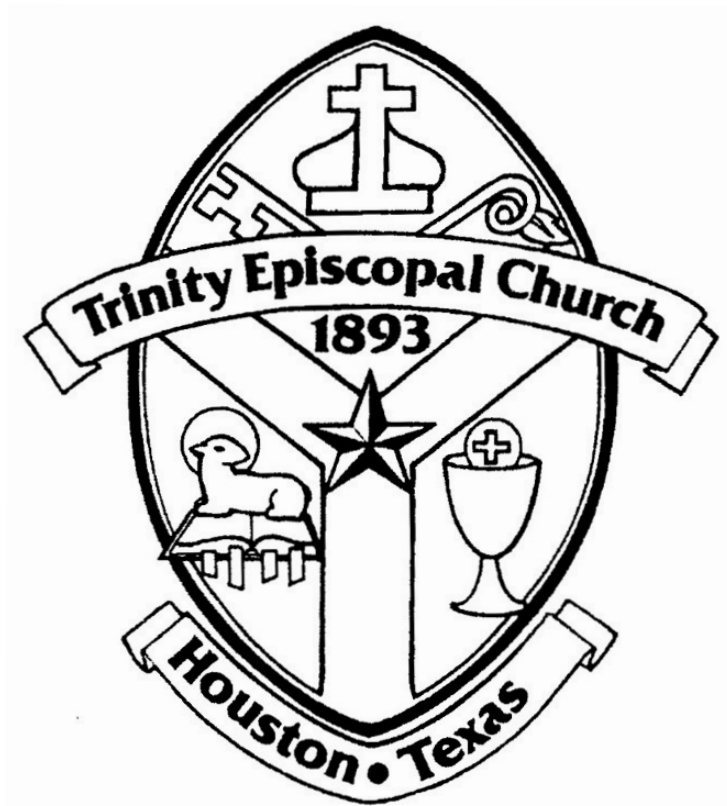


THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 4, 2024
10:30 a.m.



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector
The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Associate Rector
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. 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 more information, please visit our website:
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Facebook Live Stream. Please be advised that this service is live streamed through our Trinity Facebook Page and YouTube channels. By participating in the service, you are consenting to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your children who participate.

Children 3yrs through 3rd grade *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* Meets in room 112 at 9:30 a.m. and the children return to their parents at the passing of the peace.

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.
- Each Sunday, your child may pick up a pew activity in the back of the church.
- 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.

VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*
Eric Beam, *Junior Warden*

Brent Chambers
Tony Huffman
Pam Lawson
Mary Matteucci
John Merullo

Samantha Rainman
Jeanne Sommerfeld
Andrea Shiloh
Gladys Vallés
David Villarreal

Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*
Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*
Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*
Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*
Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*
Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Lector: Dana Gannon
Prayers: Ron Starbuck
LEMs: Joanne Starbuck, Ron Starbuck
Acolytes: K. Lomasang, G. Chambers, A. Lomasang, H. Hensman, S. Chambers
Ushers: Dana Gannon, Robert Feltenberger, Elmer Romero
Verger: David Villarreal
Vestry of the Day: Pam Lawson
Altar Guild: Carolyn Reyes, Shelby Bradley, Samantha Rainman
Audio Visual: Christian Bearup

The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for our Trinity family,
who has taken such great care of us
by the Rev. Luz, Thanh, and Sofia Montes



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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

10:30 a.m. Historic Church

Please enter in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.

VOLUNTARY

The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand as able.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 129

Christ upon the mountain peak

Mowsley

1 Christ up - on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in
2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came. God pro - claim - ing
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and pro - phets

glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
li - jah speak - ing. All the pro - phets and the Law
in its thun - der Je - sus as his Son by name!
fade be - fore him; first and last and on - ly One,

with the saints and an - gels praise him. Al - le - lu - ia!
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Na - tions cry a - loud in won - der! Al - le - lu - ia!
let cre - a - tion now a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, page 355

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

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

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

People Amen.

CANTICLE S279 Glory to God

Gerald Near

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —

— and peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, hea-ven - ly King,

al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: — re - ceive our prayer. 6. For you a -

lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40: 21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 147: 1-12, 21C

Laudate Dominum
(sung by the choir)

Thalben-Ball, #335

- 1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.

