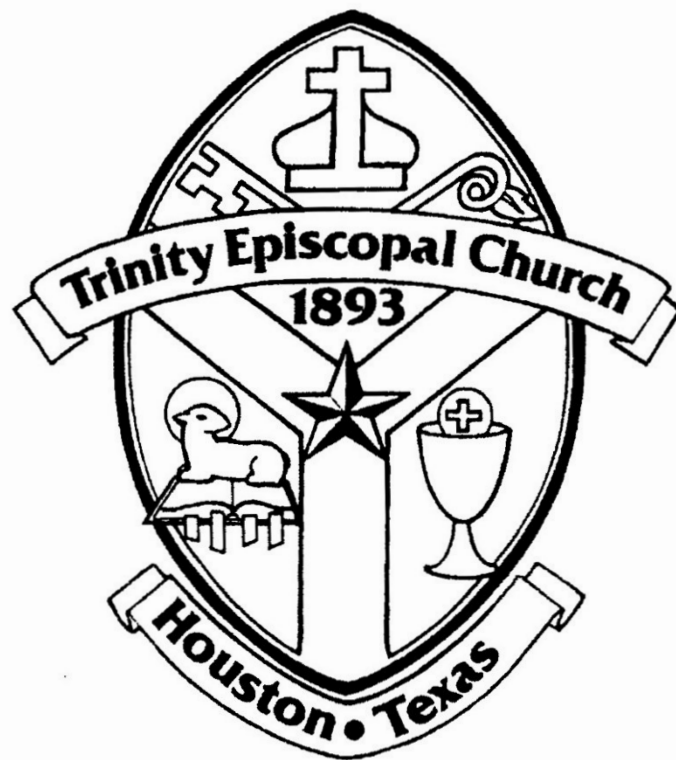


THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 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***

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- 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.
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- 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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Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*

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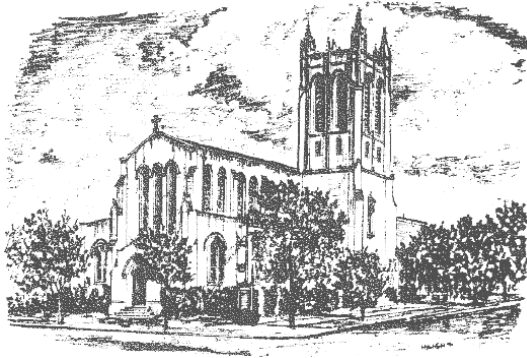
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THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

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

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The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Please stand as able.

Presider Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

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

Presider Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

Baptized in Water

LEVAS, page 121

1. Bap - tized_ in wa - ter,___ sealed by the Spi - rit,___ Cleansed by the
2. Bap - tized_ in wa - ter,___ sealed by the Spi - rit,___ Dead in the
3. Bap - tized_ in wa - ter,___ sealed by the Spi - rit,___ Marked with the

1. blood of Christ___ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion,___
2. tomb with Christ___ our King: One with his ris - ing,___
3. sign of Christ___ our King: Born of one Fa - ther,___

1. trust - ing his prom - ise,___ Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
2. freed and for - giv - en,___ Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
3. we are his child - ren,___ Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

THE GREAT LITANY

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

Have mercy on us.

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Holy immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,

Have mercy on us.

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy, from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,

Savior, deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,

Savior, deliver us.

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil,

Savior, deliver us.

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,

Savior, deliver us.

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment,

Savior, deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy Incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

Savior, deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,

Savior, deliver us.

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial

Savior, deliver us.

By your mighty Resurrection; by your glorious Ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

Savior, deliver us.

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God,

Hear us, O Christ.

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will,

Hear us, O Christ.

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.

Hear us, O Christ.

Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word,

Hear us, O Christ.

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit,

Hear us, O Christ.

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived,

Hear us, O Christ.

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet,

Hear us, O Christ.

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice,

Hear us, O Christ.

Give your wisdom and strength to Joseph, the President of the United States, Greg, the Governor of Texas, Lina, the County Judge of Harris County, and John, the Mayor of Houston that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good,

Hear us, O Christ.

Give to the Congress of the United States, the Vice-President and members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth,

Hear us, O Christ.

Bless the Justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people,

Hear us, O Christ.

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all,

Hear us, O Christ.

