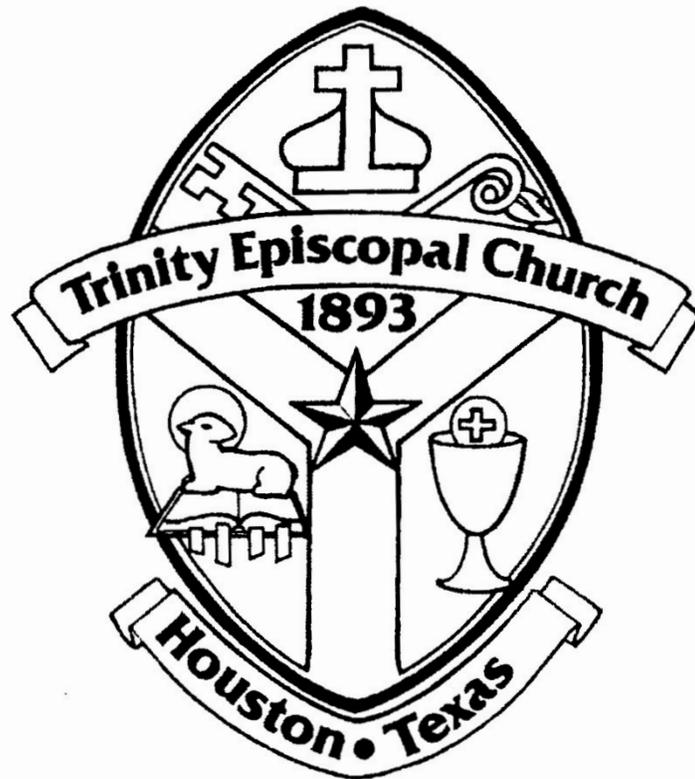


# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 3, 2021  
12:30 p.m.



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***Making God's Presence Real  
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## WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! We're glad you chose to worship with us this afternoon. 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.

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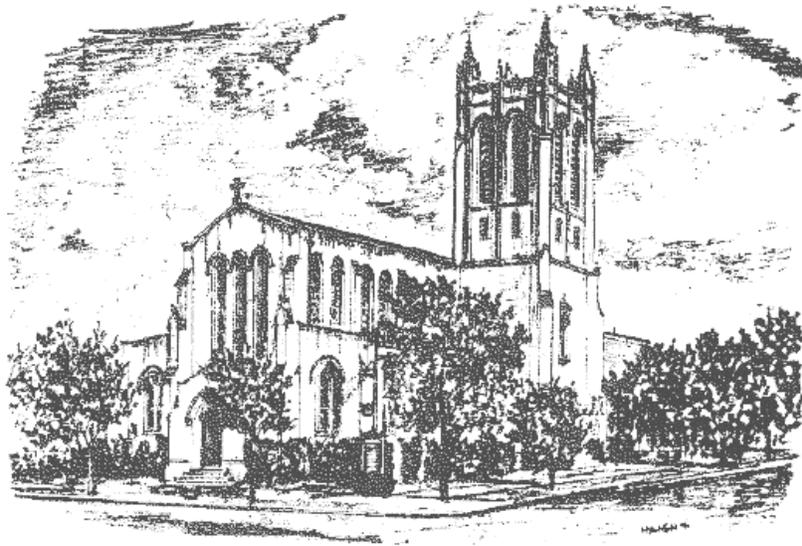
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# The Liturgy of the Word

## INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

### WELCOME

*Please stand as able.*

Presider

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

**People**

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

Presider

Let us worship God.

### OPENING HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King:  
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!  
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous-ness!

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off-spring of the Vir - gin's womb:  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,

With th'an - gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King." A-men.

## OPENING PRAYER

Presider Eternal God, giver of love and peace, you call your children to live together as one family; give us grace to learn your ways and to do your will, that we may bring justice and peace to all people, in the Name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God now and for ever.

**People Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31: 7-14

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

*Please stand as able*

Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

Presider The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**People Praise and glory to God!**

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee.

There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

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

*Please be seated*

SERMON The Reverend Canon Dr. Henry L. Atkins, Jr., Theologian in Residence

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Response**

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 8/8 time. The lyrics are: Lord in Your mer - cy Lord in Your mer - cy He - ar our prayer oh Lord Lord in Your mer - cy he - ar our prayer he - ar our prayer. The score includes measure numbers 5, 9, and 13.

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 Donald, our president; Greg, our governor; Sylvester, our mayor; Lina, our county judge; Joe, our president-elect; Kamala, our vice-president-elect, and for 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 Mouneer Anis and the Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria. In the diocesan cycle of prayer for All Saints', Austin; Calvary, Bastrop; and Christ Church, Cedar Park. In the ministry cycle of prayer for Fabian Berrios and the Youth Ministry.

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, Hector, Jeff and Kai, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Henry our clergy.

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**

Let us pray for those in need, and for all teachers and front-line workers who are courageously assisting others during this pandemic.