- 7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.
- 21 Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 9: 16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Unison or harmony

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
 2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
 e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
 him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1: 29-39

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

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

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him.

Reader In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend Nick Drayson, and the Anglican Church of South America](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [St. George's, Austin; St. James', Austin; St. James', La Grange; and St. James', Taylor](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Libby Tsubai, Ann McCoy, and the Lord of the Streets Committee](#). For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

People For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

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

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those who are on our prayer list: [Bill, Nick, Bob, Dale, Edith, Graeme, Christopher, Donna, Jason, Clyde, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Monica, Wally, Dorothy, Daniel, Pamela, Danya, Sylvia, Ella, Julie, Leland, Teddy, Pam, Randy, and Judy](#).

Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for [Ida, Gus, Bill, Bob, Steve, Jackie, and Jonathan](#) as they celebrate their birthdays.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader We pray for all who have died, [especially for Derek Brown, Brenda Sargent, the victims of war in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine, and all victims of gun violence](#), that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

CONFESSION

BCP, page 392

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**People Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

BCP, page 360

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People Amen.

Please stand as able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

VESTRY COMMISSIONING

Sponsor I present to you, Brent Chambers, Tony Huffman, Jeanne Sommerfeld, and Andrea Shiloh to be admitted to the Trinity Vestry in this congregation.

Celebrant The Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity.

V. I am your servant; grant me understanding:

R. That I may know your decrees.

Celebrant Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Wardens and Vestry of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the Name of God and of this congregation. I commission Brent Chambers, Tony Huffman, Jeanne Sommerfeld, and Andrea Shiloh as members of the vestry in this Parish.

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.

Go to www.trinitymidtown.org and click the "Give" button on the top right, or click:

<https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=156477>

Texting. Send the message **heartofmidtown** to **73256**. 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.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Adoramus te, Christe

Orlande de Lassus (1532-1594)

Adoramus te, Christe
et benedicimus tibi.
Quia per tuam sanctam crucem
redemisti mundum.
Domine, miserere nobis.

Jesu, Savior, we adore thee,
and bless thy Holy Name always,
For thou, who death's dark torment suffered,
by thy cross redeemed us.
Lord, we pray, have mercy upon us.

Please stand as able.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 115, stanza 3

Greensleeves



So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,



pea - sant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -



va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds



guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to



bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please stand or kneel, as able.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

AMEN.

The Celebrant then continues

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

Celebrant and People

**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 S154

David Hurd

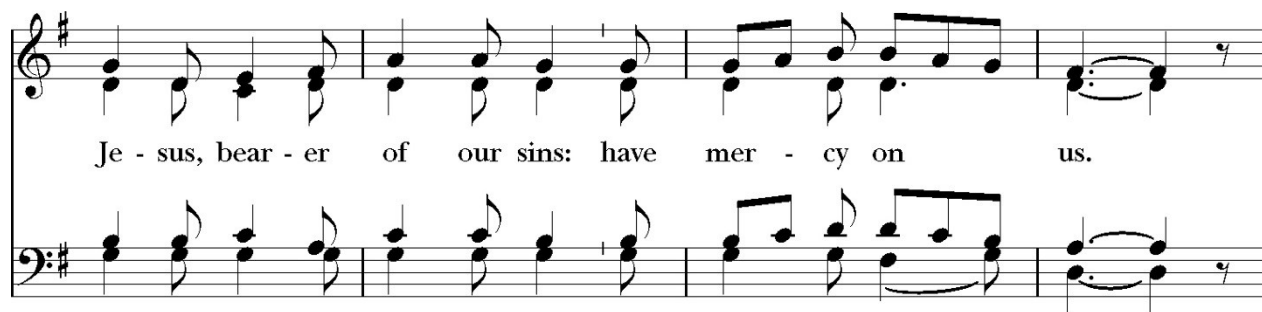
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

