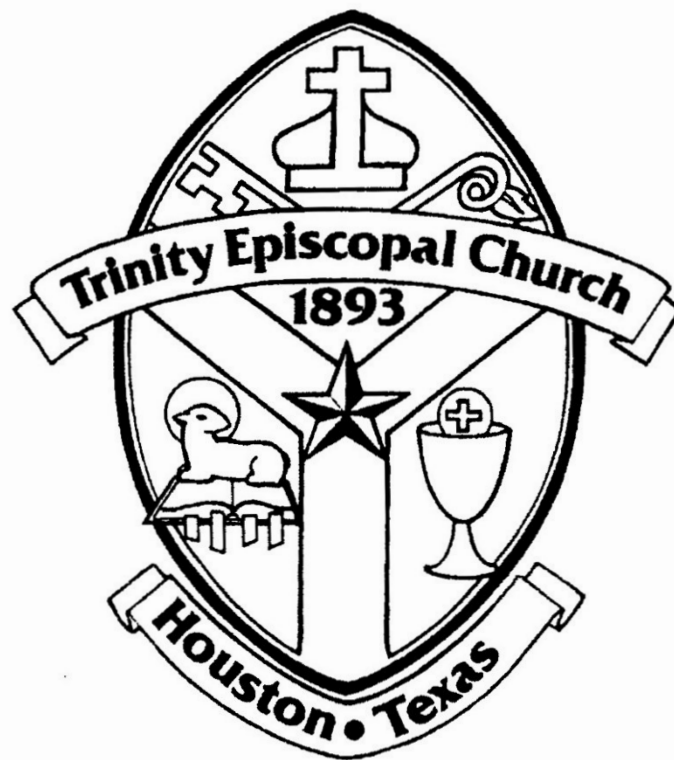


# THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 26, 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:

<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

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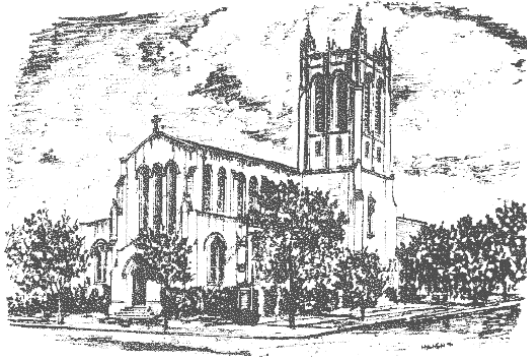
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Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*  
Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*  
Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*  
Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*  
Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

## THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

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

## SERVING TODAY

Acolyte: Barrett Hess  
Lector: Linelle Clark  
Greeter: David Theis  
Usher: Andy Durham  
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Online Greeter: Pam Lawson  
Vestry of the Day: Samantha Rainman  
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport



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## The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

THE GREAT LITANY

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,

**Have mercy on us.**

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

**Savior, deliver us.**

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

**Savior, deliver us.**

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

**Savior, deliver us.**

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

**Savior, deliver us.**

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

**Savior, deliver us.**

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

**Savior, deliver us.**

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

**Savior, deliver us.**

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

**Savior, deliver us.**

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

**Savior, deliver us.**

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God,

**Hear us, O Christ.**

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

**Hear us, O Christ.**

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

**Hear us, O Christ.**

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

**Hear us, O Christ.**

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

**Hear us, O Christ.**

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

**Hear us, O Christ.**

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

**Hear us, O Christ.**

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

**Hear us, O Christ.**

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

**Hear us, O Christ.**

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

**Hear us, O Christ.**

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

**Hear us, O Christ.**

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

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Bless and keep all your people,

**Hear us, O Christ.**

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

**Hear us, O Christ.**

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

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit, especially [Bill](#), [Nick](#), [Eugenia](#), [Harrison](#), [Byron](#), [Theresa](#), [Florence](#) and [Vinod](#), and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute,

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

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

**Hear us, O Christ.**

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

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died, [especially for Cintra Todd, Thomas Leone, Patricia Feuerborn, victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, all victims of gun violence, and all who have perished from contracting the Coronavirus](#); and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory,

**Hear us, O Christ.**

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

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

#### OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

God, you know better than we the temptations that will bring us down. Grant that our love for you may protect us from all foolish and corrupt desire. Praise to you our God; you answer prayer.

