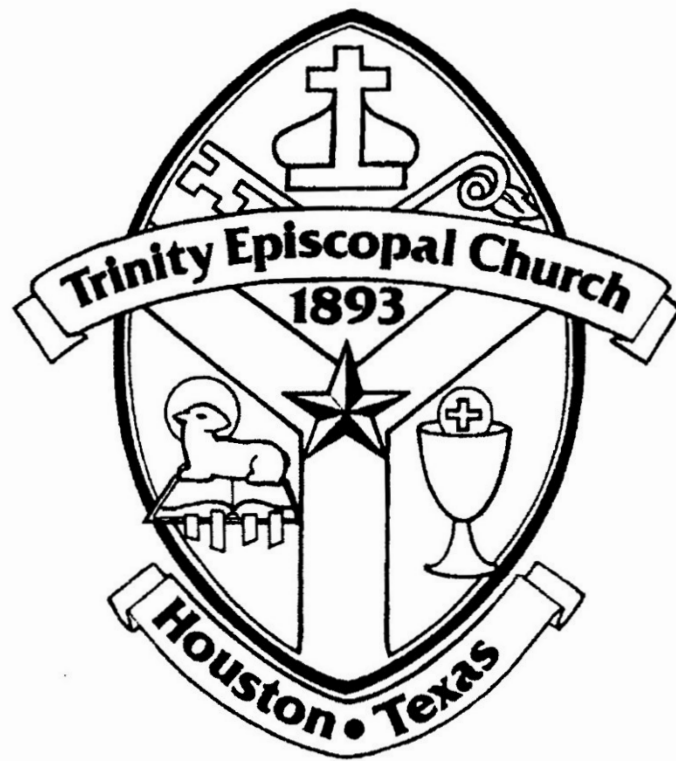


THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 11, 2024
12:30 p.m.



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

April Sloan-Hubert, Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble
Pelayo Parlade, Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble

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

WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! We're glad you chose to worship with us. We adapted the liturgy for this service from *A New Zealand Prayer Book* to guide our worship. In this leaflet, you'll find everything you need to follow along printed.

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

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

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Facebook Live Stream. Please be advised that this service is live streamed through our Trinity Facebook Page and YouTube channels. By participating in the service, you are consenting to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your children who participate.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

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

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*

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Tony Huffman

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Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

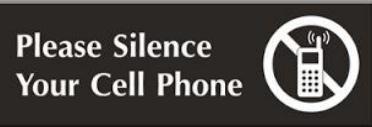
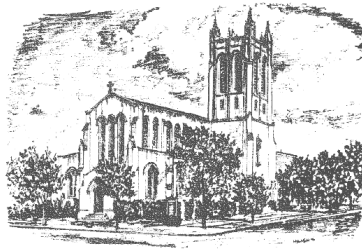
Vocals: April Sloan-Hubert
Piano: Pelayo Parlade
Flute, Clarinet: Ernesto Vega
Bass: Alfred Kennedy

SERVING TODAY

Lector: Pam Lawson
Prayers: Tim Lawson
Acolyte: Jackie Rose
Usher: Bob Davenport
Audio Visual: Paul Bower
Online Greeter: Pam Lawson
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport
Vestry of the Day: David Villarreal

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The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Please stand as able.

Presider Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool: Worship him upon his holy hill, for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

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

Presider Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

This Is the Day

Brightly, with pace

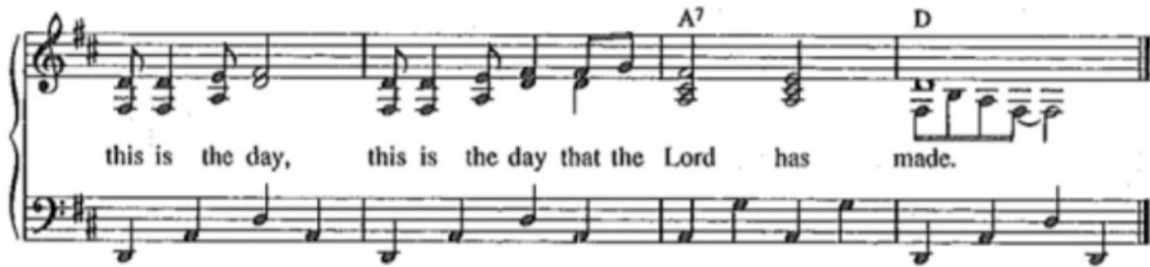
The musical score is written for piano in D major and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made; we shall re-joice, we shall re-joice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord has made, we shall re-joice and be glad in it;'. Chord markings (D, A7, G) are placed above the vocal line.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the

