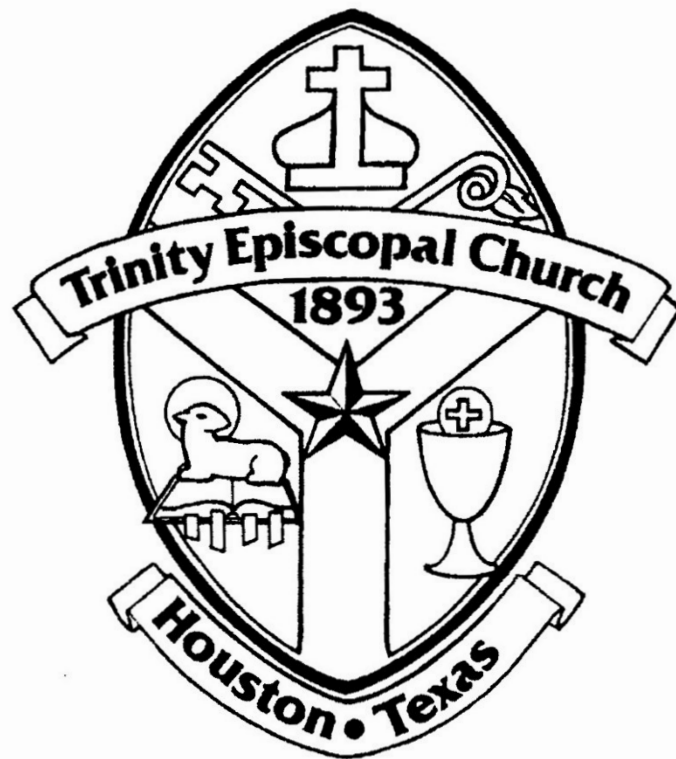


# THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 7, 2024  
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:

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

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For questions about how to connect with us, please email  
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**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.

### 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.

### VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*

John Escoto, *Junior Warden*

Eric Beam

Ben Blanding

Pam Lawson

Mary Matteucci

Ann McCoy

John Merullo

Samantha Rainman

Gladys Vallés

David Villarreal

Michele White

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Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*

Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*

Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*

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Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*

Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

## THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

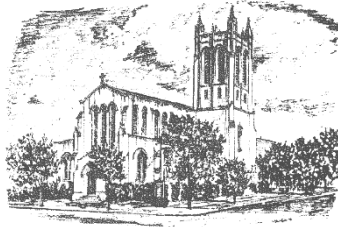
Vocals: April Sloan-Hubert  
Piano: Phillip Hall, guest musician  
Flute, Clarinet: Ernesto Vega  
Bass: Alfred Kennedy

## SERVING TODAY

Lector: David Theis  
Prayers: Marcy Antiuk  
Acolyte: Barrett Hess  
Usher: Bob Davenport  
Audio Visual: Paul Bower  
Online Greeter: Pam Lawson  
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport

The Altar flowers in the Morrow Chapel are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of mothers who adopt children.

The flowers in the Chapel of the Holy Trinity are dedicated to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our family and friends who helped celebrate our union by Rachel and Christian Robinson.



