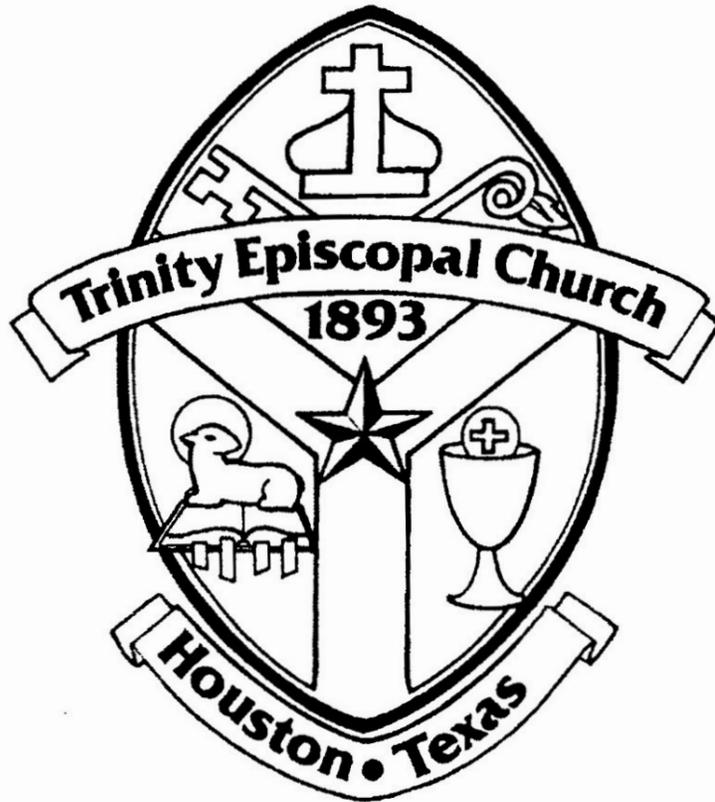


# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 11, 2022  
12:30 p.m.



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

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

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

# WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

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

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

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

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## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

- Your children are welcome here at Trinity! First, please relax and enjoy your time here. We know that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it.
- To make things easier for your family, dare to sit closer to the front where your child can see what's going on at the altar. Guide them in the liturgy and be models for them. Help them sing the hymns and encourage them to stand/sit when appropriate, say "Amen" and "Thanks be to God," and generally help them be a part of the service. The liturgy belongs to them too.
- If you have to leave, hurry back! Jesus wants the children here, and we do too. If you need help, just ask. There are many here who are willing to lend you a hand.
- Children's activity and worship bulletins are available for download from our website under the "Worship—Bulletins" tab, or following this link:

<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/childrens-bulletins/>

## VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*

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Ben Blanding

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Terri DiRaddo

Pam Lawson

Mary Matteucci

Ann McCoy

John Merullo

Sheila Wainwright

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Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*

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Jim Castro, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

## THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

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

## SERVING TODAY

Acolyte: David Theis  
Greeter: Mary Ann Collier  
Usher: Bob Davenport  
Lector: Pam Lawson  
Prayers: Tim Lawson  
Audio Visual: Jeremy Velasquez  
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Altar Guild: Linda Davenport  
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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# The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*Please stand as able.*

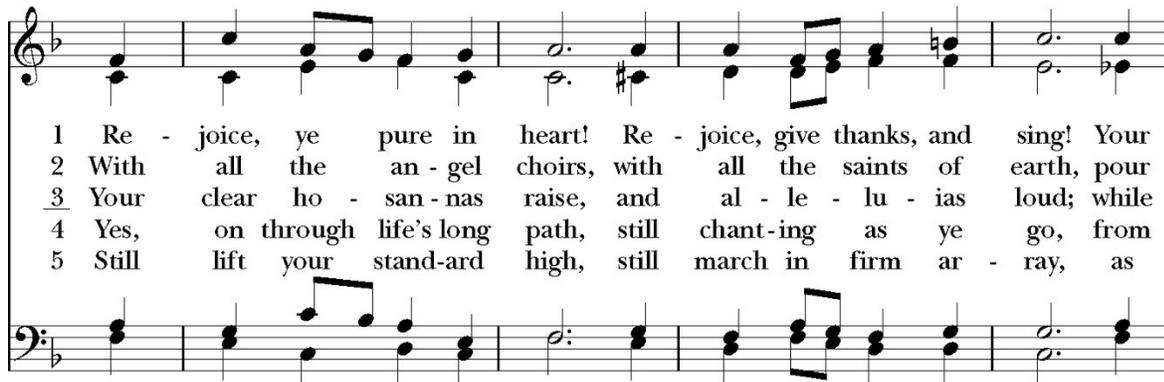
Presider The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; The Lord shall reign for ever.  
Hallelujah!

