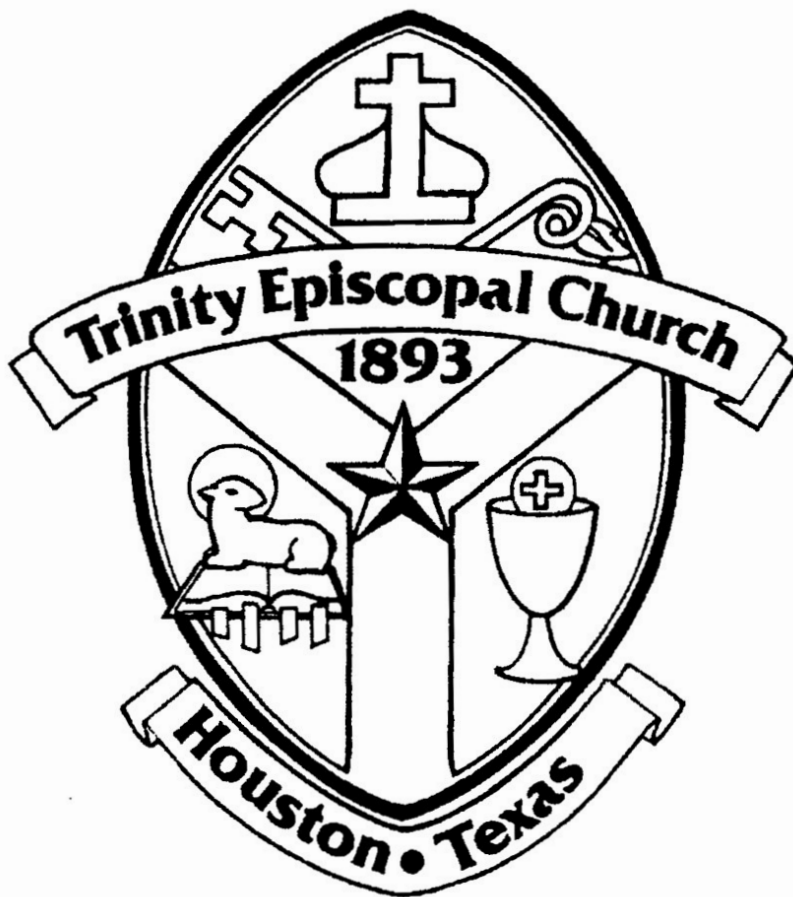


# THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 19, 2023  
8:00 a.m.



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

Wendy Wentland, Pianist

***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 this morning. We follow the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 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  
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Mary Matteucci  
Ann McCoy

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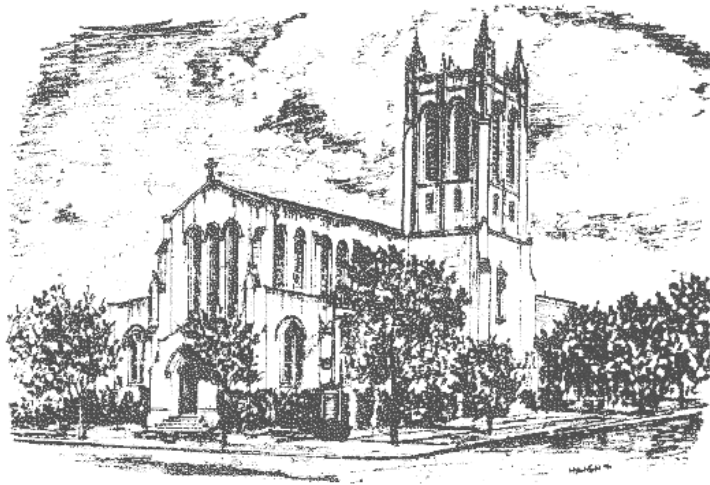
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Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*  
Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*  
Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*  
Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*  
Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*  
Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

## SERVING TODAY

Reader: Donald Hackler  
LEM: Samantha Rainman  
Music: Wendy Wentland, piano  
Vestry of the Day: Pam Lawson

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God  
and in memory of Thomas Leone, Great Uncle of  
Liam and Grant Christianson



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# HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please stand as able.*

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, page 323

*Officiant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Officiant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

**People** **Amen.**

### THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

BCP, page 324

*Officiant* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

### CANTICLE

*Gloria in excelsis*

*Read in unison.*

**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,**

**O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of thy only begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 2

*Quare fremuerunt gentes*  
*Alternately by whole verse.*

BCP, page 586

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar? \*  
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, \*  
against the Lord and against his Anointed?**
- 3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; \*  
"let us cast off their bonds from us."
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; \*  
the Lord has them in derision.**
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, \*  
and his rage fills them with terror.
- 6 "I myself have set my king \*  
upon my holy hill of Zion."**
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord: \*  
he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance \*  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.**
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod \*  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise; \*  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.**
- 11 Submit to the Lord with fear, \*  
and with trembling bow before him;
- 12 Lest he be angry and you perish; \*  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.**
- 13 Happy are they all \*  
who take refuge in him!

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 17: 1-9

*Officiant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People** **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

*Officiant* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

Wendy Wentland, piano

*Please stand as able.*

## THE NICENE CREED

BCP, page 326

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP, page 328

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and ever-living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all 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, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend Laurent Mbanda and the Anglican Church of Rwanda](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [St. Mary Magdalene, Manor](#); [St. Mary's, Lampasas](#); [St. Matthew's, Austin](#); and [St. Michael's, Austin](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [David Theis, Pat Laubach, and the Lay Ministers](#).

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and 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 they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [Nick, Eugenia, Cintra, Harrison, Byron, Theresa, Florence](#), and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Almighty God, thou lovest all thy children and art a home to those who are in any need or trouble; inspire thy Church with the Spirit of Christ's love, empower us to battle the root causes of homelessness, and help us to live as one with one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever.

