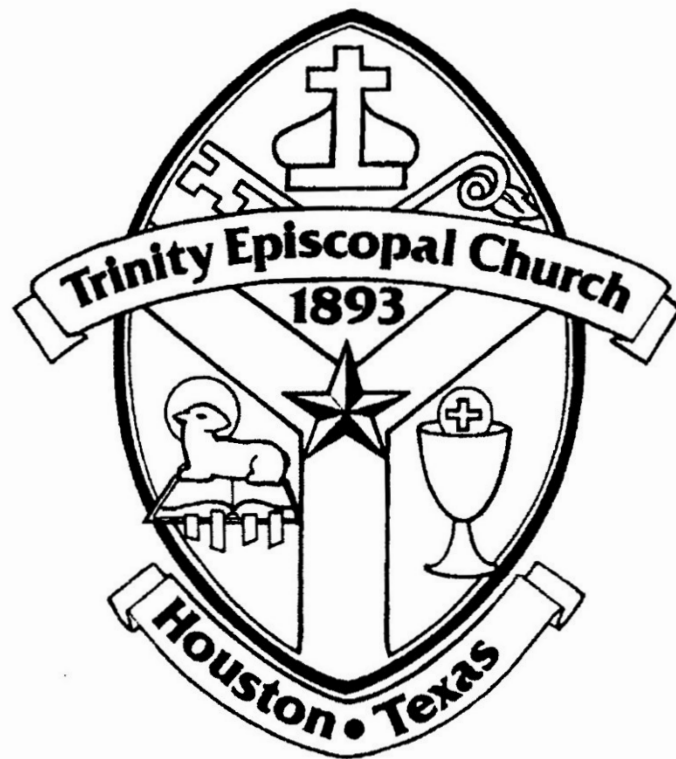


THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 19, 2023
12:30 p.m.



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

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

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

WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

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

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

If you're looking for a new church home, know that the Trinity family welcomes you. We would also appreciate your filling out a virtual visitors card, which can be accessed at this link:

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A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

- Your children are welcome here at Trinity! First, please relax and enjoy your time here. We know that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it.
- To make things easier for your family, dare to sit closer to the front where your child can see what's going on at the altar. Guide them in the liturgy and be models for them. Help them sing the hymns and encourage them to stand/sit when appropriate, say "Amen" and "Thanks be to God," and generally help them be a part of the service. The liturgy belongs to them too.
- If you have to leave, hurry back! Jesus wants the children here, and we do too. If you need help, just ask. There are many here who are willing to lend you a hand.
- Children's activity and worship bulletins are available for download from our website under the "Worship—Bulletins" tab, or following this link:

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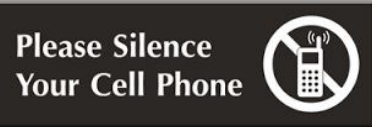
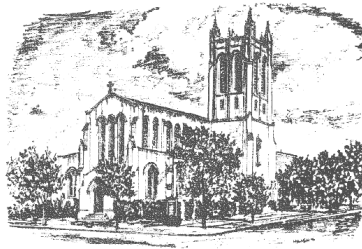
THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

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

SERVING TODAY

Lector: Mary Ann Collier
Prayers: Terri DiRaddo
Acolyte: Linda Davenport
Usher: Andy DiRaddo
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The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Please stand as able.

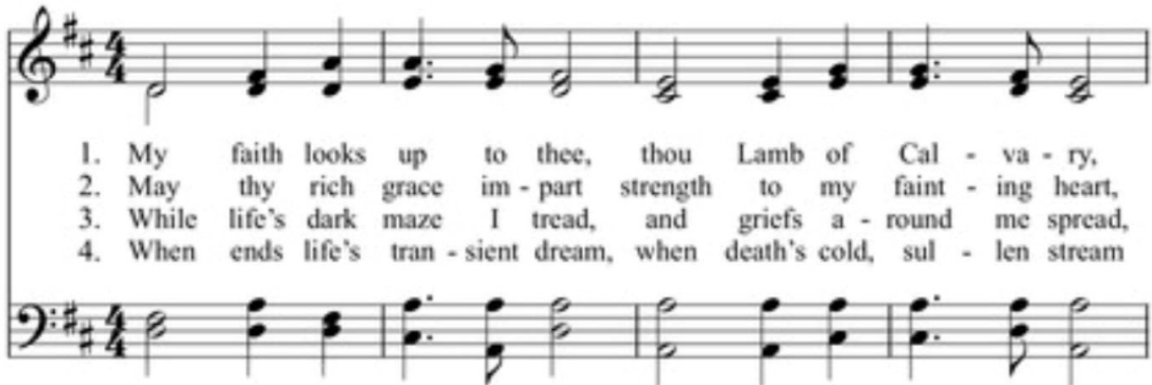
Presider One thing I have asked of the Lord, which I long for, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on your beauty O Lord and to seek you in your temple.

