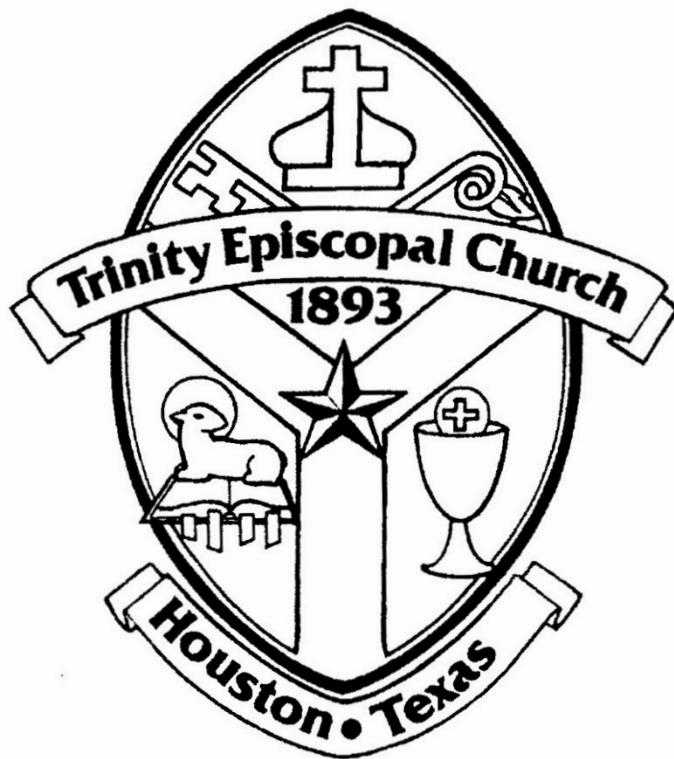


FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 6, 2022
12:30 p.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

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.

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Vocals: April Sloan-Hubert

Piano: Pelayo Parlade

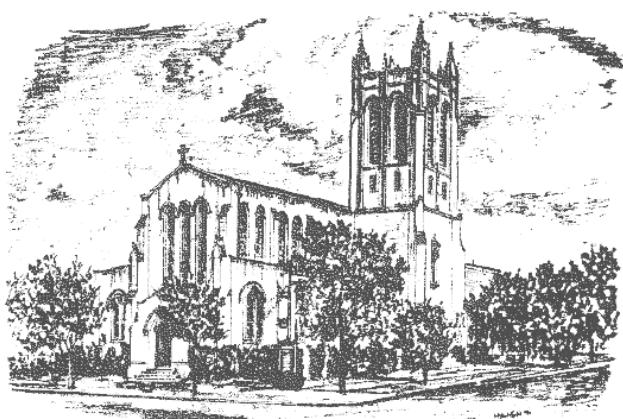
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Bass: Alfred Kennedy

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The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Please stand as able.

Presider Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly: The Lord will make good his purpose for me.

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

Presider Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

Amazing Grace!

LEVAS, page 181

1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, That
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And
 3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
 4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

1. saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 2. grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
 3. word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
 4. have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace that brought me
 5. shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

1. now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
 2. grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
 3. por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
 4. safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
 5. sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.
Almighty and eternal God, it is your will to bring the whole creation into unity in Christ; grant that your Church may faithfully proclaim the Good News to all people so that the earth may be full of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 6: 1-13

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

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

THE GOSPEL *Please stand as able* **Luke 5: 1-11**

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

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.

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

Please be seated

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

The musical notation consists of four staves of music. The first staff starts with 'Lord in Your mer - cy'. The second staff starts with 'He - ar our'. The third staff starts with 'prayer'. The fourth staff starts with 'oh'. The fifth staff starts with 'Lord'. The sixth staff starts with 'Lord in Your'. The seventh staff starts with 'mer - cy'. The eighth staff starts with 'Lord in Your mer - cy'. The ninth staff starts with 'he - ar our'. The tenth staff starts with 'prayer'. The eleventh staff starts with 'he - ar our'. The twelfth staff ends with a final note.

