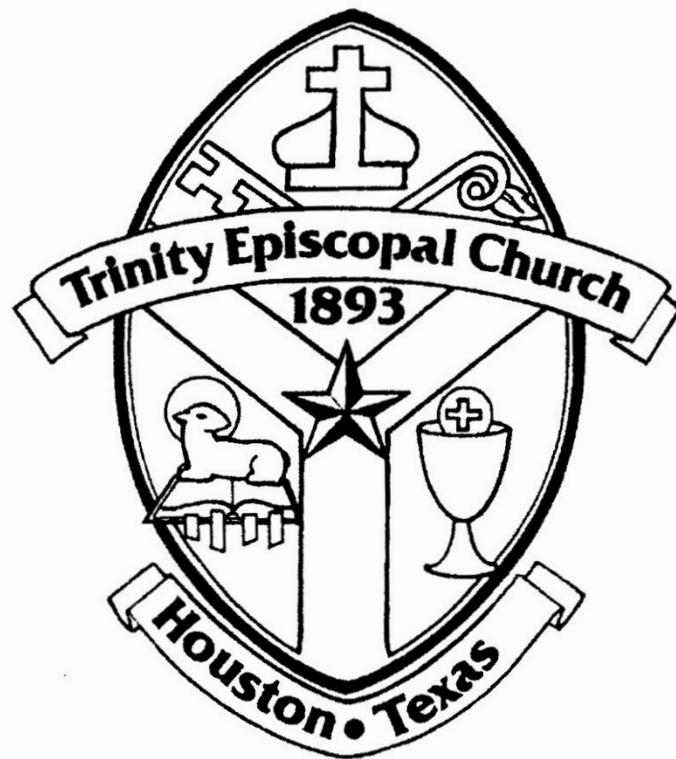


# THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 12, 2023  
12:30 p.m.



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

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

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

# WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

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

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

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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## 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:

<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/childrens-bulletins/>

## VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*

John Escoto, *Junior Warden*

Eric Beam  
Ben Blanding  
Pam Lawson  
Mary Matteucci  
Ann McCoy

John Merullo  
Samantha Rainman  
Gladys Vallés  
David Villarreal  
Michele White

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Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*  
Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*  
Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*  
Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*  
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Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

## THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

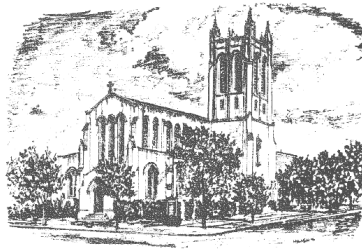
Vocals: April Sloan-Hubert  
Piano: Pelayo Parlade  
Flute, Clarinet: Ernesto Vega  
Bass: Alfred Kennedy

## SERVING TODAY

Lector: Caroline Levander  
Prayers: Theresa McClellan  
Acolyte: David Theis  
Usher: Bob Davenport  
Audio Visual: Jeremy Velasquez  
Online Greeter: Pam Lawson  
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport  
Vestry of the Day: Ben Blanding

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and in loving memory of Suzanne Joy Brinsmade  
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# The Liturgy of the Word

## INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

*Please stand as able.*

Presider Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes: I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

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

Presider Let us worship God.

## OPENING HYMN

Go Down, Moses

LEVAS, page 228

1. When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo - ple go;  
2. The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo - ple go;  
3. They jour - neyed on at his com - mand, let my peo - ple go;  
4. Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, let my peo - ple go;

1. op - pressed so hard they could not stand, let my peo - ple go.  
2. to lead the chil - dren of Is - rael through, let my peo - ple go.  
3. and come at length to Ca - naan's land, let my peo - ple go.  
4. and let us all in Christ be free, let my peo - ple go.

Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land;

tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo - ple go.

## OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.  
God of justice, mercy, and righteousness, write in our hearts the lesson of your law; prepare our minds to receive the gospel made visible in your Son Jesus Christ our Savior .

**People Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 3: 1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People Thanks be to God.**

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

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

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

*Please be seated*

SERMON The Reverend Glenice Robinson-Como

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

Please stand as able

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### Response

instrumental intro Gbmaj7 A7sus Ab7

Hear our -

**A**

5 Fm7 Bbm7 Fm7 Bbm7

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

9 Gbmaj7 ⊕ A7sus Ab7

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

**B**

13 Fm7 Bbm7 Fm7 Bbm7

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

17 Gbmaj7 A7sus Ab7

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

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

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

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

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

We pray for leaders to serve the common good: Give wisdom to those who have responsibility and authority in every land, especially Joseph, our president; Kamala, our vice-president; Greg, our governor; Lina, our county judge; Sylvester, our mayor; and the legislatures, and courts; that we may share with justice the resources of the world, and work together in trust.