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

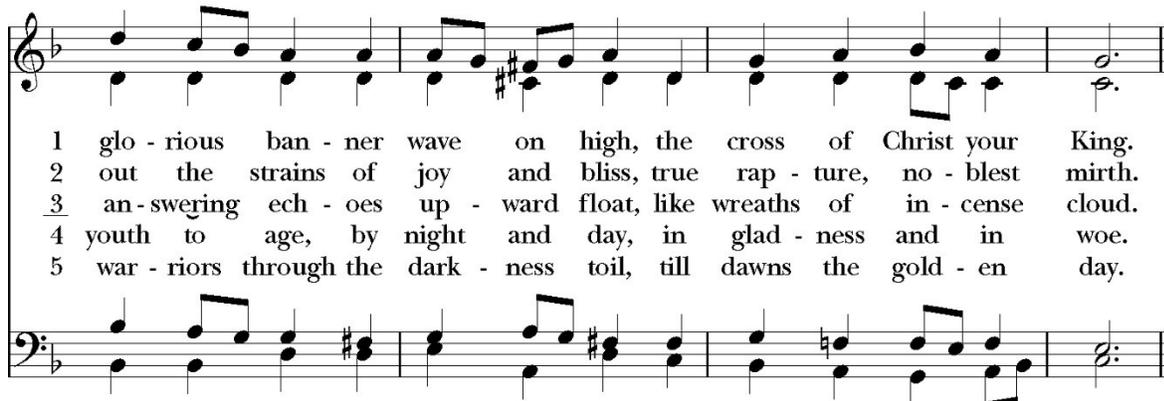
Presider Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

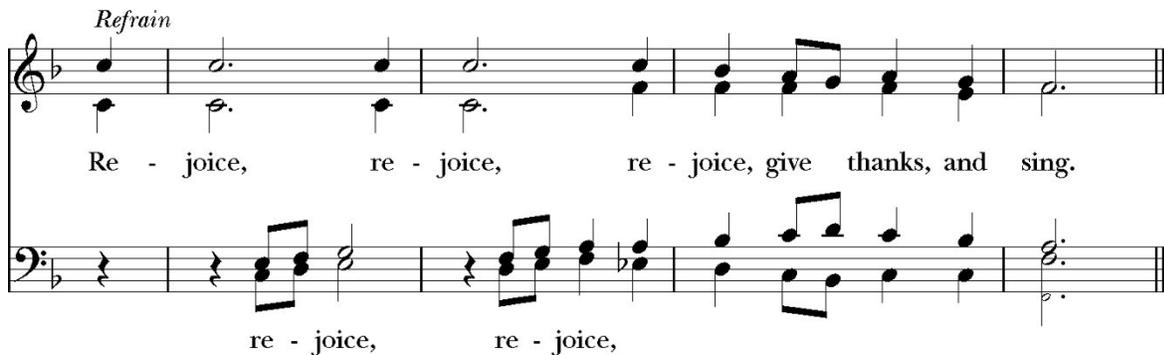


1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your  
2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour  
3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while  
4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go, from  
5 Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as



1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
3 an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.  
4 youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.  
5 war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till dawns the gold - en day.

*Refrain*



Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.  
re - joice, re - joice,

\*6 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their Father's house,  
Jerusalem the blest.

*Refrain*

\*7 Then on, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your glorious banner wave on high  
the cross of Christ your King.

*Refrain*

OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

Terror and doom, and wrath to come, John your herald preached to bring us to repentance; open our eyes, almighty God, show us our sin, and grant us forgiveness. Hear this prayer for your love's sake.

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

**People Thanks be to God.**

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People Thanks be to God.**

Presider The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

People Praise and glory to God.

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.

"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."

Presider This is the Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to Christ, the Word.