We offer you, O Lord, our prayers of thanksgiving, [especially for Delores, Carver, Jane, Mary Ann, Sarah, Tristan, and Marcy](#) as they celebrate their birthdays.

And we also bless thy Holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [especially for Patricia Feuerborn, Suzanne Brinsmade, victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, shooting victims at Michigan State University, all victims of gun violence, and all who have perished from contracting the Coronavirus](#), beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

#### CONFESSION

*Officiant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*Officiant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**

*Please pass the peace in a socially distanced manner.*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



# THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Please be seated*

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

## OFFERING

**Online Giving** is available through AccessACS.

Go to [www.trinitymidtown.org](http://www.trinitymidtown.org) and click the "Give" button on the top right, click:

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



## VERSE AND RESPONSE AT PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord

**People** **and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

BCP, page 340

*Please stand as able.*

## SURSUM CORDA

*Celebrant* *The Lord be with you.*

**People** **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* *Lift up your hearts.*

**People** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* *Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.*

**People** **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying,

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**

**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

**People      AMEN.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*BCP, page 336*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,**

**thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People      Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*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 the priest administering the bread approaches you.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou has prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

**Presider** The peace of God which passeth 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 Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

**Officiant** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**People** **Thanks be to God.**

*Thank you for worshiping with us this morning.*

*We would like to thank the Christianson family for their flower dedication.*

*We would like to thank Pat Laubach and the Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero for this week's coffee hour.*

*Please note the following dates are open to host (part/all) coffee hour on March 5, March 26, and April 16.*

*Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or online.*

*We also have flower dedication dates available for April 9 (Easter Sunday), April 16. and April 23.*

*Please sign up to donate on our website.*



### 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. Join us for this beautiful service and fellowship!

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner:

Join us for our annual Shrove Pancake Dinner before Lent begins! We will meet in The Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, February 21st at 6pm. We welcome all donations, suggested amount is \$5/pp. Donated funds will go to the Trinity Youth Program. RSVP [here](#).

### Ash Wednesday:

Join us for our Ash Wednesday services at 7am, 12pm, and 7pm. We will also have Ashes to Go available.

### The Black Christ Book Study:

On Monday, February 27th, 2023 at 7 pm Trinity will have a Zoom book study on “The Black Christ” the 25th Anniversary Edition by Kelly Brown Douglas. We hope you will join us for conversation, learning, and fellowship, RSVP [here](#).

### Blood Drive:

Join us for our first blood drive of 2023 on February 26 from 9am–1pm at the church. Giving blood is a vital part of helping our community and we hope you will take a few minutes to give with us. Free pullovers are given to all donors. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

### Full Lent 2023 Brochure:

We have so many great offerings happening during Lent at Trinity Episcopal. To see everything please visit our Lenten Guide online [here](#).

### More Upcoming Events:

- 2/19: Mardi Gras Coffee Hour
- 2/24–2/25: Diocesan Council in Galveston, TX
- 2/26: Bishop Kathryn M. Ryan visits Trinity Episcopal / Gulf Coast Blood Drive
- 3/25: Women’s Retreat/Quiet Half Day, 9am–1pm (RSVP [here](#))
- 3/26: Family Picnic, 3pm Francis St. Lawn (RSVP [here](#))
- 3/29: Pub Theology, 7pm The Brass Tap with Guest Brad Sullivan author of [For the Hurt, the Blessed, and the Damned](#)

### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

#### Sunday, February 19th, 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
- 11:45 am Mardi Gras Coffee Hour and Sandwich Makers
- 12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III Chapel
- 5:30 pm Evensong (Sanctuary)
- 8:00 pm Compline

#### Monday, February 20th, 2023

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

#### Tuesday, February 21st, 2023

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer
- 6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

#### Wednesday, February 22nd, 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
- 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)

#### Thursday, February 23rd, 2023

- 10:00am Diocesan Council Begins (Galveston)
- 12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

#### Friday, February 24th, 2023

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

#### Saturday, February 25th, 2023

- Diocesan Council Ends

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



### 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, Dick, Teresa, Victims of Violence, Ric, Barbara, Livia, Carolyn, Sylvia, Daniel, Kensington, Theorphilis, Lynn, Joyce, Bob, Cindy, Christine, David, Robert, Phil, Richard, Patty, Jose, Julie, Callie, Billie, Be, Graham, Debbie, Dana, Edgar, Gary, Maryanne, Sam Samantha, Jarrett, Bill.

#### For the faithful departed

Patricia Feuerborn, Suzanne Brinsmade, victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, shooting victims at Michigan State University, all victims of gun violence and all who have perished from contracting the Coronavirus.

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**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!

### Altar Flower Dedications This Week

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of Thomas Leone, great uncle of Liam and Grant Christianson.

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: April 9th (Easter Sunday), 16th, and 23rd.**

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

**Next available dates: March 5th, March 26th, April 16th.**



*Happy Birthday!*

Delores Treadwell, Carver Mathis, Jane Schilmoeller, Mary Ann Collier, Sarah Frazier, Tristan LeGrande Marcy Antuik



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**EVENSONG**

Feb 19th

5:30pm

Historic Church

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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.

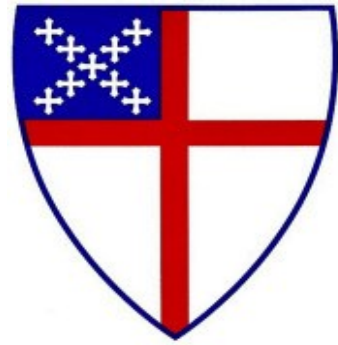
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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