Lord has made; we shall re-joice, we shall re-joice and be

glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the

Lord has made, we shall re-joice and be glad in it;



OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.
 God of glory, you gave the vision of your Son to those who watched on the mountain; grant that by our glimpses of him we may be changed into his glorious likeness.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 2: 1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

THE GOSPEL

Please stand as able

Mark 9: 2-9

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

When we pray dear God hear our pra-yers Lord we
know You are al - ways the - re On You
Lord we cast ev - ery ca - re Oh
1. Lo-rd hear us when we pray 2. Lo-rd hear us when we pray

Let us pray for the preservation of the earth. We give thanks for the beauty and abundance of the earth.

Give us and all peoples grace to live in harmony with your creation, wisdom and generosity in our use of its bounty.

Let us pray for peace and shared prosperity, and for the end of systemic racism that divides us.

We pray for leaders to serve the common good: Give wisdom to those who have responsibility and authority in every land, especially Joseph, our president; Kamala, our vice-president; Greg, our governor; Lina, our county judge; 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 Most Reverend Justin Badi Arama, and the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [St. Joan of Arc, Pflugerville](#); [St. John's, Austin](#); [St. Julian of Norwich, Round Rock](#); and [St. Luke's on the Lake, Austin](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Pat Laubach and the Volunteer 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

We give thanks that you are the God who brings mercy and wholeness. Comfort and heal, we pray, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble, especially for those we now name: [Bill, Nick, Bob, Dale, Edith, Graeme, Christopher, Donna, Jason, Clyde, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Monica, Wally, Dorothy, Daniel, Pamela, Danya, Sylvia, Ella, Julie, Leland, Teddy, Pam, Randy, and Judy.](#)

[Heavenly Father, our neighbor has nowhere to call home: help us be aware. Our neighbor needs love and community: help us be active. Our neighbor is crying out for justice: help us be adamant to see an end to homelessness.](#)

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, [especially for Derek Brown, Brenda Sargent, Keri Sims, the victims of war in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine, and all victims of gun violence.](#) Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfillment of your kingdom.

We give you thanks for your servants in every age, especially for [Beverly, Kirste, Patricia, and Thanh,](#) who are celebrating their birthdays.

Response

O God, we who come before you this day are many and diverse, with different needs and desires.

We ask you to accept our thanksgivings, to guide our ways, and to receive our praise. O God, hear the prayers of your people.

The people may offer their own specific petitions, praises or thanksgivings.

Final Response

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

THE CONFESSION

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

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

THE PEACE

Presider Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.

People Who breaks down the walls that divide.

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

People Praise to Christ who makes us one.

MUSIC AT THE PEACE

Mercy, Mercy!
Please be seated.

Cannonball Adderley

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.

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

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Texting. Send the message **heartofmidtown** to **73256**. Be sure to type heartofmidtown with no spaces, or autocorrect may insert information about a different church. The prompt will ask for a credit card number which can be kept on file for future contributions.



THE OFFERTORY

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light Trinity Jazz Ensemble

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as able.

Presider The Lord is here.

People God's Spirit is with us.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Presider

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit. Before his passion you revealed the glory of Christ to his disciples, and your voice from heaven declared him your beloved Son.

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

Let the Heaven Light Shine on Me

LEVAS, page 174

Let the heav'n light shine on me, Let the heav'n light shine on
me, for low is the way to the up - per bright world, Let the
heav'n light shine on me. Shine on me, Shine on
me. Let the light from heav'n shine on

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

me. A - men. A - men.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as able.

Presider Blessed be God who calls us together.

People Praise to God who makes us one people.

Presider Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

People Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.

Presider Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

People Praise to God who is revealed as love.

Presider Blessed be God who alone has called us.

People Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.

Presider Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

People Accept our thanks for all you have done.

Presider Send us now into the world you love.