Bless and keep all your people,

Hear us, O Christ.

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed,

Hear us, O Christ.

Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril,

Hear us, O Christ.

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit, especially [Bill, Nick, Bob, Dale, Edith, Graeme, Christopher, Donna, Jason, Clyde, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Monica, Wally, Dorothy, Daniel, Pamela, Danya, Sylvia, Ella, Julie, Teddy, Pam, Randy, Judy, Bill, Sandy, and David](#), and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute,

Hear us, O Christ.

Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

Hear us, O Christ.

Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble,

Hear us, O Christ.

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers and turn their hearts,

Hear us, O Christ.

Hear us as we remember those who have died, [especially for the shooting victims in Kansas City, the victims of war in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine, and all victims of gun violence](#), and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory,

Hear us, O Christ.

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

**Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy on us.**

OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

Hear us, Jesus Christ, when we ask for help to recognize temptation, for honesty to face it, for strength to resist it and humility to give God the glory. Hear this prayer for your love's sake .

People Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 9: 8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds,

I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

THE GOSPEL

Please stand as able

Mark 1: 9-13

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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

Please be seated

SERMON The Reverend Charles Graves, Canterbury Missioner

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

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.

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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THE OFFERTORY

Everything Must Change

Bernard Ighner

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.

In your Son you suffered with us and for us, offering us the healing riches of salvation and calling us to freedom and holiness. Though tempted in every way as we are, yet he did not sin; through him therefore we may triumph over sin and grow in grace.

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.

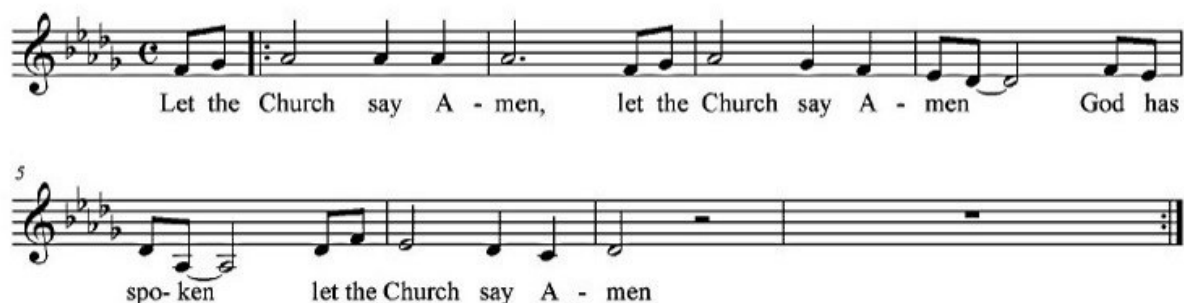
After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

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.

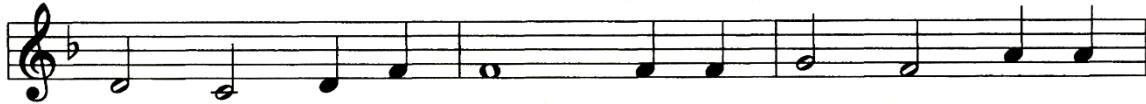
PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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



1. *Sun-day's palms are Wednes-day's ash - es as an -
 2. We have failed to love our neigh - bors, their of -
 3. We are hast - y to judge oth - ers, blind to



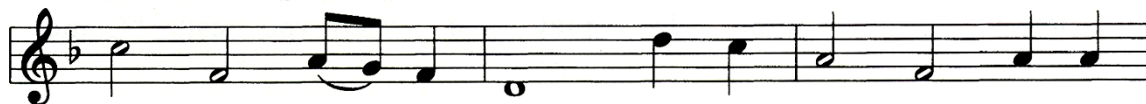
oth - er Lent be - gins; thus we kneel be - fore our
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 proof of hu - man need; and our lack of un - der -



Mak - er in con - tri - tion for our
 trou - bles, nor have cared just how they
 stand - ing dem - on - strates our in - ner



sins. We have marred bap - tis - mal pledg - es, in re -
 live, we are jeal - ous, proud, im - pa - tient, lov - ing
 greed; we have wast - ed earth's re - sourc - es; want and



bel - lion gone a - stray; now, re - turn - ing, seek for -
 o - ver - much our things; may the yield - ing of our
 suf - fering we've ig - nored; come and cleanse us, then re -



give - ness; grant us par - don, God, this day!
 fail - ings be our Len - ten of - fer - ings.
 store us; make new hearts with - in us, Lord!

