

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 5, 2023  
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.

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### A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

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

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Pam Lawson  
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Ann McCoy

John Merullo  
Samantha Rainman  
Gladys Vallés  
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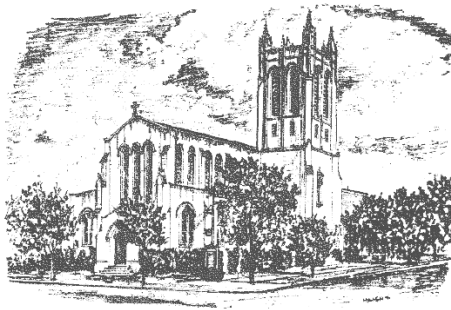
## THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

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

## SERVING TODAY

Lector: Mary Ann Collier  
Prayers: Marcella Marino  
Acolyte: Barrett Hess  
Usher: Bob Davenport  
Audio Visual: Paul Bower  
Online Greeter: Pam Lawson  
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Vestry of the Day: Eric Beam

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God  
and with gratitude for newly elected vestry members.



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# The Liturgy of the Word

## INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

*Please stand as able.*

Presider Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord: Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

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

Presider Let us worship God.

## OPENING HYMN

### Cry of My Heart

*Refrain*



It is the cry of my heart to fol - low you.



It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.



It is the cry of my heart to fol - low



*Fine*  
all of the days of my life. —



1. Teach me your ho - ly ways, — O Lord, —  
2. O - pen my eyes so I — can see the



so I can walk in your truth. —  
won - der - ful things that you do. —



Teach me your ho - ly ways, — O Lord, and make me  
O - pen my heart up more — and more, and make me



*D.C.*  
whol - ly de - vot - ed to you. —  
whol - ly de - vot - ed to you. —

## OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

We praise you, God, that the light of Christ shines in our darkness and is never overcome; show us the way we must go to eternal day; through Jesus Christ our Lord .

**People Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 58: 1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 2: 1-16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

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Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.]

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

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

THE GOSPEL *Please stand as able* Matthew 5: 13-20

Presider The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
**People Praise and glory to God!**

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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

*Please be seated*

SERMON The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Associate Rector

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

Please stand as able

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### Response

instrumental intro  $G^b\text{maj}7$   $A^b7\text{sus}$   $A^b7$  Hear our -

**A** 5  $F\text{m}7$   $B^b\text{m}7$   $F\text{m}7$   $B^b\text{m}7$  prayer - O - Lord hear our - prayer O - Lord - - in -

9  $G^b\text{maj}7$   $A^b7\text{sus}$   $A^b7$  cline-Thine ear - to - us - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our

**B** 13  $F\text{m}7$   $B^b\text{m}7$   $F\text{m}7$   $B^b\text{m}7$  prayer O - Lord - hear our - prayer - O - Lord - - in -

17  $G^b\text{maj}7$   $A^b7\text{sus}$   $A^b7$  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 Right Reverend Nathan Ingen and the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [St. James', Taylor; St. Joan of Arc, Pflugerville; and St. John's, Austin](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Judith Edgar and the Hospitality 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"*), 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

instrumental intro  $G^b\text{maj}7$   $A^b7_{\text{sus}}$   $A^b7$

Hear our -

**A**

5  $F\text{m}7$   $B^bm7$   $F\text{m}7$   $B^bm7$

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

9  $G^b\text{maj}7$   $\Phi$   $A^b7_{\text{sus}}$   $A^b7$

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

**B**

13  $F\text{m}7$   $B^bm7$   $F\text{m}7$   $B^bm7$

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

17  $G^b\text{maj}7$   $A^b7_{\text{sus}}$   $A^b7$

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

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

$\Phi$

21  $G^b\text{maj}7$   $A^b7_{\text{sus}}$   $A^b7$   $D^bmaj7$

A - nd Gra - nt - us Thy - Pe - ace -

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](#), [Joyce](#), [Maryanne](#), [Gary](#), [John](#), [Nick](#), [Jarrett](#), and [Sam](#).