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# The Liturgy of the Word

## INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

*Please stand as able.*

**Presider** God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

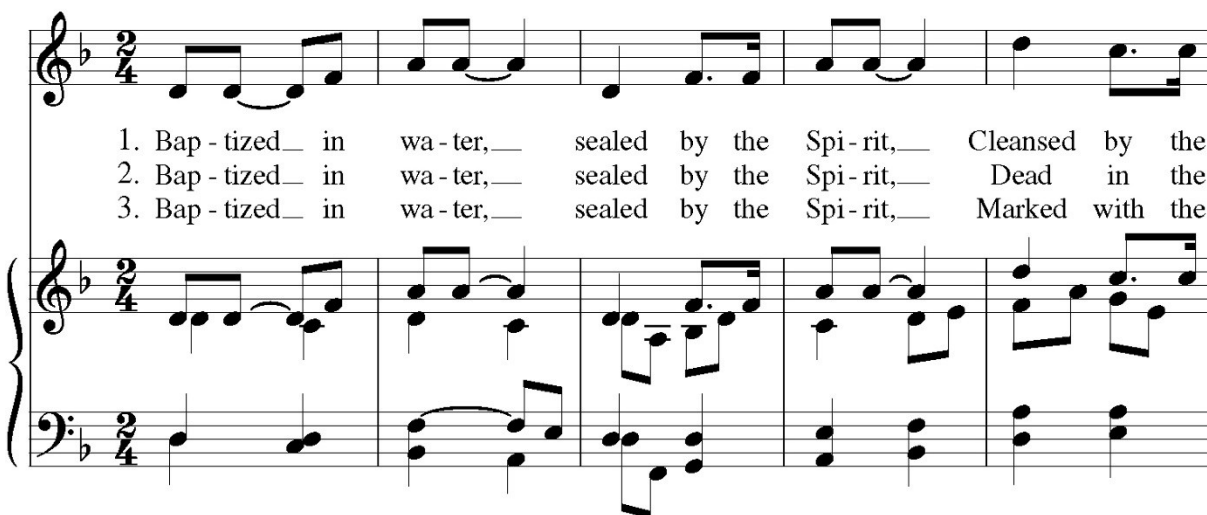
**People** **God is with us, here we find new life!**