**People Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

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

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

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

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

1. This lit - tle light of mine, — I'm goin' - a let it shine, —

this lit - tle light of mine, — I'm goin' - a let it shine, —

this lit - tle light of mine, — I'm goin' - a let it shine,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine).

2. Everywhere I go... 3. All through the night...

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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*We would like to thank Pat Laubach and Karen Christianson for hosting
this morning's coffee hour.*

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

*To sign up, please scan the QR code below or contact Jamie Chambers:
jamielynnchambers@hotmail.com or call/text at 832-370-7155
if you need assistance.*

Thank you





THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN
February 11, 2024 – Last Sunday after Epiphany, Year B

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

Souperbowl of Caring- Feb. 11th

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

Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Dinner – February 13, 6pm

Please plan to join us on Tuesday, Feb. 13th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall for our annual Pancake Dinner. We look forward to seeing you there for fellowship, food, and fun as we prepare for Lent 2024. To help volunteer please email Rev. Luz at associaterector@trinitymidtown.org.

Ash Wednesday – February 14th

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

Please Mark Your Calendars!

- February 23 – Lenten Soup and Study: Soul Care in an Election Year
- February 25th – Gulf Coast Blood Drive 9 am – 1 pm
- March 16 – Lenten Quiet Half-Day Retreat
- March 19 – Friends of Iman Iftar
- March 26 – Book Discussion with Rudy Rasmus
- April 7 – Family Picnic
- April 12-14 – All Parish Retreat, Camp Allen

[More information available in the LENT 2024 Guide.](#)

Blessing and Farewell Reception for Rev. Luz

Please join us this Sunday during coffee hour as we celebrate the ministry of Rev. Luz Montes Cabrera. We are sad that she will be departing Trinity as staff, but she will always be a part of our family. We invite you to bring notes of encouragement for her next chapter of ministry at Christ Church Cathedral. We are so grateful to Luz for her time, energy, and dedication to our parish.



THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, February 11th, 2024

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

Monday, February 12th, 2024

- 12:00pm Yoga (Atrium 2)
- 5:30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday, February 13th, 2024

- 11:00 am Women’s Circle (Masterson)
- 12:00pm The Listening Post
- 5:00 pm Pastoral Care Team Meeting (Zoom)
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer
- 6:00pm Shrove Tuesday (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, February 14th, 2024

- 7:00am Ash Wednesday Liturgy (Chapel)
- 10:00am-4:00pm Ashes to Go
- 12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Liturgy (Church)
- 12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer
- 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Liturgy (Church)

Thursday, February 15th, 2024

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

Friday, February 16th, 2024

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

Saturday, February 17th, 2024

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



PRAYERS

Our custom is to read aloud each week the names of those who request our prayers. We also remember in our Prayer Chain and Bulletin those who desire prayers. Please email to keep us informed. For information or comments about prayer names, please contact the Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero. If you would like to participate as a member of the prayer chain, please contact Norma Cooper.

Allegra, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Stephen, Emily, Van, Dick, Ric, Barbara, Sylvia, Joyce, Bob, David, Robert, Susan, Cindy, Patty, Dana, Emilia, Gaby, Florence, Carolyn, Rick, Charles, Harrison, Kathy, Erma, Mary, Chris, Guillermo, Holly, Ray, Barbara, Howard, Claudie, Romy, Bryce, Rose, Bart, Marie, Josh, Christina, Collette, Sybil, and Charlotte.

For the faithful departed: Derek Brown, Brenda Sargent, Keri Sims, the victims of war in Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Sudan, and all victims of gun violence.

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Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour

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

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Reverend Luz's ministry at Trinity.

The Baptistery flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in grateful thanksgiving for the joy of 59 years of marriage by Henry and Treadwell Atkins.



The next available dates: Will resume April 14th after Lent.

Sign-ups for coffee hour hosts are available, please signup online to volunteer [here](#) or scan QR code below. For questions or further information please contact Jamie Chambers: jamielynchambers@hotmail.com or call/text at 832-370-7155 if you need assistance.

Next available dates: March 3rd, 10th and 17th.



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**February 11, 2024 – Last Sunday in Epiphany (B)
The Absalom Jones Fund**

What is the Absalom Jones Fund?

The Absalom Jones Fund for Episcopal HBCUs supports two institutions affiliated with The Episcopal Church since the 1800s: Saint Augustine’s University in Raleigh, North Carolina, and Voorhees University in Denmark, South Carolina.