**People Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

#### THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People Thanks be to God.**

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

## THE GOSPEL

*Please stand as able*

Matthew 4: 1-11

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

*Please be seated*

## SERMON

The Reverend Dale Klitzke, Priest Associate

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

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

## THE CONFESSION

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

God forgives and heals us.

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

Presider God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself.

## THE PEACE

Presider Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.

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

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

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

## MUSIC AT THE PEACE

Let It Be

*Please be seated.*

## 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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**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.



## THE OFFERTORY

Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes



Presider The Lord is here.  
**People God's Spirit is with us.**  
 Presider Lift up your hearts.  
**People We lift them to the Lord.**  
 Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Presider

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness, we were far off until you brought us near and our hands are empty until you fill them. As we eat this bread and drink this wine, through the power of your Holy Spirit feed us with your heavenly food, renew us in your service, unite us in Christ, and bring us to your everlasting kingdom. From you, and through you, and for you are all things. To you be the glory for ever,

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

Prisider 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.**

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

COMMUNION HYMN

You Alone Are Holy



1. You a-lone are ho - ly; \_\_\_\_\_ you a-lone are wor - thy; \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. You a-lone are ho - ly; \_\_\_\_\_ you a-lone are wor - thy; \_\_\_\_\_  
 1. Só-lo tú e-res san - to, \_\_\_\_\_ só-lo tú e-res dig - no, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Só-lo tú e-res san - to, \_\_\_\_\_ só-lo tú e-res dig - no, \_\_\_\_\_



- you are filled with splen - dor \_\_\_\_\_ and with awe-some won - der. \_\_\_\_\_  
 — you are filled with splen - dor \_\_\_\_\_ and with awe-some won - der. \_\_\_\_\_  
 — tú e - res her - mo - so \_\_\_\_\_ y ma - ra - vi - llo - so. \_\_\_\_\_  
 — tú e - res her - mo - so \_\_\_\_\_ y ma - ra - vi - llo - so. \_\_\_\_\_



- For our sins you suf - fered, \_\_\_\_\_ died and res - ur - rect - ed, \_\_\_\_\_  
 — Send your Ho - ly Spir - it; \_\_\_\_\_ may it shine up - on us. \_\_\_\_\_  
 — En la cruz mo - ris - te \_\_\_\_\_ y re - su - ci - tas - te; \_\_\_\_\_  
 — De - rra - ma tu Es - pí - ri - tu \_\_\_\_\_ y que tu luz bri - lle; \_\_\_\_\_



- grant - ing us sal - va - tion, \_\_\_\_\_ giv - ing us e - ter - nal life. \_\_\_\_\_  
 — Let your won - drous glo - ry \_\_\_\_\_ with its ra - diance fill this place. \_\_\_\_\_  
 — tú me dis - te vi - da \_\_\_\_\_ y muy pron - to vol - ve - rás. \_\_\_\_\_  
 — que tu glo - ria lle - ne \_\_\_\_\_ aho - ra mis - mo es - te lu - gar. \_\_\_\_\_

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Please stand as able.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE BLESSING

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

**People Amen**

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley



1. Je - sus walked \_\_\_\_\_ this lone - some val - ley;  
 2. We must walk \_\_\_\_\_ this lone - some val - ley;  
 3. You must go \_\_\_\_\_ and stand your tri - al;



he had to walk \_\_\_\_\_ it by him - self. \_\_\_\_\_  
 we have to walk \_\_\_\_\_ it by our - selves. \_\_\_\_\_  
 you have to stand \_\_\_\_\_ it by your - self. \_\_\_\_\_