Please be seated

SERMON

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

Please stand as able

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response

instrumental intro G<sup>b</sup>maj7 A<sup>b</sup>7sus A<sup>b</sup>7

Hear our -

**A**

5 F m7 B<sup>b</sup>m7 F m7 B<sup>b</sup>m7

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

9 G<sup>b</sup>maj7 ⊕ A<sup>b</sup>7sus A<sup>b</sup>7

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

**B**

13 F m7 B<sup>b</sup>m7 F m7 B<sup>b</sup>m7

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

17 G<sup>b</sup>maj7 A<sup>b</sup>7sus A<sup>b</sup>7

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Response**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Response**

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, Norma, Maryanne, Gary, John, Edgar, Larry, and Nick](#).

[Heavenly Father, our neighbor has nowhere to call home: help us be aware. Our neighbor needs love and community: help us be active. Our neighbor is crying out for justice: help us be adamant to see an end to homelessness.](#)

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, [especially for Tom Behrman, Stewart Wainwright, Elsie Nelson, all victims of gun violence, and all who have perished from contracting the Coronavirus](#). Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfillment of your kingdom.

We give you thanks for your servants in every age, especially for these who are celebrating their birthdays: [Lawrence, Ric, Teddy, Michele, Jackson, and Savannah](#).

### **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.*



## The Liturgy of the Table

*Please be seated.*

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

### OFFERING

**Online Giving** is available through AccessACS.

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THE OFFERTORY

Star Child

Trinity Jazz Ensemble

### VERSE AND RESPONSE AT PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

*Celebrant* All things come from you, O Lord

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

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please stand as able.*

Presider The Lord is here.

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

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider

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

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

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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the word "Amen". The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains two measures: "A - men," and "A - men,". The second staff also contains two measures: "A - men," and "A - men,". The third staff contains three measures: "A - men," "A - men," and "A - men." The notation uses a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and various note values including quarter, half, and whole notes, with some notes beamed together and some having fermatas.

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 Alleluia. 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.  
Alleluia.**

#### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

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



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

#### PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

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

Come by here— Lord, come by here,—

Come by here— Lord, come by here,— Come by here— Lord,

come by here,— O Lord, come by here.—

2. Someone needs you Lord, come by here.

3. Send a blessing Lord, come by here.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Please stand as able.*

Presider Blessed be God who calls us together.  
**People Praise to God who makes us one people.**

Presider Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.  
**People Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.**

Presider Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.  
**People Praise to God who is revealed as love.**

Presider Blessed be God who alone has called us.  
**People Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.**

Presider Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.  
**People Accept our thanks for all you have done.**

Presider Send us now into the world you love.  
**People Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

#### THE BLESSING

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

**People Amen**

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

**People Amen**

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

**People Amen**

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

**People Amen**

#### CLOSING HYMN                  Jesus, Name above all Names

Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful  
Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord. Em - man - u - el, God is  
with us, bless - ed Re - deem - er, liv - ing Word.

#### THE DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People We go in the name of Christ.**

*Thank you for worshipping with us this afternoon.*

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



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

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**Sunday In–Person Services**  
 8:00 am and 12:30 pm (Chapel)  
 10:30 am (Historic Church)

**Christmas Eve**  
 6:00 pm and 10:00 pm  
**Christmas Day and New Years Day**  
 11:00 am One Combined Service



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**  
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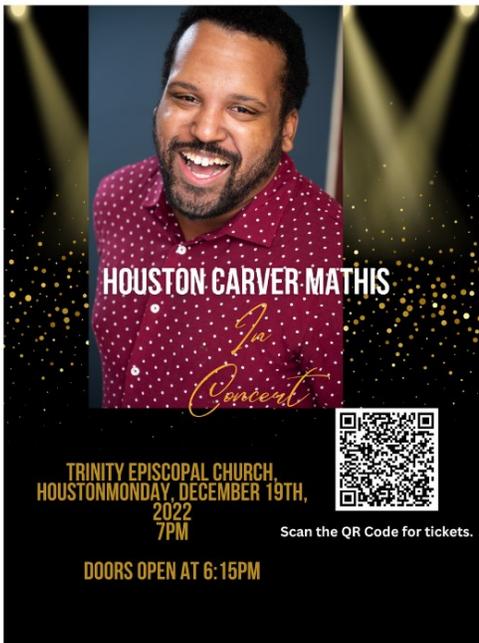
**Guest Parking**