**Presider** Let us worship God.

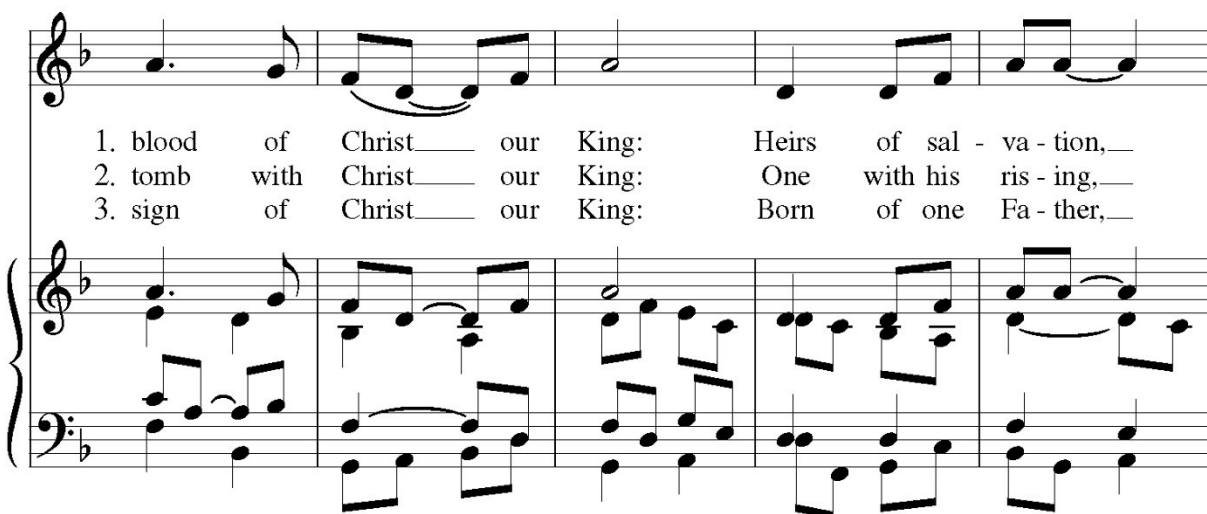
## OPENING HYMN

## Baptized in Water

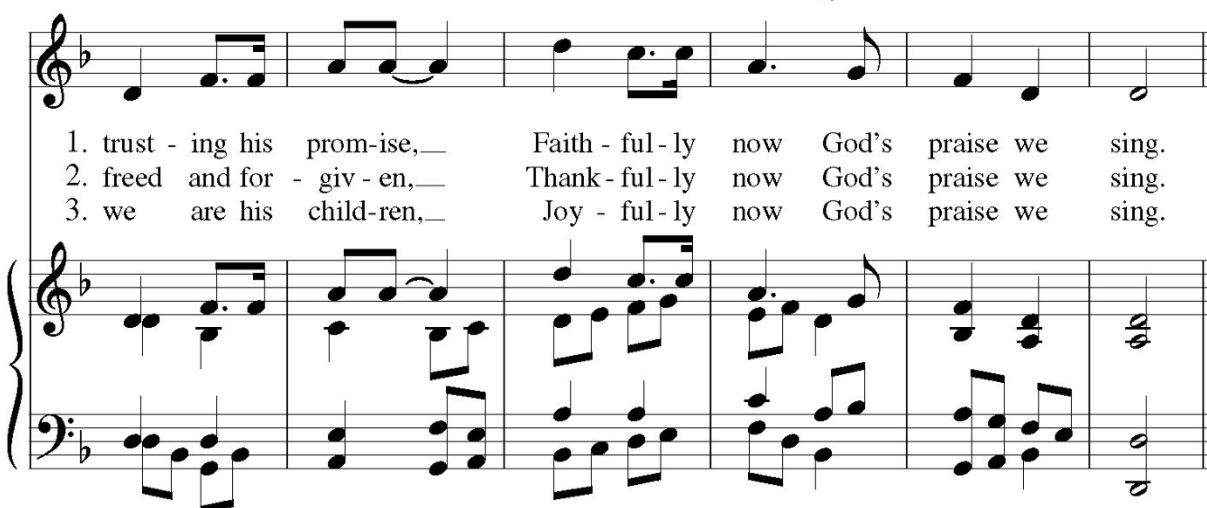
LEVAS, page 121



1. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, Cleansed by the  
2. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, Dead in the  
3. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, Marked with the



1. blood of Christ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion,  
2. tomb with Christ our King: One with his ris - ing,  
3. sign of Christ our King: Born of one Fa - ther,



1. trust - ing his prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
2. freed and for - giv - en, Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
3. we are his child - ren, Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

## OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.  
Holy Spirit, as you drove Jesus into the wilderness, when John baptized him and the heavens opened, drive us to wrestle and reflect so that we may fulfil our baptism, and live the life of victory. This we ask through the same Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

**People Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1: 1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 19: 1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

*Please stand as able*

Mark 1: 4-11

Presider The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**People Praise and glory to God!**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

*Please be seated*

SERMON The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Associate Rector

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

*Please stand as able*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Response**

When we pray dear God hear our pra-yers Lord we  
know You are al - ways the - re On You  
Lord we cast ev - ery ca - re Oh  
1. Lo-rd hear us when we pray 2. Lo-rd hear us when we pray

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; John, 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 Mark Strange, and the Scottish Episcopal Church](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [All Saints', Austin; Calvary, Bastrop; Christ Church, Cedar Park; and Church of the Cross, Lake Travis](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Joanne Starbuck and the Hospitality Apartments ministry](#). 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: [Bill, Nick, Bob, Dale, Edith, Graeme, Christopher, Donna, Jason, Clyde, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Monica, Wally, Dorothy, Daniel, Brenda, Pamela, Danya, and Sylvia.](#) 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 [Chester Joseph Stasney, Jr., the victims of war in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine, and all victims of gun violence.](#) 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 [Gayle and Camilla,](#) 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*

**Final Response**

When we pray dear God hear our pra-yers Lord we know You are al - ways the - re On You Lord we cast ev - ery ca - re Oh Lo - rd hear us when Oh Lo - rd hear us when Oh Lo - rd hear us when we pray

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

Burt Bacharach

*Please be seated.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Phillip Hall, piano

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.