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: Oliver, Eula, Bill, Jocelyn, Charles, Gloria, Joe, Ramona, Etsu, Pat, Lee, Carolyn, Letha, Susan, David, Doug, Alison, Brett, Marisa, Marisa's student, Van, Randy, and Andrea.

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, Juan Castillo, Doyle Perkinson, Tommy Lakes, Jr., Bob Kirby, and all who have perished by 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 these who are celebrating their birthdays: Benjamin, Nancy, Sheree, Joyce, Vickie, Pam, Richard, Brian, Bob, Colleen, and Gary.

**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**

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 Give Peace to Ev'ry Heart

Give peace to ev'ry heart,  
Give peace to ev'ry heart.  
Give peace, Lord —  
Give peace, Lord.

# The Liturgy of the Table

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

## VIRTUAL OFFERING

**Online Giving** is available through AccessACS.

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## THE OFFERTORY

### The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy



1. The vir - gin Ma - ry had a ba - by boy, the
2. The an - gels sang when the ba - by was born, the
3. The shep - herds came where the ba - by was born, the
4. The Wise Men came where the ba - by was born, the



vir - gin Ma - ry had a ba - by boy, the  
an - gels sang when the ba - by was born, the  
shep - herds came where the ba - by was born, the  
Wise Men came where the ba - by was born, the



vir - gin Ma - ry had a ba - by boy, }  
an - gels sang when the ba - by was born, } and they  
shep - herds came where the ba - by was born, }  
Wise Men came where the ba - by was born, }

### Refrain



say that his name is Je - sus. He come from the glo - ry,



he come from the glo - rious king - dom. He come from the



glo - ry, he come from the glo - rious king - dom. Oh,



yes! be - liev - er! Oh, yes! be - liev - er! He come from the



glo - ry, he come from the glo - rious king - dom.

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; male and female you created us.

Above all we give you thanks and praise for your grace in sending Jesus Christ, not for any merit of our own but when we had turned away from you. In him the light which shines for all has come into the world, and he has become one with us that we may become one with you.

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.

As Christ teaches us, we pray:

**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.**

AGNUS DEI

Presider Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

**People have mercy on us.**

Presider Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

**People have mercy on us.**

Presider Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

**People grant us your peace.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

*For the duration of the current pandemic we will offer communion in one kind, the bread only. The priest will offer to those present wafers spaced apart on a bread plate. Please take one without touching the others and consume it as you return to your seat.*

## 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. The first Now - ell the an - gel did say Was to cer - tain poor  
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing in the  
 3. And by the light of that same star, Three wise men  
 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west; O'er Beth - le -

shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay a - keep - ing their  
 east be - yond them far, And to the earth it gave great  
 came from coun - try far; To seek for a king was their in -  
 hem it took its rest; And there it did both stop and

*Refrain\**  
 sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
 light, And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 tent, And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went. Now - ell, Now -  
 stay, Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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 May Christ, our infant savior give you the joy of the Bethlehem shepherds, the awe of the worshipping sages and the humility and love of the holy family. May you become as little children, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

**People** Amen

Em C  
 God rest ye mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let no - thing you dis -  
 From God out Hea - v'nly Fa - ther a bles - sed An - gel  
 "Fear not then," said the An - gel, "Let no - thing you a -  
 Now to the Lord sing pra - ises, all you with - in this

4 B7 Em  
 may, Re - mem - ber, Christ our Sa - vior was  
 came, And un - to cer - tain Shep - herds brought  
 fright, This day is born a Sa - vior a  
 place, And with true love and bro - ther - hood each

7 C B7 Am  
 born on Christ - mas day. To save us all from  
 ti - dings of the same: How that in Beth - le -  
 bles - sed ho - ly sight, To free all those who  
 o - ther now em - brace; This Ho - ly Child of

10 G B7 Em D7  
 Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray, O  
 hem was born the Son of God by Name,  
 trust in Him from Sa - tan's pow'r and might."  
 Christ - mas shall fill our hearts with grace:

13 G B7 Em D7  
 ti - dings of com - fort and joy, Com - fort and joy O

17 G B7 Em  
 ti - dings of com - fort and joy.

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

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

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People We go in the name of Christ.**

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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.

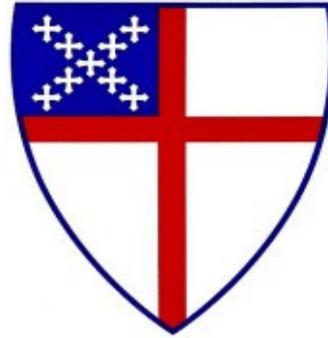
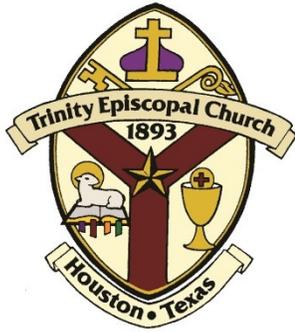
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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