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

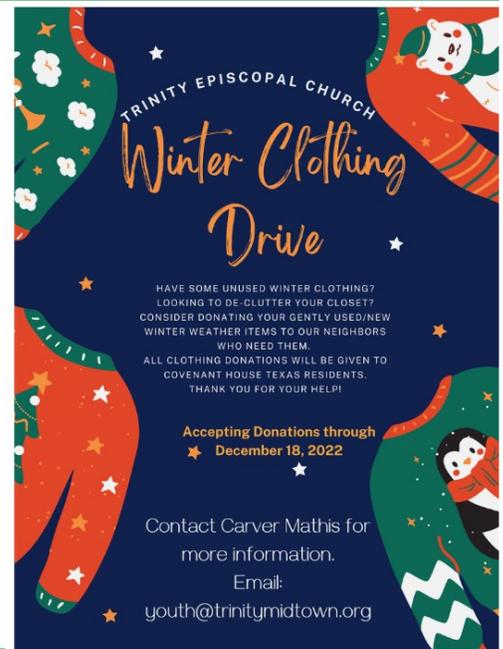
An evening of Broadway, Opera, Gospel, Holiday Classics, and more! Join Carver as he sings many beloved pieces, new repertoire, and our favorite holiday classics! Join us on December 19 at 7 PM!

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.

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### 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.

**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!



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# 2022 Advent Season Calendar

## November:

11/27 First Sunday of Advent, Advent Wreath Making in Fellowship Hall 9:30 am –10:15 am and 11:45 am –12:30pm

## December:

12/04 Second Sunday of Advent, St. Nicholas visit at Coffee Hour, 11:45 am, Pictures with St. Nicholas in Fellowship Hall.

12/11 Third Sunday of Advent, Lessons and Carols at 10:30 am service.

12/18 Fourth Sunday of Advent, Chrismon Tree Dedication at 10:30 am service.

12/21 Wednesday, Tidings of Comfort 6:00 pm in the Chapel.

12/24 Saturday, Christmas Eve, 6:00 pm Carols, 6:30 pm Come As You Are Pageant and Rite II Choral Eucharist, 10:00 pm Carols, 10:30 Rite I Holy Eucharist

12/25 Sunday, Christmas Day, 11:00 am Jazz/Gospel one combined service. Epiphany House Blessing Kits available.

12/26 Winter Holiday, Offices closed, reopen 01/03/2023

## January 2023:

01/01 The First Sunday after Christmas, The Holy Name. Epiphany House Blessing Kits available.

## A HISTORY OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Trinity Episcopal Church of Houston has existed as a house of worship and a center of its community for over a century. As such, it has adapted to the changing nature of the city, as Houston grew from a regional town of approximately 40,000 souls to a dynamic metropolitan giant, the fourth largest city in the United States. With a congregation that grew from a few founding members in the 1890s to several thousand parishioners at its peak, Trinity Church is an example of how spiritual people have contended with the challenges presented during a city's most crucial period of urban development.

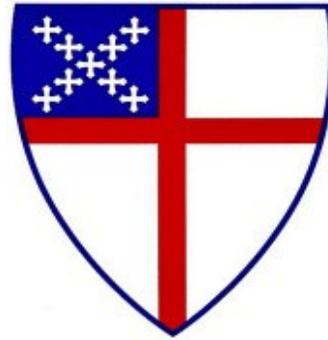
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street and Holman Avenue. That structure, designed by Ralph Adams Cram of Boston and William Ward Watkin of Houston became an architectural landmark constructed in the neo-Gothic style with Texas limestone and a 97 foot bell tower.

During the late 1910s and 1920s, Trinity entered an era of explosive growth, paralleling that of the city, and became an important center of the Episcopal faith. The congregation's many youth and adult activities were community events that attracted wide attention among the general populace. An integral part of its city, Trinity likewise maintained special relationships with Houstonians of other faiths. With a membership numbering 1,900 parishioners in 1930, Trinity emerged as the largest Episcopal parish in the Diocese of Texas and one of the largest in the nation.

After World War II, Houston's growth presented Trinity with perhaps its greatest challenge. As the city physically expanded into the new postwar suburbs, Trinity's membership began to decline. Rather than abandon its historic location, the congregation showed itself to be steadfast. Resurrecting itself from this period, Trinity reaffirmed its mission, this time as a beacon in the inner city where it has become a leading institution in the heart of Houston, determined to enhance the quality of urban life for everyone.

While our neighborhood has gone through many changes, the parish has remained steadfast, and actively ministers to a diverse congregation and to the poor in its midst. As the Midtown Houston neighborhood began redeveloping, starting in the early 2000s, Trinity Church has rededicated itself to its spiritual mission, and has become an active part of the Midtown area for music and other creative art expressions.





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