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 Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

People Amen

CLOSING HYMN He Who Began a Good Work in You

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 afternoon.

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*We would like to thank Richard and Jody Rathburn 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:
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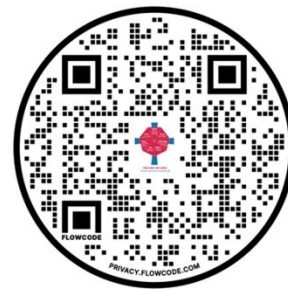




February 18, 2024 – Lent 1 (B)

Week 1: Life Transformed – The Way of Love in Lent

The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. We are baptized into his life, self-giving, and death; then, we rise in hope to life transformed. This Lent, communities are invited to walk with Jesus in his Way of Love and into the experience of transformed life. Together, we will reflect anew on the loving actions of God as recounted in the Easter Vigil readings. Together, we will walk through the depths of salvation history into the fullness of redemption. Throughout Lent, come along with us as we explore Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent, produced by Hillary Raining and Jenifer Gamber. You can find resources mentioned below at iam.ec/lifetransformed or by scanning the QR code to the right.



Week 1

Sunday, February 18

Today's Practice: Watch the Rev. Dr. Hillary Raining's video at iam.ec/lifetransformed for Week 1. The topic is based on the practice "Turn" and is titled, "Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ".

Read: Romans 6:3-11

Monday, February 19

Today's Prompt: Who has taught you to live a Jesus-filled life? Who have you taught?

Read: "So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day." – 2 Corinthians 4:16

Tuesday, February 20

Today's Prompt: How do you incorporate rest into your life?

Read: "Thus says the Lord: Stand at the crossroads and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'" – Jeremiah 6:16

Wednesday, February 21

Today's Prompt: Go for a walk today and pray with your feet, each step with intention.

Read: "Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'" – Isaiah 2:3a

Thursday, February 22

Today's Prompt: How do others experience the love of Christ you bring?

Read: "By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things." – Galatians 5:22-23

Friday, February 23

Today's Prompt: Where are you being encouraged to "show up"?

Read: "Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'" – Matthew 25:44-45

Saturday, February 24

Today's Prompt: What is most meaningful to you in worship?

Read: Book of Common Prayer, p. 281

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THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN

February 18, 2024 – First Sunday in Lent, Year B

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Sunday In-Person Services

8:00 am and 12:30 pm (Chapel)

10:30 am (Historic Church)

Lenten Soup and Study – Feb. 23rd, 6:30pm at The Blandings

Please plan to join us on as we gather on Friday, Feb. 23rd at Ben and Saba Blanding’s home for fellowship and conversation. We will slow down, enjoy a meal, and focus on soul care during the upcoming election year. Please [RSVP HERE](#) or email parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org

Blood Drive– Feb. 25th, 9am

Please help us this season of Lent by reaching our goal of 15 successful donations. Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center implemented the FDA’s latest guidelines into our operations, ending deferral based on sexual orientation and welcoming new blood donors starting in November. For more information, contact Joanne Starbuck. Sign up: <https://bit.ly/3SuntLc>

Book Study, Jesus Insurgency– Feb. 26th, 7pm (Zoom)

Rudy Rasmus will join us for this special time in discussion of his book. Crunching more data may be helpful but will not revolutionize, let alone save, a declining church. We need creative thinking done by people who are not afraid to face the institutional church. Indeed, the change we long for is already happening. It is happening on the margins in ministries to the least, the last, and the lost. If we pay attention, we can let this Jesus Insurgency create new life. [RSVP HERE](#)

Stations of the Cross, Artist Gathering – March 1st, 6:30pm

Calling all Trinity Artists and Artist Friends to Gather and Collaborate for 2025 Exhibit. A Light meal will be served. We will gather together at the Rectory. [RSVP HERE](#)

Half Day Quiet Retreat – March 16th, 9am–1pm

You are invited to join us for a halfday quiet retreat led by Rev. Hannah. The retreat will include prayer, a labyrinth walk, journaling, stretching, meditation, and time to share reflections with one another. We will meet together in the Fellowship Hall. [RSVP HERE](#)

Manna Bags– March 17th, 11:45am

Be a blessing for the homeless this Lent. Let’s help the EAC by assembling hygiene (toiletry) or manna (snack) bags for the homeless. EAC distributes these with their sack lunch program about once a month. Materials and instructions to be distributed during coffee hour to assemble at church, or at home. Our Lenten goal is to help provide 125 bags with prayers for hope and health and dignity.

