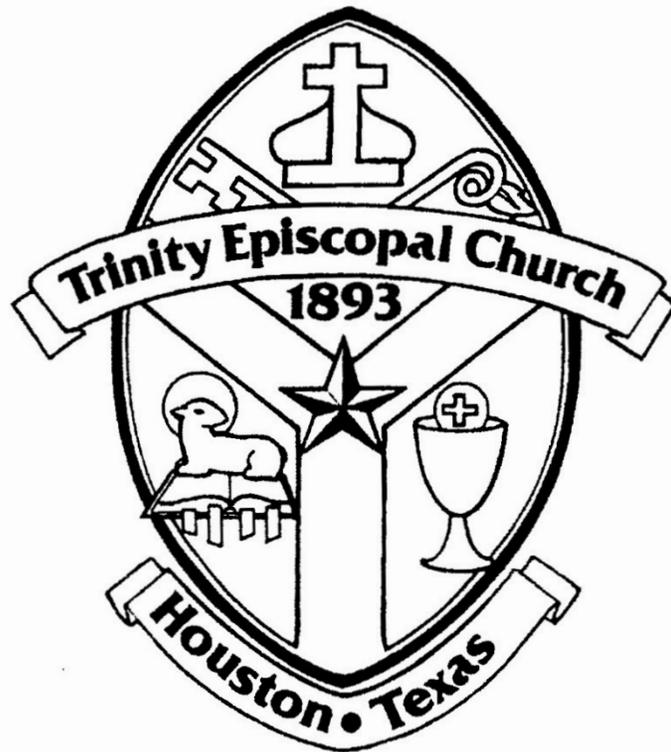


SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 13, 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
The Reverend Alex Montes-Vela, Guest Preacher

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.

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VESTRY

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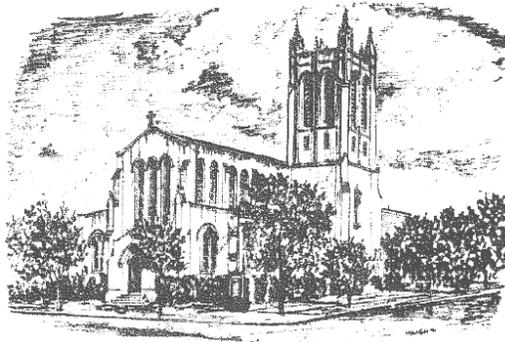
THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

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

SERVING TODAY

Acolyte: Angel Williams
Lector: Linelle Clark
Prayers: Theresa McClellan
Greeter: Paul Bower
Usher: Bob Davenport
Audio Visual: Angel Williams
Online Greeter: Pam Lawson
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport

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Friends: Rosa Aguilar-Lopez, Jack Mc Ciliun; and
in Grateful and Joyous Thanksgiving for my
Grand-boy, Jordan Mitchell Troy Kaye.
Dedicated by Shelby Bradley.



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The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

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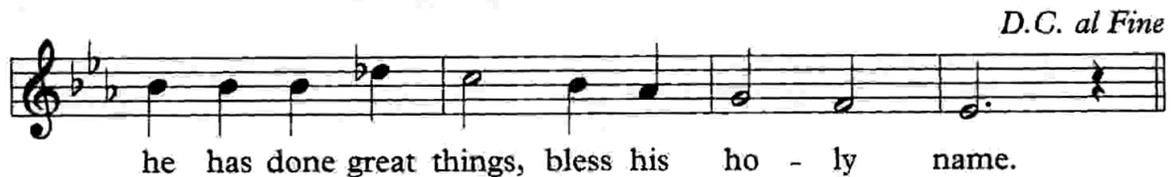
Presider Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked:
Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day
and night.

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

Presider Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

Bless His Holy Name



- 2) Praise the Lord
- 3) Love the Lord . . .
- 4) Trust the Lord . . .

OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.
God of the hungry, make us hunger and thirst for the right, till our thirst
for justice has been satisfied and hunger has gone from the earth. This
we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse -- who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

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

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
 for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now,
 for you will be filled.

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"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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

Please be seated

SERMON The Reverend Canon Dr. Henry L. Atkins, Jr., Theologian in Residence

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

Please stand as able

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response

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

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 Luke Ken-ichi Muto and the Anglican Church in Japan](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [St. Joan of Arc, Pflugerville; St. John's, Austin; and St. Julian of Norwich, Round Rock](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Sylvia Drew, Tony Huffman, and the Trinity Garden Club](#). 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

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, Mary, 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 KillKelly, Richard Sparling, Andy Bell, Jr., Robert Fields, Darius Dugas, 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: [Carver, Alexis, Kirste, Patricia, Ron, Matthew, and Delores](#).

Response

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

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

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

Response

THE CONFESSION

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

God forgives and heals us.

