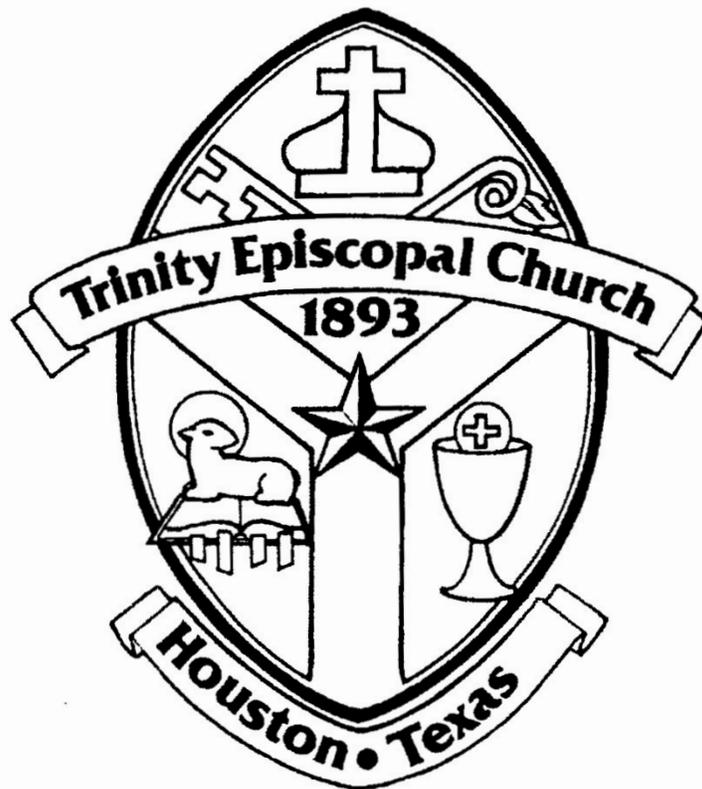


FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 6, 2022
8:00 a.m.



All attending please wear masks and maintain 6 feet social distancing with those not in your household

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector
The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Curate
The Reverend Canon Dr. Henry L. Atkins, Jr., Theologian in Residence

Alex Jones, Organist and Choirmaster

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

WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

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

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

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

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Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*
John Escoto, *Junior Warden*

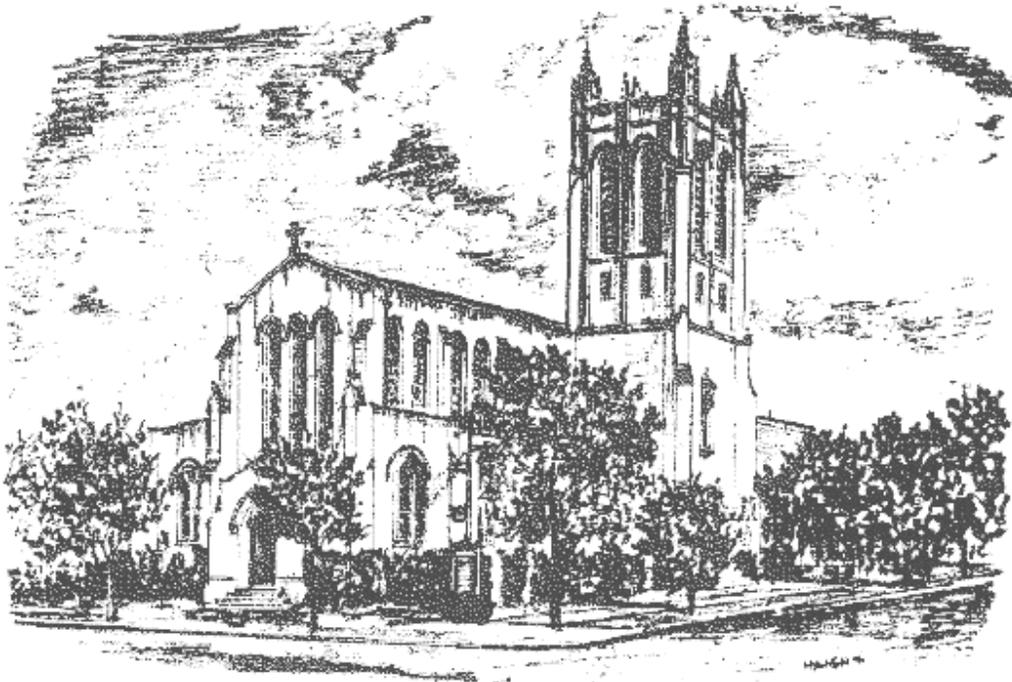
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Jim Castro, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*
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SERVING TODAY

Reader: Toni Longino
LEM: Donna Cloteaux
Music: Wendy Wentland, piano

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God.