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 Mike Lemanski, Ollie Young, Tyre Nichols, Nick Skarich, 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 Gus, Bill, Bob, Steve, Jackie, Tiffanianne, and Beverly, 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.*

**Response**

THE CONFESSION

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

God forgives and heals us.

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

Presider God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself.

THE PEACE

Presider Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.

**People Who breaks down the walls that divide.**

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

**People Praise to Christ who makes us one.**

MUSIC AT THE PEACE

Today

Richard Smallwood

*Please be seated.*

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

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.

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THE OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

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. By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and life-giving 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.

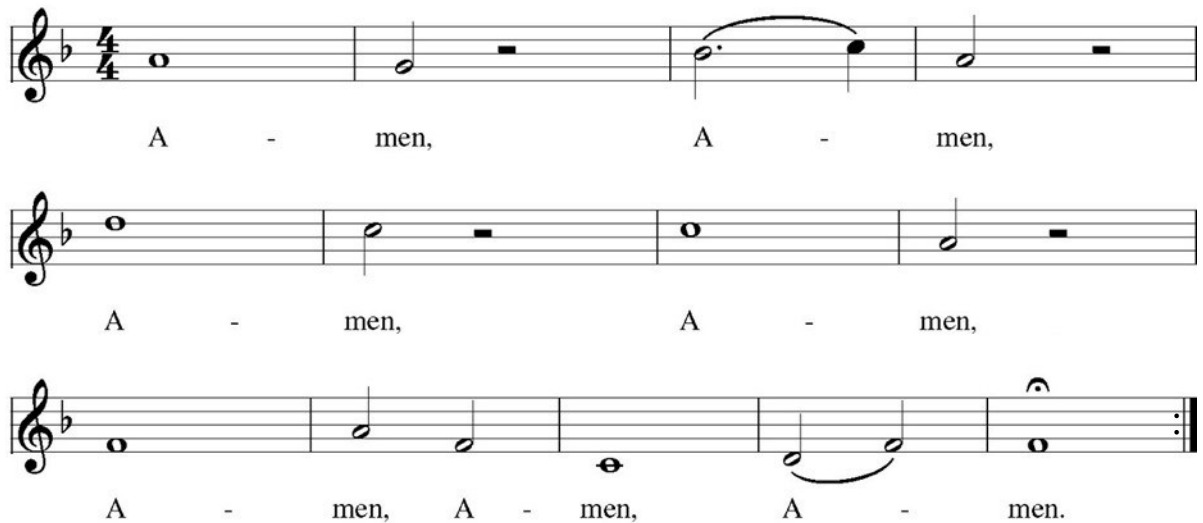
After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

