of our anniversary by Greg and Mindi Lomasang



If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up at [www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/](http://www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/)

Sign-ups for Coffee hour hosts for this January are also now available, please email Pat at [volunteer@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:volunteer@trinitymidtown.org) if you are interested. Please remember without continued volunteer support coffee hours will only happen on Sundays that have a volunteer signed up.



Lawrence Dickerson, Ric Byrd, Teddy Adams, Michele White, Jackson Bird, and Savannah Dorsett.



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#### New Fall Office Hours

Monday–Thursday 9 am – 4 pm  
Friday 9 am – 1 pm

If you have building concerns please email [frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org). Thanks!



For more information on annual giving visit [2023 Stewardship Campaign](#).





# 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.

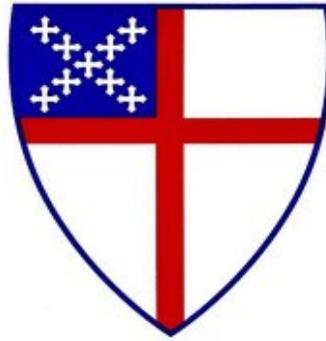
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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