In 1804, Absalom Jones became the first African American to be ordained a priest in The Episcopal Church. His witness to the way of Jesus included efforts to abolish slavery and to lift up all those cast down. He understood that education is the key to empowerment. We honor Absalom Jones by supporting our HBCUs, which prepare the talented leaders who will continue the work of building a more just and humane society.



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What is an HBCU?

Historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) were founded to create dynamic, supportive, and empowering educational environments for young people from diverse backgrounds. Today there are more than 100 HBCUs in the United States, including public and private institutions and professional schools of law and medicine.

According to a study published by the United Negro College Fund, today’s historically Black colleges and universities are responsible for producing approximately 70 percent of all Black doctors and dentists, 50 percent of Black engineers and public school teachers, and 35 percent of Black lawyers.

Why support our Episcopal HBCUs?

Voorhees University and Saint Augustine’s provide an excellent liberal arts education to thousands of students, the majority of whom come from low-income households, and over 40% of whom are the first in their families to attend a four-year college. The Gospel work of education and emancipation, evangelism and formation, reconciliation and commitment to a just and humane society and world is happening at these schools! Yet in today’s economic and political climate, HBCUs increasingly struggle to secure the funds they need to maintain their facilities, retain excellent faculty, and provide much-needed student financial aid.

Collect for the Feast of Absalom Jones

Set us free, heavenly Father, from every bond of prejudice and fear; that, honoring the steadfast courage of your servant Absalom Jones, we may show forth in our lives the reconciling love and true freedom of the children of God, which you have given us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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A HISTORY OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Trinity Episcopal Church of Houston has existed as a house of worship and a center of its community for over a century. As such, it has adapted to the changing nature of the city, as Houston grew from a regional town of approximately 40,000 souls to a dynamic metropolitan giant, the fourth largest city in the United States. With a congregation that grew from a few founding members in the 1890s to several thousand parishioners at its peak, Trinity Church is an example of how spiritual people have contended with the challenges presented during a city's most crucial period of urban development.

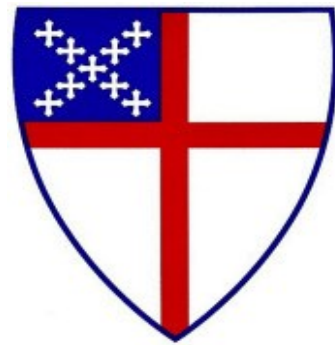
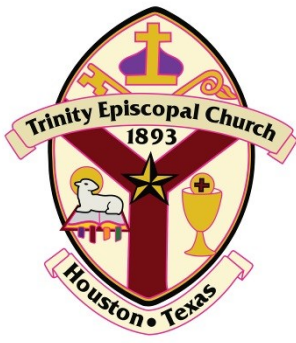
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street and Holman Avenue. That structure, designed by Ralph Adams Cram of Boston and William Ward Watkin of Houston became an architectural landmark constructed in the neo-Gothic style with Texas limestone and a 97 foot bell tower.

During the late 1910s and 1920s, Trinity entered an era of explosive growth, paralleling that of the city, and became an important center of the Episcopal faith. The congregation's many youth and adult activities were community events that attracted wide attention among the general populace. An integral part of its city, Trinity likewise maintained special relationships with Houstonians of other faiths. With a membership numbering 1,900 parishioners in 1930, Trinity emerged as the largest Episcopal parish in the Diocese of Texas and one of the largest in the nation.

After World War II, Houston's growth presented Trinity with perhaps its greatest challenge. As the city physically expanded into the new postwar suburbs, Trinity's membership began to decline. Rather than abandon its historic location, the congregation showed itself to be steadfast. Resurrecting itself from this period, Trinity reaffirmed its mission, this time as a beacon in the inner city where it has become a leading institution in the heart of Houston, determined to enhance the quality of urban life for everyone.

While our neighborhood has gone through many changes, the parish has remained steadfast, and actively ministers to a diverse congregation and to the poor in its midst. As the Midtown Houston neighborhood began redeveloping, starting in the early 2000s, Trinity Church has rededicated itself to its spiritual mission, and has become an active part of the Midtown area for music and other creative art expressions.





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