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.*

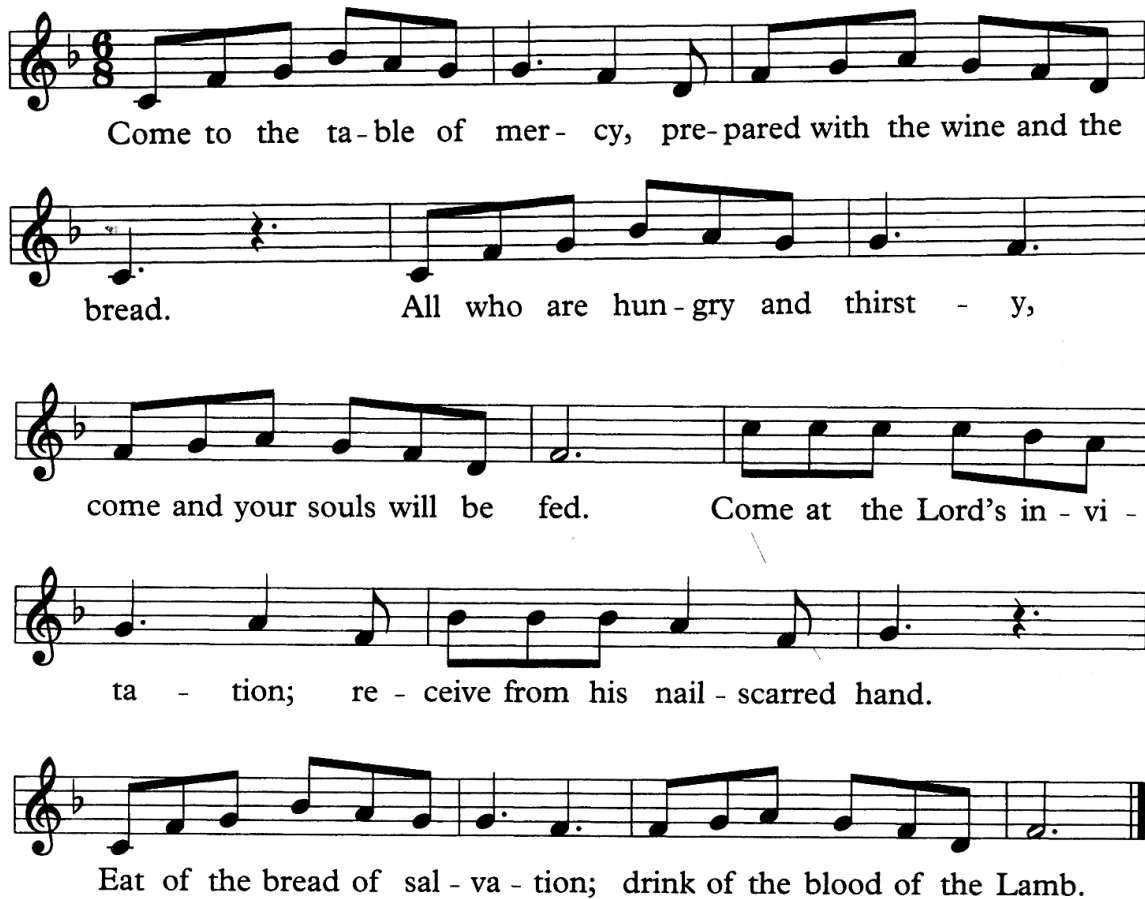
## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*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

COMMUNION HYMN

Come to the Table



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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Please stand as able.*

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

## THE BLESSING

Presider The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

People **Amen.**

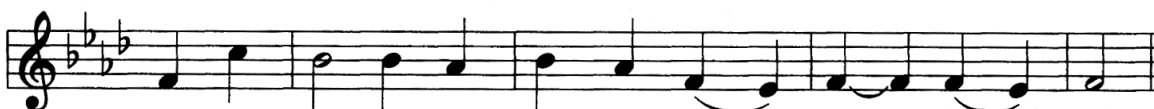
## CLOSING HYMN They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



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,



we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,  
we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
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 the Goodell Family  
for their coffee hour contribution.

Please note the following dates are open to host (part/all) coffee hour  
on Feb 19, March 5, March 12. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or online.

We also have flower dedication dates available for Feb 12, Feb 19,  
April 9 (Easter Sunday), April 16. Please sign up to donate on our website.



## THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN

February 5, 2023 – Fifth Sunday After Epiphany Year A

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

### Souper Bowl of Caring:

Trinity Episcopal Church Youth will be collecting donations again this year to support the Souper Bowl of Caring. We invite you to help us with this grassroots initiative to collect canned food that will be given to our local charity partner, EAC. Please bring your donations to the sanctuary until Feb 12th to be a part of our 2023 Souper Bowl of Caring drive!