Friends of Iman, Interfaith Iftar– March 19th,

Iman Haq was a humanitarian, thespian, equestrian, friend and philanthropist. She was taken on her 20th birthday. What the world lost in light, it gained in hope. We invite you to join us for an Interfaith Iftar with our friends from Interfaith Ministries honoring her life. [REGISTER HERE](#)

All Parish Retreat! Register Now!

April 12–14th – [SIGN UP HERE](#)

All are welcome! \$60 adults/\$30 children and \$15 for Sat night meal

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, February 18th, 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 Sandwich Makers at Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Chapel)
8:00 pm Compline (Facebook)

Monday, February 19th, 2024

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

Tuesday, February 20th, 2024

12:00pm The Listening Post
5:30 pm Evening Prayer
6:00pm Property Committee (Zoom)
6:30pm Finance Committee (Zoom)

Wednesday, February 21st, 2024

10:30am Staff Meeting
12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer
6:00 pm Healing Service (Zoom)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 22nd, 2024

12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)
6:30pm Listening Heart (Masterson)

Friday, February 23rd, 2024

12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)
6:30 pm Lenten Soup and Study (Blanding’s Home)

Saturday, February 24th, 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:

Brenda Sargent, Keri Sims, The shooting victims in Kansas City, the victims of war in Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, and all victims of gun violence.

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*Please note we will never ask you for money or gifts via email. Scams are circulating again, so please be aware and cautious.

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 Baptistry 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.



Ron Mailloux, Matthew Wood, Dolores Treadwell, Mary Ann Collier, Sarah Frazier, Tristan LeGrand, Marcy Antiuk



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THE SEASON OF LENT

Early Christians observed “a season of penitence and fasting” in preparation for the Paschal feast, or Pascha (BCP, pp. 264-265). The season now known as Lent (from an Old English word meaning “spring,” the time of lengthening days) has a long history. Originally, in places where Pascha was celebrated on a Sunday, the Paschal feast followed a fast of up to two days. In the third century this fast was lengthened to six days. Eventually this fast became attached to, or overlapped, another fast of forty days, in imitation of Christ’s fasting in the wilderness. The forty-day fast was especially important for converts to the faith who were preparing for baptism, and for those guilty of notorious sins who were being restored to the Christian assembly.

In the western church the forty days of Lent extend from Ash Wednesday through the Saturday before Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, and the last three days of Holy Week are the sacred Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

Purple is the traditional color of Lent, as it represents for us both repentance and royalty. Jesus was dressed in a purple robe during his Passion as a mockery of his being “the king of the Jews”; since long before his time, purple had been a symbol of royalty. For example, in Exodus, we can read how Moses ordered the tabernacle to be made of “ten sheets woven of fine linen twine and of violet, purple, and scarlet yarn” (Exodus 26:1) and in 2 Chronicles 3:14 we read that Solomon ordered the temple in Jerusalem to be decorated with fabric of the same colors. The Church decided to keep the color purple as a symbol, not just of penance and mourning (in anticipation of the crucifixion, and with reference to Jesus), but also as a reminder of the need to confront our own sins, to prepare ourselves spiritually, and to help our neighbors to draw closer to God and his kingdom (conserving in this way the solemn character traditionally assigned to purple).

All Christians are invited “to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word” (BCP, p. 265).

In accordance with ancient custom the Book of Common Prayer provides that in Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during Easter season (BCP, p. 337).

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.

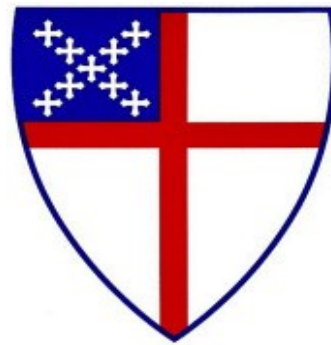
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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