# THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 19, 2023 10:30 a.m.



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

Alex Jones, Organist and Choirmaster

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 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:

https://www.trinitymidtown.org/contact-card-page/

For more information, please visit our website: www.trinitymidtown.org

**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.

**Children 3yrs through 3rd grade** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Meets in room 112 at 9:30 a.m. and the children return to their parents at the passing of the peace.

#### 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.
- Each Sunday, your child may pick up a pew activity in the back of the church.
- 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/

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# LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Lector: Norma Cooper Prayers: Pat Laubach

LEMs: Larry Laubach, Ron Mailloux

Acolytes: Barrett Hess, David Villarreal, Joanne Starbuck, Mark Goza, Mary Cloud

Ushers: Ben Blanding, Lovette Browne, Charles Cooper

Verger: Alex Bruton

Vestry of the Day: Pam Lawson

Altar Guild: Joanne Starbuck, Alex Bruton, Ron Mailloux

Audio Visual: Jeremy Velasquez Online Greeter: Miguel Stonecipher

The High 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 II

10:30 a.m. Historic Church

Please enter in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.

VOLUNTARY

# The Liturgy of the Word



THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, page 355

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

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

Celebrant 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.

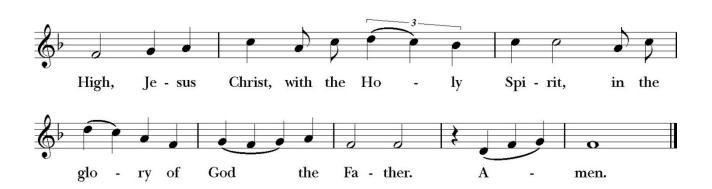
# People Amen.

CANTICLE \$280 Glory to God

**Robert Powell** 







COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and

ever.

People Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON Exodus 24: 12-18

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.

- 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!

THE SECOND LESSON 2 Peter 1: 16-21

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 to you, Lord Christ.

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 to you, Lord Christ.** 

Please be seated.

SERMON The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

Please stand as able.

NICENE CREED

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, FORM VI

BCP, page 392

We invite you to offer any prayers you wish to share in the comment section.

Reader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Reader We pray for Joseph, our president; Kamala, our vice-president; Grea, our

governor; Lina, our county judge; Sylvester, our mayor; and the legislatures,

and courts: For this community, the nation, and the world:

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Reader For the end of systemic racism that divides us; for the just and proper use of

vour creation:

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Reader For all women and men, boys and girls who are homeless this day, and for

all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Reader 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. For the peace and unity of the Church of

God

People For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Reader For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai (pronounced "Kaye"), and

Hector, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale, our clergy; for all who minister

in this place; and for all bishops and other ministers.

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those

who are on our prayer list: Nick, Eugenia, Cintra, Harrison, Byron, Theresa,

and Florence. Hear us, Lord:

People For your mercy is great.

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for Delores,

Carver, Jane, Mary Ann, Sarah, Tristan, and Marcy as they celebrate their

birthdays.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader We pray for all who have died, 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, that they may have a place in

your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

CONFESSION BCP, page 392

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

People Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION BCP, page 360

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our

Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of

the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People Amen.

The children who attended Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will return at this point so that they can participate with their families in the Holy Communion.

Please stand as able.

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. Please be seated.

#### BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see our complete announcements and the Weekly Window at the end 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 and click the "Give" button on the top right, or click: <a href="https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=156477">https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=156477</a>

**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.



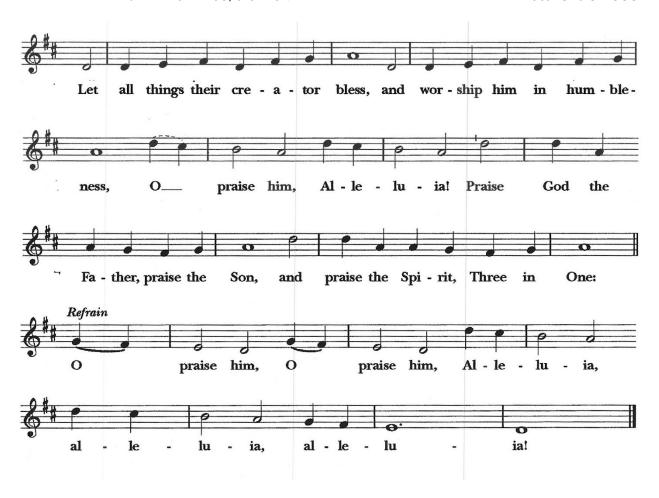
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Panis Angelicus

César Franck (1822-1890)

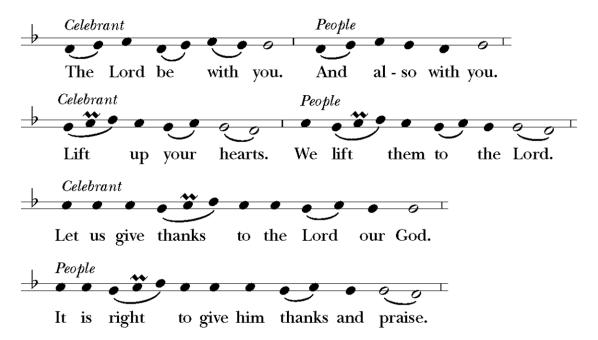
Panis angelicus
Fit panis hominum;
Dat panis cælicus
Figuris terminum:
O res mirabilis!
Manducat Dominum
Pauper, servus et humilis.