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

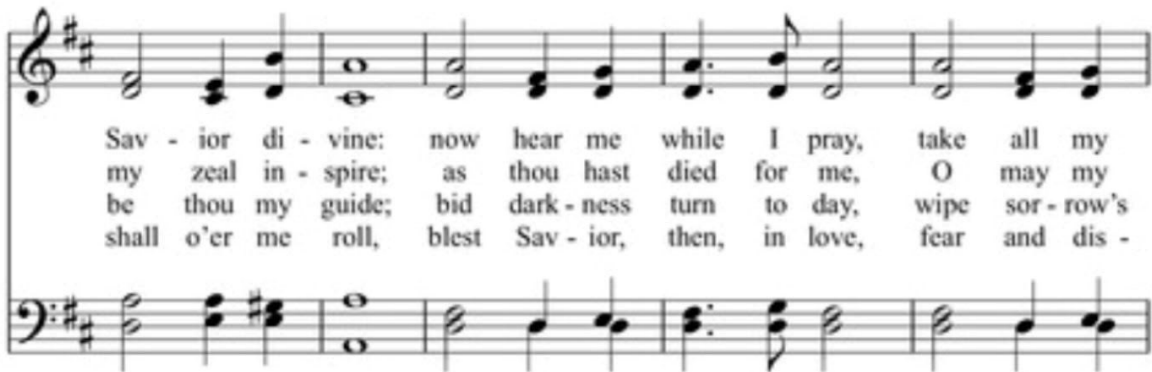
Presider Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN


My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2. May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,
4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine; now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
shall o'er me roll, blest Sav - ior, then, in love, fear and dis -



guilt a - way, O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul.

OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.
God of glory, you gave the vision of your Son to those who watched on the mountain; grant that by our glimpses of him we may be changed into his glorious likeness.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

Presider The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

People Praise and glory to God!

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."

Presider This is the Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to Christ, the Word.

Please be seated

SERMON The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

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

Please stand as able

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response

instrumental intro G^bmaj7 A^b7sus A^b7

Hear our -

[A] 5 F m7 B^bm7 F m7 B^bm7

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

9 G^bmaj7 ⊕ A^b7sus A^b7

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

[B] 13 F m7 B^bm7 F m7 B^bm7

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

17 G^bmaj7 A^b7sus A^b7

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

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

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

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

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

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

Response

Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend 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.

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

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

Let us pray for ourselves and our community. We give thanks for the fellowship of the communities in which we live and work, especially Trinity Church.

We pray for our bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai (*pronounced "Kaye"*), and Hector, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale our clergy; and for all who minister in this place.

We commend to your keeping ourselves and each other, our families, those with whom we work and learn, our neighbors and our friends. Enable us by your Spirit to live in love for you and for one another.

Response

We give thanks that you are the God who brings mercy and wholeness. Comfort and heal, we pray, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble, especially for those we now name: [Nick, Eugenia, Cintra, Harrison, Byron, Theresa, and Florence](#).

[Heavenly Father, our neighbor has nowhere to call home: help us be aware. Our neighbor needs love and community: help us be active. Our neighbor is crying out for justice: help us be adamant to see an end to homelessness.](#)

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, [especially for 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](#). Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfillment of your kingdom.

We give you thanks for your servants in every age, especially for [Delores, Carver, Jane, Mary Ann, Sarah, Tristan, and Marcy](#), who are celebrating their birthdays.