— Oh, no - bod - y else \_\_\_\_\_ could walk it for him;  
 — Oh, no - bod - y else \_\_\_\_\_ can walk it for us;  
 — Oh, no - bod - y else \_\_\_\_\_ can stand it for you;



he had to walk \_\_\_\_\_ it by him - self. \_\_\_\_\_  
 we have to walk \_\_\_\_\_ it by our - selves. \_\_\_\_\_  
 you have to stand \_\_\_\_\_ it by your - self. \_\_\_\_\_

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 Blanding family 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.  
Easter flower orders are now available on our website.*



**THE WEEKLY WINDOW**  
OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN  
February 26, 2023 – First Sunday of Lent Year A

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**Sunday In-Person Services**  
8:00 am and 12:30 pm (Chapel)  
10:30 am (Historic Church)

**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](#).

**Stations of the Cross:**

March 1st: Outdoor Installation by Adam Kufeld begins.  
March 3rd: Indoor Installation, Contemporary Stations of the Cross by Esael Araujo begins.  
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Friday Stations of the cross will be livestreamed at 12pm

We invite you to take time to meditate on the Stations of the Cross as you reflect during the Lenten season. Thank you to those who have contributed this year.

**Blood Drive**

It takes just one hour to donate blood, but that one hour can change everything. Let's make a difference and save lives in our community! Join us this Sunday from 9am-1pm to give the gift of life. We are once again partnering with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center and we hope to see you at the Donor Coach!

Click [HERE](#) to schedule your appointment!

Want to save time at your donation?  
Complete your health history interview in advance with [CFL Express Pass!](#)

**Women's Retreat/Quiet Half Day:**

The Women's ministry will sponsor a quiet retreat time on Mar. 25, 9:30am-1pm. Our schedule includes Morning Prayer; Labrynth Walk; Intro to Wil Gafney's Women's Lectionary; Writing/Journaling; Sharing; Stretching and Meditation; Middyay Prayer and Lunch. We hope to see you there. You can RSVP [here](#).

**Lent Brochure and Parish Life Guide:**

For a complete guide to all our offerings during Lent at Trinity Episcopal, please click [here](#).

For our Spring 2023 Parish Life Guide please click [here](#).

**More Upcoming Events:**

2/26: Bishop Kathryn M. Ryan visits Trinity Episcopal / Gulf Coast Blood Drive  
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 26th, 2023**

Bishop Ryan Visit  
8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I Chapel  
9:00 am Sunday Meditations (Zoom)  
9:00 am Blood Drive  
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  
12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III Chapel  
8:00 pm Compline

**Monday, February 27th, 2023**

5:30 pm Evening Prayer  
7:00 pm The Black Christ Book Discussion (Zoom)

**Tuesday, February 28th, 2023**

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

**Wednesday, March 1st, 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

**Thursday, March 2nd, 2023**

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

**Friday, March 3rd, 2023**

10:00 am Garden Club  
12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

**Saturday, March 4th, 2023**

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, Vinod, and Jarrett.

### For the faithful departed

Cintra Todd, Thomas Leone, Patricia Feuerborn, victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, all victims of gun violence and all who have perished from contracting the Coronavirus.

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### Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour

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.**



For Easter Flower ordering click [HERE](#).

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

### Office Hours

Monday–Thursday 9 am – 4 pm  
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## THE SEASON OF LENT

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

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

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

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

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

## A HISTORY OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

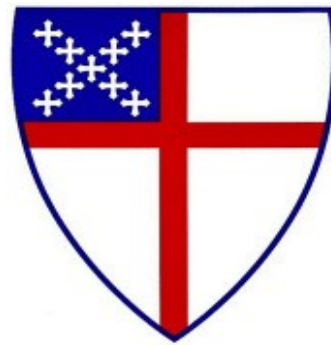
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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

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

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

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





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