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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

WELCOME

Please stand as able.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, page 323

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

People **Amen.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

BCP, page 324

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

CANTICLE

Gloria in excelsis

Read in unison.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,**

O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;

**thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed."

Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 138

Confitebor tibi
Alternately by whole verse.

BCP, page 793

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;**

3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.

**4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.**

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

**6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.**

7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.

**8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**

9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 5: 1-11

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

Please stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, page 326

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was
buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP, page 328

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and ever-living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Hector, Jeff and Kai, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Henry our clergy, and for all who minister in this place, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend John McDowell](#), [the Most Reverend Michael Jackson](#), and [the Church of Ireland](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [St. James', Austin](#); [St. James', La Grange](#); and [St. James', Taylor](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Mary Cloud and the funeral ministry](#).

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and 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 they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Bless Afghanistan, Haiti, and all nations of the world facing tumults and natural disasters, with Christ's gifts of healing and peace. Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Bill, Eula, Kensington, Stewart, Joyce, Gus, Paul, Eddie, Emma, Kathryn, Bob, Vicki, Karen, Charles, Terri, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Almighty God, thou lovest all thy children and art a home to those who are in any need or trouble; inspire thy Church with the Spirit of Christ's love, empower us to battle the root causes of homelessness, and help us to live as one with one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever.

We offer you, O Lord, our prayers of thanksgiving, especially for Robert, Steve, Eric, Jackie, Tiffanianne, Beverly, Jeff, and Teri as they celebrate their birthdays.

And we also bless thy Holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially for Vicky KillKelley, Richard Sparling, Cheryl A. Hickman, Dennis Roach, Esther Fiteni, Larry McKee, Danielle Purnell, Nicholas Croom, Robert P. Jones, Sr., all who have perished by contracting the Coronavirus, and victims of gun violence, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.
Amen.

CONFESSION

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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

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

THE PEACE

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

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING

For those wishing to leave an offering, there is an offering plate by the door.

Online Giving is available through AccessACS.

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OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

BCP, page 340

Please stand as able.

SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

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

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Please stand as able.

The celebrant continues

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

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

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

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

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

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

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

People AMEN.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, page 336

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

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

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

BCP, page 338

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

For the duration of the current pandemic we will continue to offer communion in one kind for those who wish to receive the bread only. Please come forward to receive communion from a priest in front of the altar. If you are partaking of the chalice, please use the hand sanitizer at the end of your pew before approaching the clergy and chalice-bearer. Also, 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.



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.

Please stand as able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, page 339

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

Please stand as able.

THE BLESSING

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

DISMISSAL

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Thank you for worshiping with us this morning.
Please remember to maintain social distancing as you depart.*



THE WEEKLY WINDOW

of TRINITY *The Heart of Middtown*

February 6th, 2022

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany – Year C

Sunday In-Person Services.

8:00 am and 12:30 pm are in the Chapel.
10:30 am is held in the Historic Church. Please make sure to continue to mask up and social distance.

Announcements



2022 Lenten

Devotional Sign up

Parishioners are invited to submit devotionals for our Lenten booklet. The format will be: Scripture (daily scripture readings with collect for each day in Lent 2022 are found at: lectionarypage.net), very brief comment and/or prayer, space for reflection. The size will be the same as the Advent booklet – one page for each day (finished size 5 ½ x 8 ½). It is possible that we will not be able to use all submissions, but they may be reserved for a later booklet. The deadline for submission is February 14, 2022. Contact Pat if you have any questions or email your writings to: volunteer@trinitymidtown.org.