Response

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

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

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

Response

instrumental intro G^bmaj7 A^b7sus A^b7 Hear our -

A
5 F m7 B^bm7 F m7 B^bm7
prayer - O - Lord hea our - prayer O - Lord - - in -

9 G^bmaj7 ⊕ A^b7sus A^b7
cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our

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

17 G^bmaj7 A^b7sus A^b7
cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord _____
Soft piano improvisation during prayer, play intro to cue next response.

⊕
21 G^bmaj7 A^b7sus A^b7 D^bmaj7
A - nd Gra - nt - us Thy - Pe - ace _____

THE CONFESSION

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

God forgives and heals us.

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

Presider God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself.

THE PEACE

Presider Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.

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

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

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

MUSIC AT THE PEACE

Say a Little Prayer
Please be seated.

Burt Bacharach

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

The Liturgy of the Table

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

OFFERING

Online Giving is available through AccessACS.

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THE OFFERTORY

God Bless the Child

Billie Holiday

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as able.

Presider The Lord is here.
People God's Spirit is with us.

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Presider

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. In him we see you, the eternal God, revealing your glory in our flesh, for he is the light of the nations who illuminates our darkness. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language, with the whole Church on earth and in heaven, joyfully we give you thanks and say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord,
 Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

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

Therefore heavenly Father, in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son, we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died,
 Christ is risen,
 Christ will come in glory.**

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness, we were far off until you brought us near and our hands are empty until you fill them.

As we eat this bread and drink this wine, through the power of your Holy Spirit feed us with your heavenly food, renew us in your service, unite us in Christ, and bring us to your everlasting kingdom. From you, and through you, and for you are all things. To you be the glory for ever,

A - - men, A - - men,
 A - - men, A - - men,
 A - - men, A - - men, A - - men.

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

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

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. My Shep-herd will sup-ply my need, Je - ho - vah is His Name;
 2. When I walk thro' the shades of death, Thy pres-ence is my stay;
 3. The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;

in pas - tures fresh He makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.
 a word of Thy sup-port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
 O may Thy house be mine a - bode, and all my work be praise!

He brings my wand - ring spir - it back when I for - sake His ways;
 Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my ta - ble spread,
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;

and leads me, for His mer-cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows, Thine oil a - noints my head.
 no more a stran - ger or a guest, but like a child at home.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as able.

Presider Blessed be God who calls us together.
People Praise to God who makes us one people.

Presider Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.
People Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.

Presider Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.
People Praise to God who is revealed as love.

Presider Blessed be God who alone has called us.
People Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.

Presider Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.
People Accept our thanks for all you have done.

Presider Send us now into the world you love.
**People Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

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



1. I am weak, but thou art strong;
 2. Through this world of toil and snares,
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,

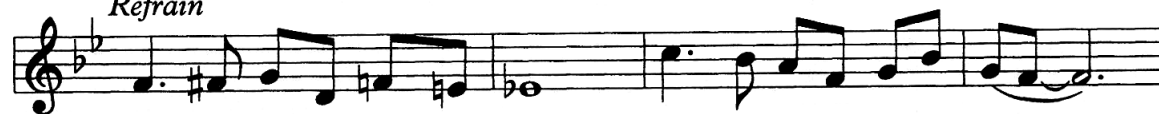


Je - sus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
 if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den
 time for me will be no more; guide me gent - ly, safe - ly



long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
 shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
 o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.

Refrain



Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,



dai - ly walk - ing close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

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 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.



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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.

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, Theophilis, 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 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.



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Monday–Thursday 9 am – 4 pm
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Happy Birthday! Delores Treadwell, Carver Mathis, Jane Schilmoeller, Mary Ann Collier, Sarah Frazier, Tristan LeGrande, Marcy Antuik



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Feb 19th

5:30pm

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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.

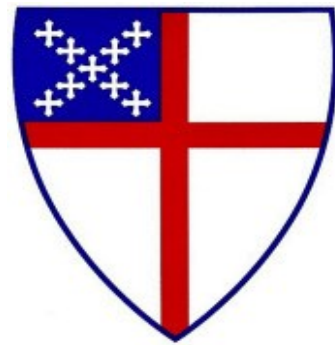
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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