Bread of the angel host
Sent down from God above;
Body of Christ our Lord in token of his love:
O gift most wonderful!
Christ as our sacrament:
Humble, lowly,
all share his sacred feast;



GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

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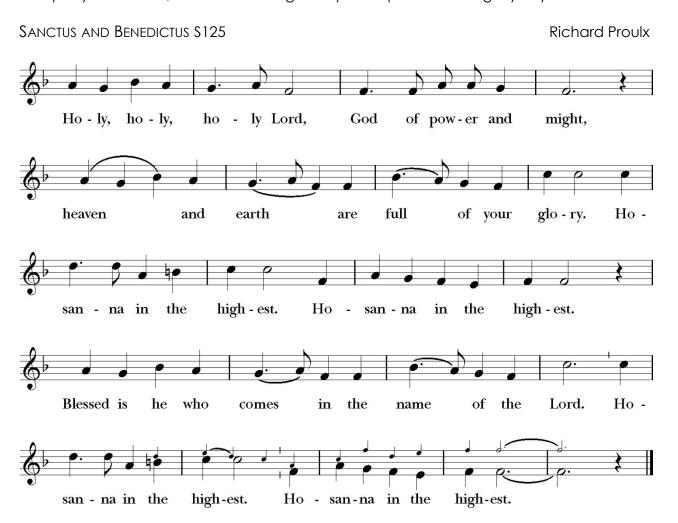


#### The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Please stand or kneel, as able.

#### The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

#### AMEN.

The Celebrant then continues

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

#### Celebrant and People

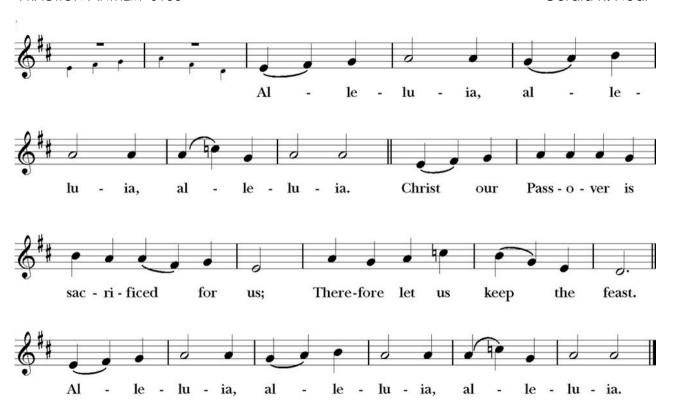
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

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.



INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

AGNUS DEI \$157

John Merbecke



#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Please come forward to receive communion at the Altar rail. 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.

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.



The Celebrant distributes a communion kit saying,

Celebrant On behalf of God and Trinity Parish, we send forth these holy gifts

that those who will be visited may share with us in the communion of

Christ's Body and Blood.

People Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please kneel or stand as able.

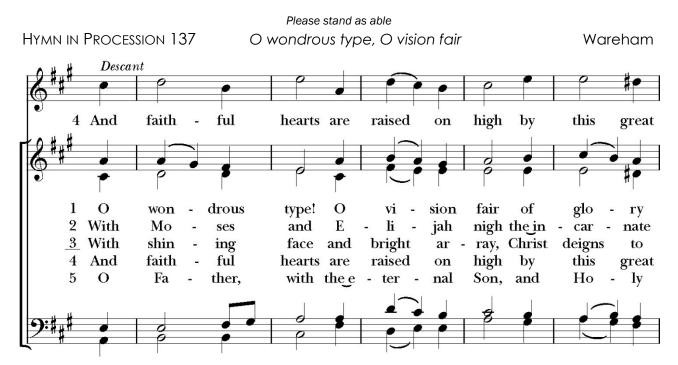
Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING

Presider

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





DISMISSAL Officiant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Please join us for Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall immediately following this service.

Those who wish to listen to the closing Voluntary are invited to come and sit in the Choir.

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# 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.



# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN

February 19, 2023 – Last Sunday After Epiphany Year A

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か MARDI GRAS

# Sunday In-Person Services

8:00 am and 12:30 pm (Chapel) 10:30 am (Historic Church)

# **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.

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# **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 happing during Lent at Trinity Episcopal. To see everything please visit our Lenten Guide online <a href="here">here</a>.

#### 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.

# 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 <a href="https://www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/">www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/</a>.

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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Carver Mathis, Youth Missioner youth@trinitymidtown.org

Pat Laubach, Volunteer Coordinator volunteer@trinitymidtown.org

Carol Turley, Membership Secretary membership@trinitymidtown.org

Larry Laubach, Treasurer finance@trinitymidtown.org

# **Trinity Vestry**

Andy Durham, Senior Warden
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Teddy Adams, Dana Gannon, Larry
Laubach, Steve Lee, Ben Blanding, Eric
Beam, Pam Lawson, Mary Matteucci,
Ann McCoy, John Merullo, Samantha
Rainman, Gladys Vallés, David Villarreal

#### Office Hours

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

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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.

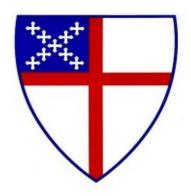
During the late 1910s and 1920s, Trinity entered an era of explosive growth, paralleling that of the city, and became an important center of the Episcopal faith. The congregation's many youth and adult activities were community events that attracted wide attention among the general populace. An integral 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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