To Sign up for a day please follow this [link](#)

Laudato Si Lecture Series

On Sunday Feb 20, 2022 and on Sunday March 6, 2022 at 9:30a.m. our Theologian In Residence Canon Atkins will give two lectures on what he considers to be one of the most important religious documents of our time, the document is the Papal Encyclical issued by Pope Francis entitled Laudato Si. For more information about the lectures click [here](#)

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, February 6th, 2022

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:30 am Sunday Meditations (via Zoom)
- 9:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in Atrium rm 112
- 9:30 am ECC Tweens rm 207
- 9:30 am Youth Forum
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III
- 8:00 pm Compline (In Spanish via Zoom)

Monday, February 7th, 2022

- 2:00 pm Yoga with Saba (via Zoom)
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday, February 8th, 2022

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm Pastoral Care team meeting (via Zoom)
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer
- 6:00 pm Property committee meeting (via Zoom)
- 6:30 pm Finance committee meeting (via Zoom)

Wednesday, February 9th, 2022

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer
- 6:00 pm Healing Service (Zoom)
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, February 10th, 2022

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday, February 11th, 2022

- 9:00 am Houston Federation of Garden Clubs meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 12:00 pm Listening Post
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

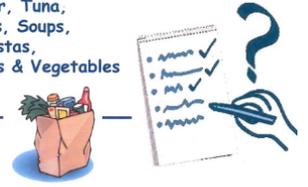
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In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

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For More Information On Our Annual Giving Click [Here](#)

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, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Jill, Stephen, Emily, Van, Vivian Jane, Bob, Theresa, Marvin, Sue, Tom, Nick, Ric, Margaret, Livia, Joshua, Sandi, Barbara, Larry, Monica, Carolyn, Sylvia, Daniel, Lynelle, Mary, Leonard, Jim, Elise, Be, Norma, Jeanne, Karen, Susan, Charlee.

For the faithful departed

Cheryl A. Hickman, Esther Fiteni, Larry McKee, Danielle Purnell, Vicky KillKelley, Richard Sparling, and all who have perished by contracting the coronavirus and victims of gun violence.

For our Iona Seminarian

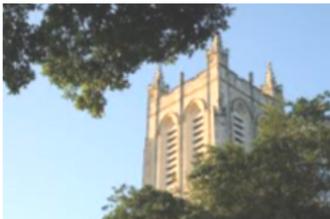
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Readings for this week

Isaiah 6: 1-13

Psalms 138

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Luke 5: 1-11

THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

The Altar flowers are
dedicated to the Glory of
God.

If you would like to make a
flower dedication, you can
sign up for a flower
dedication by clicking [here](#)

Celebrating Black History Month

Books to Share and Read:
“Love is the Way”
By Bishop Michael Curry

“Black and Episcopalian”
By Gayle Fisher-Stewart



PLEDGE CARD



TRINITY MIDTOWN ANNUAL GIVING 2022

I/We pledge the following financial support for
January 1 – December 31, 2022.

\$ _____
TOTAL ANNUAL PLEDGE

NAME(S) *Please print clearly*

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

TELEPHONE

EMAIL

SIGNATURE

METHOD OF PAYMENT

- By check in offering plate, mail, or hand-delivered to church office.
- Credit card or automatic deduction through your own bill pay system or AccessACS at trinitymidtown.org/Give or finance@trinitymidtown.org
- Other: _____

I will pay weekly monthly quarterly
 twice per year yearly other: _____

I would like my pledge to be listed as anonymous.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED TRINITY MIDTOWN IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING?

- I would like to be contacted regarding a legacy gift to Trinity Midtown.

MORE INFORMATION

- Please have a member of the clergy or staff call.

A pledge to Trinity Midtown is more than just a dollar amount, it is an investment in the future of mission and ministry. Everyone has a story to tell, share yours here.



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For questions regarding pledging payments, contact Trinity Midtown's church office at 713-528-4100 or finance@trinitymidtown.org. Contributions to Trinity are deductible under the new tax laws. For more information please contact your tax professional or financial institution.

This is your friendly reminder to fill out your pledge card if you haven't already done so. Thanks!

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.

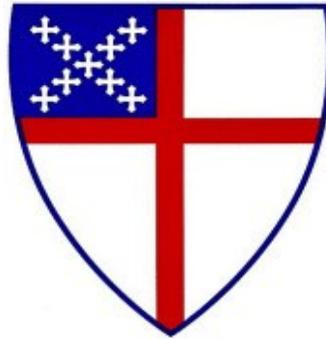
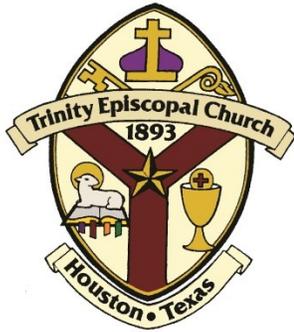
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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