### Response

Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend Brent Harry Alawas and the Episcopal Church in the Philippines](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [St. Julian of Norwich, Round Rock; St. Luke's on the Lake, Austin; and St. Mark's, Austin](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Joanne Starbuck and the Hospitality Apartments ministry](#). For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

We give thanks for the good news of salvation for all people. Strengthen us for our work in the world, empower your Church to proclaim the gospel in service, word and sacrament.

Unite in the truth all who confess your name, that we may live together in love to your glory.

Let us pray for ourselves and our community. We give thanks for the fellowship of the communities in which we live and work, especially Trinity Church. We pray for our bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai (*pronounced "Kaye"*), and Hector, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale our clergy; and for all who minister in this place. We commend to your keeping ourselves and each other, our families, those with whom we work and learn, our neighbors and our friends. Enable us by your Spirit to live in love for you and for one another.

### Response

instrumental intro  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $A^{\flat}7_{sus}$   $A^{\flat}7$

Hear our -

**A**

5  $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$   $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$

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

9  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $\Phi$   $A^{\flat}7_{sus}$   $A^{\flat}7$

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

**B**

13  $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$   $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$

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

17  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $A^{\flat}7_{sus}$   $A^{\flat}7$

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

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

$\Phi$

21  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $A^{\flat}7_{sus}$   $A^{\flat}7$   $D^{\flat}maj7$

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

We give thanks that you are the God who brings mercy and wholeness. Comfort and heal, we pray, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble, especially for those we now name: [Bill](#), [Joyce](#), [Maryanne](#), [Gary](#), [John](#), [Nick](#), [Sam](#), [Eugenia](#), [Cintra](#), [Samantha](#), and [Harrison](#). 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 Suzanne Brinsmade, Mike Lemanski, Ollie Young, Tyre Nichols, Nick Skarich, all who have perished by contracting the Coronavirus, all victims of gun violence, and all those who have perished in Turkey and Syria after the recent earthquakes. 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 Theresa, Kirste, Patricia, Thanh, Ron, and Matthew, who are celebrating their birthdays.

**Response**

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

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

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

**Response**

THE CONFESSION

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

God forgives and heals us.

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

Presider God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself.

THE PEACE

Presider Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.

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

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

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

MUSIC AT THE PEACE

Dock of the Bay

Otis Redding

*Please be seated.*

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

## The Liturgy of the Table

*Please be seated.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

OFFERING

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THE OFFERTORY

God Bless the Child

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

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the word "Amen". The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains four measures: a half note 'A', a quarter rest, a quarter note 'men', and a half note 'men'. The second staff is identical to the first. The third staff contains five measures: a half note 'A', a quarter rest, a quarter note 'men', a quarter note 'men', and a half note 'men' with a fermata. The lyrics are written below each staff.

to your everlasting kingdom. From you, and through you, and for you are all things. To you be the glory for ever,

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**People We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

#### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

*Please come forward to receive communion from a priest in front of the altar. If you wish to partake of the chalice, you may do so by intinction. Intinction is done by dipping a host into the wine, and is completely optional. If you prefer, it is perfectly fine to continue receiving the host only. If you are unable to come forward for communion, it will be brought to you in your pew.*



*We offer a gluten-free bread option for those with dietary restrictions who wish to receive communion. To receive a gluten free wafer, please clasp your hands with palms facing each other when you come forward for communion.*

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*The Prayer for Spiritual Communion is prayed by those at home unable to partake of communion in person*

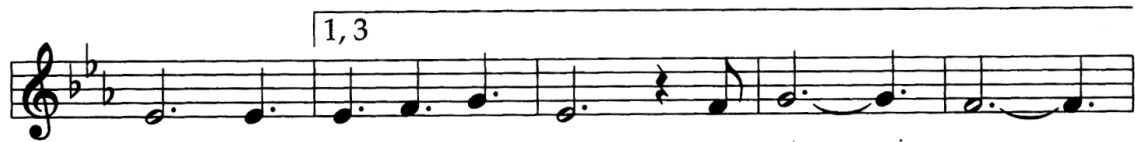
In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, our souls, and our minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen



1. To know you in all of your glo - ry, to  
 (2., 4. To) know you in all of your pow - er, to  
 (3. To) know you in all of your mer - cy, to



love you with all that I am. With all of my  
 trust you with all that I am. With all of my  
 serve you with all that I am. With all of my



heart, Lord, this is my prayer: To know you  
 heart, Lord,  
 heart, Lord, this is my prayer: To know you



more. 2. To this is my prayer: To  
 more. 4. To



know you more. 3. To

⊕ CODA



more. To know you more. \_\_\_\_\_

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 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.