**Most Needed Items are Hearty Soups, Stews, Chili, Canned Ravioli, and Peanut Butter.**

If you have a large donation please contact Mary Johns at 713-253-7605 to arrange for pickup. If you would like to make a monetary donation please see the EAC website or inquire at [info@eachouston.org](mailto:info@eachouston.org). For further questions please email Carver Mathis at [youth@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:youth@trinitymidtown.org)

### The Episcopal Way:

Our next Episcopal Way class will be Saturday February 11th from 9am-12pm in the Fellowship Hall. The class teaches a deeper understanding of the Episcopal Church and its ways. Open to all who desire a fuller appreciation of the Episcopal Church; especially those who are new to the tradition, desiring to be baptized, Confirmed, or Received into the Episcopal Church. If you are interested in attending classes please email [associaterector@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:associaterector@trinitymidtown.org)

### Houston Canterbury Prayer Breakfast:

The Episcopal College Ministry will be hosting a prayer breakfast and fundraiser on Saturday, February 18 from 9-10:30 am in the Parish Hall. This event supports ten local students for their Costa Rica mission trip. Tickets can be purchased for \$25 at the church office.

### More Upcoming Events:

2/5: Transgender Workshop, Info [Here](#)  
2/12: Black History Month Concert, Info [Here](#)  
2/21: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, 6PM in Fellowship Hall  
2/24-2/25: Diocesan Council in Galveston, TX  
2/26: Bishop Kathryn M. Ryan visits Trinity Episcopal  
2/27: Study of Kelly Brown Douglas's Book the Black Christ 25th Anniversary Edition, 7PM on [Zoom](#); More info [here](#)

### Together for Joy 2023 Stewardship Campaign Update:

Last Week: \$381,835  
This week: \$384,835  
Budget Goal: \$420,000  
Stretch Goal: \$525,000

Close the \$35,165 gap one pledge at a time! Then let's make it to our stretch goal! <https://www.trinitymidtown.org/2023-stewardship-campaign/>

### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

#### Sunday, February 5th, 2023

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I Chapel  
9:00 am Sunday Meditations (Zoom)  
9:30 am Education Hr for All – Adults in Smith Rm, Tweens in Fellowship Hall, Kids in Atrium  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II Church  
12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III Chapel  
8:00 pm Compline

#### Monday, February 6th, 2023

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

#### Tuesday, February 7th, 2023

10:00 am: Sandwich Makers (Fellowship Hall)  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

#### Wednesday, February 8th, 2023

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, February 9th, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

#### Friday, February 10th, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

#### Saturday, February 11th, 2023

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





## 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, Jill, Theophilis, Lynn, Ellis, Minnie, Stephen, Margaret, Cindy, Cristine, Emily, Van, Dick, Theresa, Daniel, Marvin, Kensington, Victims of Violence, Eddie, Linda, Shelby, Ric, Barbara, Edgar, Livia, Larry, Carolyn, Sylvia, Emma, Jeanette, Armando, Kathy, Joyce, Bob, David, Steven, Robert, Phil, Virginia, Renard, Richard, Patty, Tom, Jackie, Tony, Be, Jim, Jose, Julie, Callie, Rodney, Billie, Graham, Amy, Erma, Debbie, Dana, Bill, Joyce, Maryanne, Gary, John, Larry, Jarrett.

### For the faithful departed

Mike Lemanski, Ollie Young, Tyre Nichols, Nick Skarich, all victims of gun violence and all who have perished from contracting the Coronavirus.

## Altar Flower Dedications This Week

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and with gratitude for newly elected vestry members.

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/).

**Next available dates are: Feb 12, Feb 19, April 9 (Easter Sunday), April 16.**

Sign-ups for Coffee hour hosts for this January are also now available, please signup online to volunteer [here](#).

Thank you to the Goodell family for their contribution this week.

**Next available dates are: Feb 19, March 5, March 12.**



*Happy Birthday!*

Gus Elizondo, Bill Jones, Bob Dorries, Steve Lee, Jackie Rose, Tiffanianne Hiza, Beverly Hickey



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### Winter Office Hours

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

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



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



## 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.

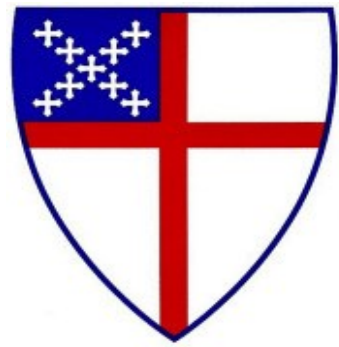
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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