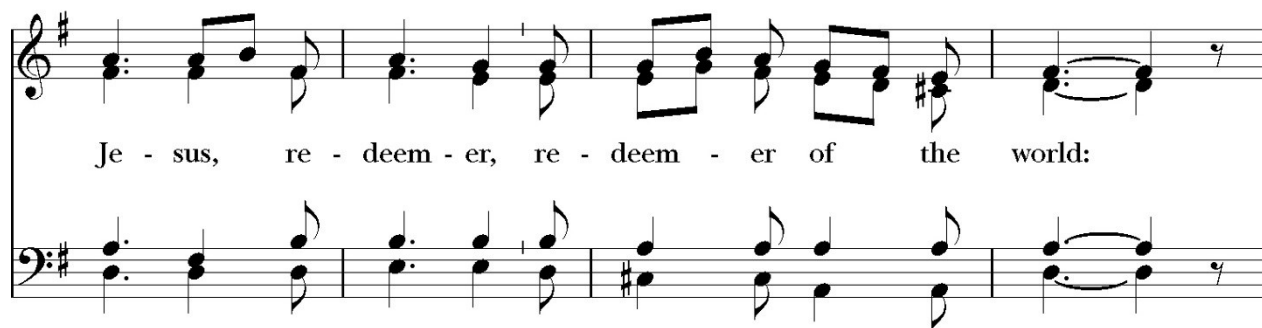
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to come participate in Holy Communion. If for any reason you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms across your chest for a blessing.

Our tradition is to receive both bread and wine, sharing in the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips, or you may "intinct" by dipping the wafer into the chalice. If you prefer, you may also receive the bread only: After consuming the wafer, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine.

If you do not wish to "intinct" from the common cup, there will be a third chalice, for intinction only, available in the baptistery. If you wish to partake of this chalice, please proceed to the baptistery after receiving a wafer from the priest.



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 684

O for a closer walk with God
(sung by congregation and choir)

Caithness

1 O for a clos - er walk with God, a calm and heaven - ly frame,
 2 Where is the bless - ed - ness I knew when first I saw the Lord?
 3 Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, sweet mes - sen - ger of rest;
 4 The dear - est i - dol I have known, what - e'er that i - dol be,
 5 So shall my walk be close with God, calm and se - rene my frame;

1 a light to shine up - on the road that leads me to the Lamb!
 2 Where is the soul - re - fresh - ing view of Je - sus and his word?
 3 I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.
 4 help me to tear it from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee.
 5 so pur - er light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

The Celebrant distributes a communion kit saying,

Celebrant On behalf of God and Trinity Parish, we send forth these holy gifts that those who will be visited may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please kneel or stand as able.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Presider May Almighty God, who led the Magi by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

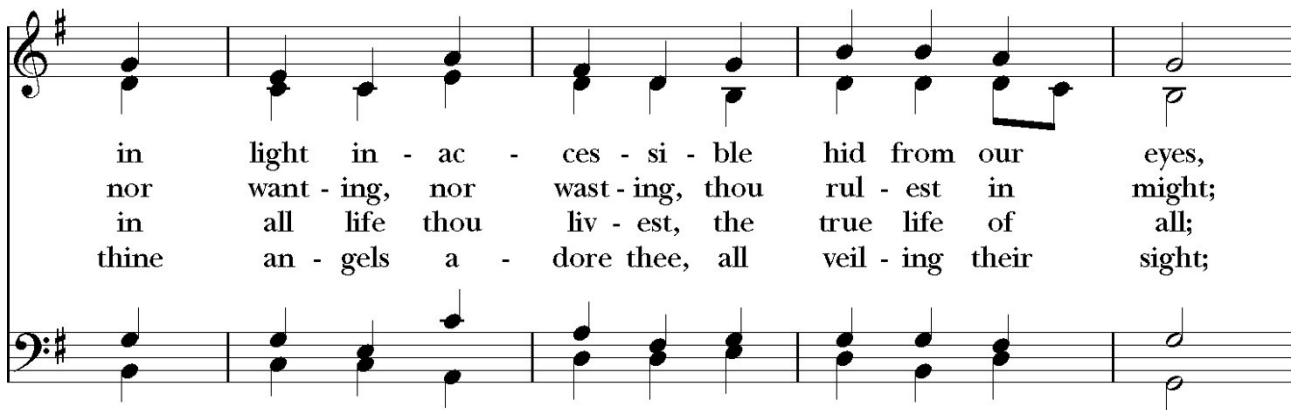
May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of a new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. **Amen.**



