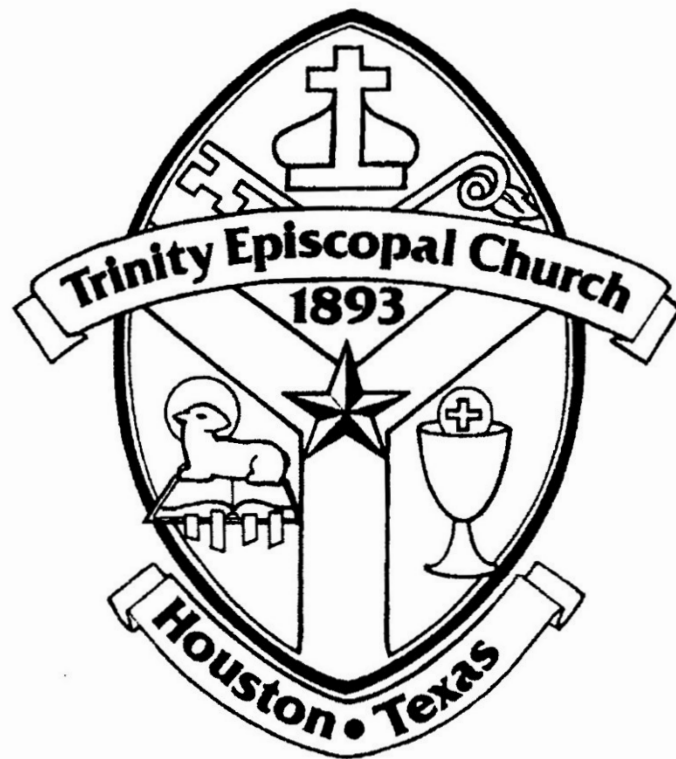


THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 4, 2024
12:30 p.m.



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector
The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Associate Rector
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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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.

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.

VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*

Eric Beam, *Junior Warden*

Brent Chambers

Tony Huffman

Pam Lawson

Mary Matteucci

John Merullo

Samantha Rainman

Jeanne Sommerfeld

Andréa Shiloh

Gladys Vallés

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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*

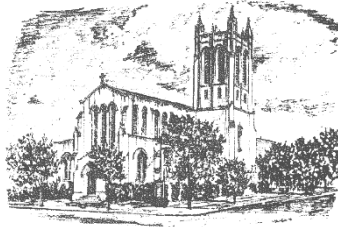
THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Vocals: April Sloan-Hubert
Piano: Pelayo Parlade
Flute, Clarinet: Martin Langford, Guest Musician
Bass: Alfred Kennedy

SERVING TODAY

Lector: Mary Matteucci
Prayers: Abby Swearingen
Acolyte: Barrett Hess
Usher: Julie Morin
Audio Visual: Yvonne Meyer
Online Greeter: Pam Lawson
Vestry of the Day: Eric Beam
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport

The 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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The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

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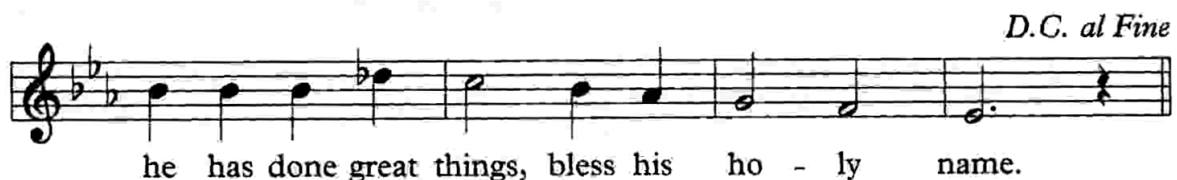
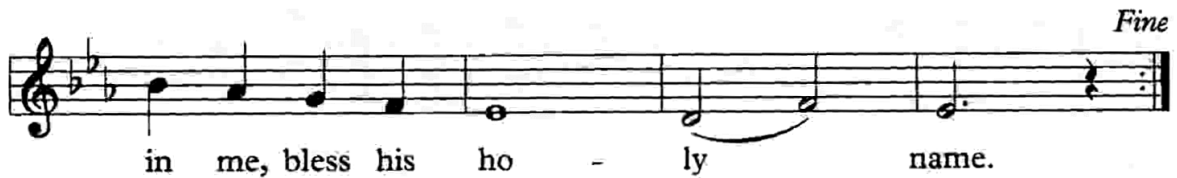
Presider Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! how pleasant it is to honor him with praise! Great is our Lord and mighty in power; there is no limit to his wisdom.