He who be - gan a good work in you, —  
 he who be - gan a good work in you —  
 — will be faith - ful to com - plete it, —  
 — will be faith - ful to com - plete it. — He who start -  
 ed the work will be faith - ful to com - plete it in you. —

THE DISMISSAL

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

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.*

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**THE WEEKLY WINDOW**  
 OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN  
 February 12, 2023 – Sixth Sunday After Epiphany Year A  
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**Sunday In-Person Services**  
 8:00 am and 12:30 pm (Chapel)  
 10:30 am (Historic Church)

**Souper Bowl of Caring Ends this Sunday, February 12th, 2023:**

This is the final weekend for collecting donations this year to support the Souper Bowl of Caring. We invite you to help us with this grassroots initiative to collect canned food that will be given to our local charity partner, EAC. Please bring your donations to Coffee Hour this Sunday, Feb 12th after the 10:30 am service to be a part of our 2023 Souper Bowl of Caring drive!

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

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

**THIS WEEK AT TRINITY**

**Sunday, February 12th, 2023**

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

**Monday, February 13th, 2023**

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

**Tuesday, February 14th, 2023**

11:00 am Women’s Circle in the Masterson rm.  
 4:00 pm Trinity Endowment Board meeting in Smith rm  
 5:00 pm Pastoral care team meeting via Zoom  
 5:30 pm Evening Prayer  
 6:00 pm Property Committee Mtg Via Zoom  
 6:30 pm Finance Committee Mtg Via Zoom

**Wednesday, February 15th, 2023**

10:30 am Staff Meeting  
 12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm  
 5:30 pm Evening Prayer  
 6:00 pm Healing Service –Zoom  
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 16th, 2023**

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

**Friday, February 17th, 2023**

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

**Saturday, February 18th, 2023**

9:00 am Houston Canterbury Prayer Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

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

**Houston Canterbury Prayer Breakfast:**

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

**Choral Evensong:**

We invite you to join us for our first Evensong of 2023 on Feb. 19th at 5:30 pm in Trinity’s Historic Church. The music for this service is reflective of the turning point in the church year from the season of Epiphany into the season of Lent. There will be readings, psalms, and prayers and this service offers a beautiful experience of great music in a great space with an opportunity to socialize and come together as a community afterwards!

**More Upcoming Events:**

- 2/12: Black History Month Concert, Info [Here](#)
- 2/19: Choral Evensong, 5:30 pm in Sanctuary
- 2/21: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, 6 PM in Fellowship Hall
- 2/22: Ash Wednesday 7am, 12pm, 7pm Services / Ashes to Go
- 2/24-2/25: Diocesan Council in Galveston, TX
- 2/26: Bishop Kathryn M. Ryan visits Trinity Episcopal / Gulf Coast Blood Drive
- 2/27: Study of Kelly Brown Douglas’s Book the Black Christ 25th Anniversary Edition, 7PM on [Zoom](#); More info [here](#)

**Together for Joy 2023 Stewardship Campaign Update:**

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

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





### PRAYERS

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

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

### For the faithful departed

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

### Altar Flower Dedications This Week

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

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up at [www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/](http://www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/).

**The next available dates are: Feb 19, April 9 (Easter Sunday), and April 16.**

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

**Next available dates are: March 5th, April 16th, April 23rd.**



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### Winter Office Hours

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

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

*Happy Birthday!*

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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.

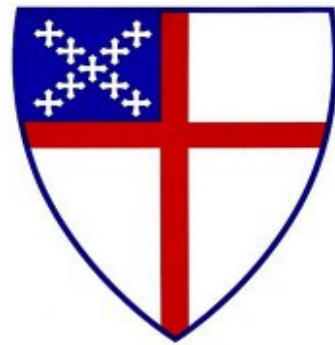
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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