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

Presider God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself.

THE PEACE

Presider Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.

People Who breaks down the walls that divide.

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

People Praise to Christ who makes us one.

MUSIC AT THE PEACE

Today

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

Love Lifted Me

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, A - - men,

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 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

He's Got the Whole World

LEVAS, page 217

1. He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.

- 2. He's got you and me sister, etc.
- 3. He's got you and me brother, etc.

- 4. He's got the pretty little baby, etc.
- 5. He's got everybody here, etc.

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.**

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

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

THE BLESSING

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

People Amen

CLOSING HYMN

Praise the Name of Jesus



Praise the name of Je - sus. Praise the name of Je - sus.



He's my Rock, he's my For - tress, he's my de - liv - er - er, in



him will I trust. Praise the name of Je - sus.

- 2) Bless the Name of Jesus . .
- 3) I love the Name of Jesus . . .

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.
Please remember to maintain social distancing as you depart.*

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THE WEEKLY WINDOW

of TRINITY *The Heart of Midtown*

February 13th, 2022

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany – Year C

Sunday In-Person Services.

8:00 am and 12:30 pm are in the Chapel.

10:30 am is held in the Historic Church. Please make sure to continue to mask up and social distance.

Announcements



2022 Lenten

Devotional Sign up

Parishioners are invited to submit devotionals for our Lenten booklet. The format will be:

Scripture (daily scripture readings with collect for each day in Lent 2022 are found at: lectionarypage.net), very brief comment and/or prayer, space for reflection. The size will be the same as the Advent booklet – one page for each day (finished size 5 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 13th, 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 14th, 2022

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

Tuesday, February 15th, 2022

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 6:30 pm Vestry meeting (via Zoom)

Wednesday, February 16th, 2022

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

Thursday, February 17th, 2022

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday, February 18th, 2022

- 12:00 pm Listening Post
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Saturday, February 19th, 2022

- 6:00 pm Jackson Griffon and Katherine Hepler Wedding

Outreach

Let's share our blessings with the EAC Food Pantry

Peanut Butter, Tuna, Beans, Stews, Soups, Cereals & Pastas, Canned Fruits & Vegetables



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

“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”

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Building Update:
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TRINITY MIDTOWN ANNUAL GIVING 2022

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

Prayers

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

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

For the faithful departed

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

For our Iona Seminarian

Carrie Hirdes

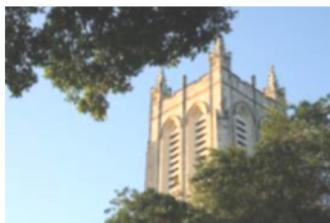


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Readings for this week

Jeremiah 17: 5-10

PSALM 1

1 Corinthians 15: 12-20

Luke 6: 17-26

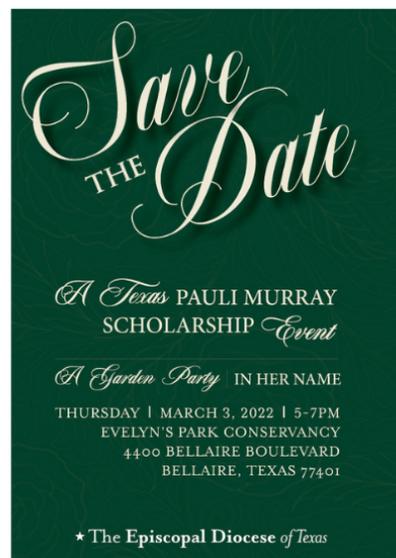
THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and Deepest Loving Memory of my Mother: Edna DeWright Baylor-- Jones- Bradley;

my Cousins: Yvonne Eliza T. Martin, Chester Wise, Clareice Baylor-Bennett; Friends: Rosa Aguilar-Lopez, Jack Mc Ciliun; and

in Grateful and Joyous Thanksgiving for my Grand-boy, Jordan Mitchell Troy Kaye Dedicated by Shelby Bradley

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



For more information on how you can attend the event click [here](#)

PLEDGE CARD



TRINITY MIDTOWN ANNUAL GIVING 2022

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\$ TOTAL ANNUAL PLEDGE

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I would like my pledge to be listed as anonymous.

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- 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.

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

Multiple horizontal lines for writing a response to the question above.



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

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

A HISTORY OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

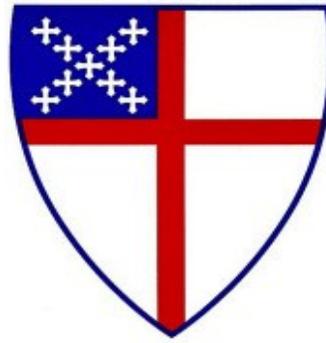
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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

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

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

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





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