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: [Bless Afghanistan, Haiti, and all nations of the world facing tumults and natural disasters, with Christ's gifts of healing and peace.](#) Give wisdom to those who have responsibility and authority in every land, especially Joseph, our president; Kamala, our vice-president; Greg, our governor; Sylvester, our mayor; Lina, our county judge; and for 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 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.](#) 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, Hector, Jeff and Kai, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Henry our clergy.

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

Lord in Your mer - cy Lord in Your mer - cy He - ar our
prayer oh Lord Lord in Your
mer - cy Lord in Your mer - cy he - ar our
prayer he - ar our prayer

We give thanks that you are the God who brings mercy and wholeness. Comfort and heal, we pray, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble, especially for those we now name: Bill, Eula, Kensington, Stewart, Joyce, Gus, Paul, Eddie, Emma, Kathryn, Bob, Vicki, Karen, and Terri. 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 Vicky Kill Kelley, 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. Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfillment of your kingdom. We give you thanks for your servants in every age, especially for these who are celebrating their birthdays: Bill, Eula, Kensington, Stewart, Joyce, Gus, Paul, Eddie, Emma, Kathryn, Bob, Vicki, Karen, Charles, and Terri.

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 wrong-doings.
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

R. Smallwood

The Liturgy of the Table

Please be seated.

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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 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. 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,

A - men, A - men, A - men.

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

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. 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.

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 by Here, Lord

LEVAS, page 162

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time (indicated by a '4') and a key signature of two sharps (F major). The top staff is for the soprano voice, the second staff for the alto, the third for the tenor, and the bottom staff for the bass. The lyrics 'Come by here Lord, come by here,' are repeated three times, followed by 'Come by here Lord,' once. The music features eighth-note patterns and various harmonic progressions, including a prominent use of the dominant chord.

2. Someone needs you Lord, come by here. 3. Send a blessing Lord, come by here.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as able.

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|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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. |

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

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

THE BLESSING

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| 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

Bind Us Together

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that
can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,
bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er in love. *Fine*

There is on - ly one God, ____ there is on - ly one King; ____
D.C. al Fine
There is on - ly one bod - y, ____ that is why we sing. ____

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **We go in the name of Christ.**

*Thank you for worshipping with us this afternoon.
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THE WEEKLY WINDOW

of TRINITY The Heart of Midtown

February 6th, 2022

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.

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany – Year C

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 1/2 x 8 1/2). 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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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 Kill Kelley, Richard Sparling, and all who have perished by contracting the coronavirus and victims of gun violence.

For our Iona Seminarian

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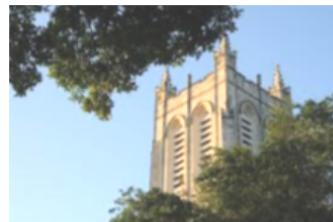
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Readings for this week

Isaiah 6: 1–13

Psalm 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”

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By Gayle Fisher-Stewart



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 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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TELL US HOW YOU RECOGNIZE A FUTURE WITH HOPE AND HOW YOU HOPE THAT TO CONTINUE IN 2022:

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.

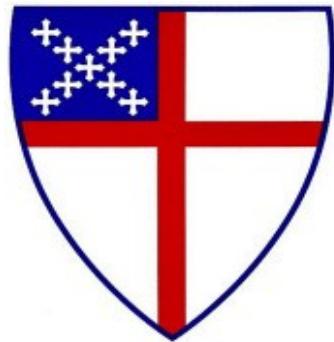
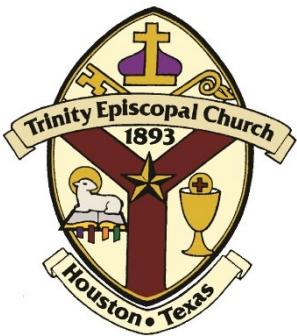
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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