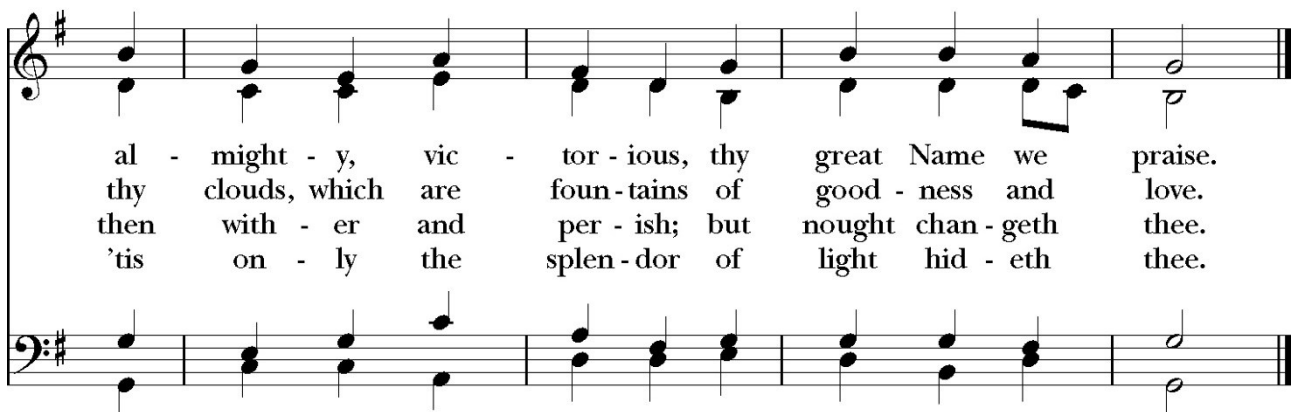
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

DISMISSAL

Officiant

People

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

*Those who wish to listen to the closing Voluntary
are invited to come and sit in the Choir.*

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

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We would like to thank everyone who assisted with this morning's coffee hour.

Please note that Sundays in March are available to host (part/all) coffee hour.

To sign up, please scan the QR code below or contact Jamie Chambers:

jamielynnchambers@hotmail.com or call/text at 832-370-7155

if you need assistance.

Thank you





February 4, 2024 – Epiphany 5 (B) Becoming Beloved Community Grants

Applications are open for another round of Becoming Beloved Community grants to help support The Episcopal Church’s work of racial justice, healing, reconciliation, and creation care. The deadline to apply is **March 1**.

Find criteria and the application online at iam.ec/bbcg.

Funds for these grants were first allocated in 2018 by the 79th General Convention; in 2022, the 80th General Convention approved further funding “for the continued implementation of additional work of organizing our efforts to respond to social and racial injustice and grow a Beloved Community of healers, justice makers and reconcilers.”

Applicants are encouraged to first reflect on The Episcopal Church’s resource, “Becoming Beloved Community Where You Are,” which describes specific ways to engage in this work. Projects that advance any of the quadrants of the Becoming Beloved Community labyrinth are welcomed.

Grants include seed grants up to \$7,500 and impact grants up to \$15,000. Seed grants are geared toward groups launching new projects or growing existing projects. Impact grants are aimed primarily at increasing the capacity, impact, and reach of communities and institutions already working to advance justice, healing, reconciliation, and creation care.



“These grants are more than just financial support; they are a testament to our unwavering commitment to fostering inclusive, loving communities that embody the spirit of togetherness and understanding,” said the Rev. Edwin Johnson, chair of the Becoming Beloved Community Advisory Group. “Each grant represents a unique opportunity to bring transformative projects to life—projects that build bridges, heal divides, and spread love in tangible ways.”

Since 2019, approximately 80 projects have been funded by Becoming Beloved Community grants for a total of \$808,850.

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THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN

February 4, 2024 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, Year B

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

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Souperbowl of Caring- January 28th - Feb. 11th

Every year Trinity participates in the SouperBowl of Caring. The youth of Trinity are asking you to once again help Tackle Hunger in 2024! You are invited to bring your donations during our drive from Jan. 28th - Feb. 11th. Donations can be dropped in the basket at the back of the sanctuary. For large donations please contact Mary Johns for pickup at 713-523-7605. Additionally, you may give a monetary donation via the EAC website or email info@eachouston.org.

Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Dinner - February 13, 6pm

Please plan to join us on Tuesday, Feb. 13th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall for our annual Pancake Dinner. We look forward to seeing you there for fellowship, food, and fun as we prepare for Lent 2024.

To help volunteer please email Rev. Luz at associaterector@trinitymidtown.org.

Ash Wednesday - February 14th

Our season of Lent will begin on Feb. 14th. We will have our three services for Ash Wednesday at 7 am, 12 pm, and 7 pm. We will also have our Ashes to Go from 10 am- 4 pm that day. We encourage you to stop by or join us online for our Ash Wednesday services and imposition of ashes. We will also have Ashes and Dust Prayer Stations in the Morrow Chapel from 8 am - 11 am and 5 pm - 7 pm.

Please Mark Your Calendars!

February 23 - Lenten Soup and Study:
Soul Care in an Election Year.

February 25- Gulf Coast Blood Drive

February 26 - Book Discussion with Rudy Rasmus

March 16 - Lenten Quiet Half-Day Retreat

March 19 - Friends of Iman Iftar

April 7 - Family Picnic

April 12-14 - All Parish Retreat, Camp Allen

More information available in the Lent 2024 guide that can be found at

<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/lent-2024/>

Church Retreat! April 12th-14th- Registration Coming Soon!

Please mark your calendar for our all church retreat at Camp Allen for April 12-14, 2024! We will have more information and registration coming soon. We hope you will be a part of this special weekend of fellowship and learning as we gather together as a church community.

Sunday, February 4th, 2024

7:30 am – 1:30 pm Nursery Open
8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)
9:00 am Sunday Meditations (Zoom)
9:30 am Education Hour for All
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)
11:45 am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Chapel)
8:00 pm Compline (Facebook)

Monday, February 5th, 2024

12:00 pm Yoga at Trinity with Saba
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday, February 6th, 2024

10:00 am SandwichMakers (Fellowship Hall)
12:00 pm The Listening Post
12:00 pm Trinity Endowment Mtg (Smith)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday, February 7th, 2024

9:00 am Staff Meeting (Weekly)
12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer
6:00 pm Healing Service
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 8th, 2024

12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

Friday, February 9th, 2024

12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

Our Weekly Zoom links can be found at
<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/zoom-withus>



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.

Bill, Nick, Bob, Dale, Edith, Graeme, Christopher, Donna, Jason, Clyde, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Monica, Wally, Dorothy, Daniel, Brenda, Pamela, Danya, Sylvia, Ella, Allegra, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Stephen, Emily, Van, Dick, Victims of Violence, Ric, Barbara, Sylvia, Joyce, Bob, David, Robert, Susan, Cindy, Patty, Dana, Emilia, Gaby, Florence, Carolyn, Rick, Charles, Harrison, Kathy, Erma, Mary, Chris, Guillermo, Holly, Ray, Barbara, Howard, Claudie, Romy, Gary, Bryce, Rose, Bart, and Marie

For the faithful departed:

Derek Brown, Brenda Sargent, the victims of war in Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, and all victims of gun violence.

Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up at www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/.

Flower Dedications will resume Sunday, April 7th.

Sign-ups for coffee hour hosts are available, please sign up online to volunteer [here](#) or scan QR code below. For questions or further information please click [here](#) to contact Jamie Chambers

Next available dates: March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th



Happy Birthday!

Gus Elizondo, Bill Jones, Bob Dorries, Steve Lee, Jackie Rose, Jonathon Goodsell, Ida Piazza



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*Please note we will never ask you for money or gifts via email. Scams are circulating again, so please be aware and cautious.

Office Hours

Monday–Thursday 9 am – 3 pm

Friday 9 am – 1 pm

If you have building concerns please email parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org.



For more information on annual giving visit www.trinitymidtown.org/give.

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.

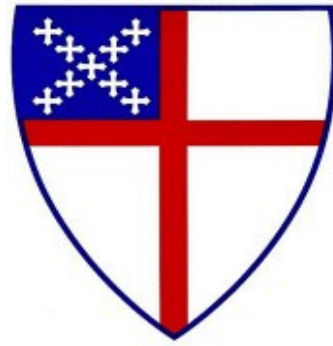
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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