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

Presider Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

Bless His Holy Name



- 2 Love the Lord, ...
- 3 Praise the Lord, ...

OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.
Almighty God, you have called us to serve you, yet without your grace we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord .

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Presider The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

People Praise and glory to God!

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.

When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Presider This is the Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to Christ, the Word.

Please be seated

SERMON

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

MUSICAL REFLECTION

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

Please stand as able

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response

When we pray dear God hear our pra-yers Lord we

3 know You are al - ways the - re On You

5 Lord we cast ev - ery ca - re Oh

7 1. Lo-rd hear us when we pray 2. Lo-rd hear us when we pray

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; John, 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 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.

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"*), and Hector, 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, 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](#).

[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 Derek Brown, Brenda Sargent, the victims of war in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine, and all victims of gun violence](#). Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfillment of your kingdom.

We give you thanks for your servants in every age, especially for [Ida, Gus, Bill, Bob, Steve, Jackie, and Jonathan](#), who are celebrating their birthdays.

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

Final Response

When we pray dear God hear our pra-yers Lord we
know You are al - ways the - re On You
Lord we cast ev - ery ca - re Oh
Lo - rd hear us when Oh Lo - rd hear us when Oh
Lo - rd hear us when we pray

THE CONFESSION

Presider Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. I will confess my sins to the Lord. I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

God forgives and heals us.

People We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us; some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.

Presider God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself.

THE PEACE

Presider Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.

People Who breaks down the walls that divide.

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

People Praise to Christ who makes us one.

MUSIC AT THE PEACE

Say a Little Prayer

Burt Bacharach

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

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.

Go to www.trinitymidtown.org and click the "Give" button on the top right, click: <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=156477>

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THE OFFERTORY

Trinity Jazz Ensemble

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.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. In him we see you, the eternal God, revealing your glory in our flesh, for he is the light of the nations who illuminates our darkness. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

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,



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, 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

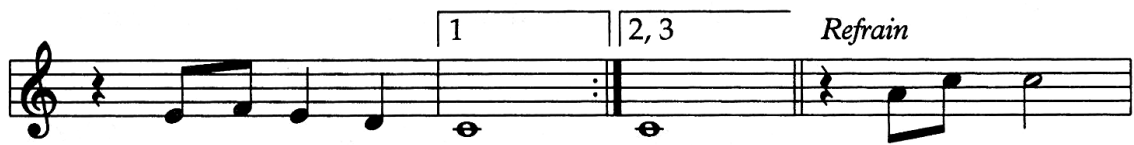
In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, 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.



1. Here is bread, here is wine: }
 2. Here is grace, here is peace: } Christ is with us:
 3. Here we are, joined in one: }



He is with us. { Break the bread; taste the wine:
 Know his grace; find his peace:
 We'll pro-claim till he comes



Christ is with us here. here. In this bread
 Feast on Je - sus here. fied.
 Je - sus cru - ci -



there is heal - ing; in this cup there's life for - ev - er.



In this mo-ment by the Spir-it Christ is with us 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, 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.

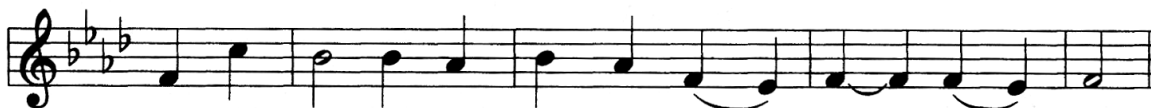
Amen.



1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord,
 2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand,
 3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,
 4. All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come,



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 we will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je-sus, God's on-ly Son,



and we pray that all u-ni-ty may one day be re-stored:
 and to-geth-er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu-man dig-ni-ty and save hu-man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir-it, who makes us one:

Refrain



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love. _____

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 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!





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

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>

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.



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

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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.

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



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



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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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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.

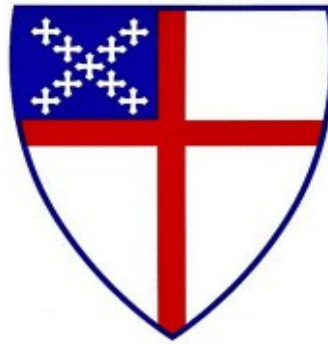
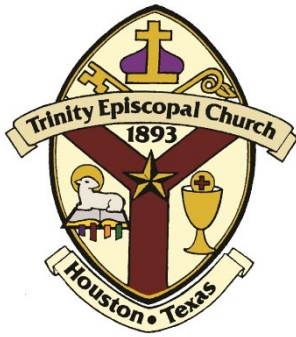
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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