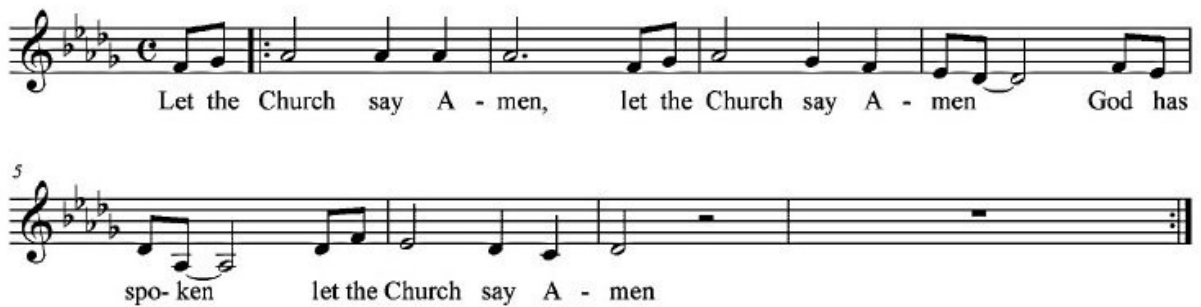
After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

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,



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

COMMUNION HYMN

Take Me to the Water

LEVAS, page 134

1. Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the  
 2. None but the right - eous, none but the  
 3. I love Je - sus, I love  
 4. He's my Sav - ior, He's my

1. wa - ter, take me to the wa -  
 2. right - eous, none but the right -  
 3. Je - sus, I love Je -  
 4. Sav - ior, He's my Sav -

1. ter to be bap - tized.  
 2. eous shall see God.  
 3. sus, oh yes, I do.  
 4. ior, oh yes, He is.

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 Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord.  
**Amen.**
- May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of a new birth.  
**Amen.**
- May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts.  
**Amen.**
- And the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.  
**Amen.**

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

Wade in the wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.

**Fine**

1. See that host all dressed in white,  
 2. See that band all dressed in red,  
 3. Look o - ver yon-der, what do I see? God's a-gon-na trou-ble the  
 4. If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,

1. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - elite,  
 2. Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,  
 3. The Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me,  
 4. Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,

wa - ter.

God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.

**D.C.**

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 morning.*

*Lift Every Voice and Sing II,  
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*We would like to thank Tony Huffman for hosting this morning's coffee hour.*

*Please note that all Sundays in the new year from January 21 are open  
to host (part/all) coffee hour.*

*Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or online, or scan this QR code:*





## BULLETIN INSERTS

### January 7, 2024 – Epiphany 1 (B) Baptism of Our Lord

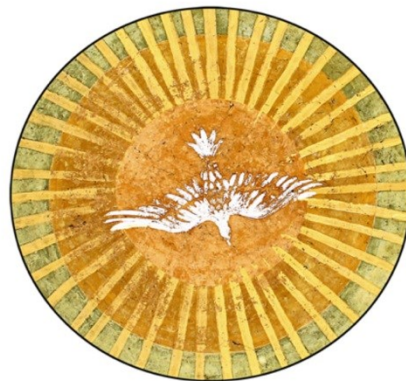
*The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord is celebrated each year on the Sunday following the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6. The event of Christ's baptism is recorded in all four gospel accounts:*

“In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased’” (Mark 1:9-11).

“Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased’” (Luke 3:21-22).

“The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God’” (John 1:29-34).

“Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’ But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.’ Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased’” (Matthew 3:13-17).



*Detail from 13th-century fresco above baptismal font, Zica monastery, near Kraljevo, Serbia.*



## THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN  
January 7, 2024 – First Sunday after Epiphany, Year B

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

### Women's Circle– Tuesday, January 9th, 11am (Masterson)

Please note the first women's circle of 2024 will be on Tuesday, January 9th at 11am. We invite all women of Trinity and friends to join us as we begin a new year and realign ourselves with the Spirit of God and experience communion together.

### Episcopal Way– Saturday, January 13th, 9am (Smith)

Our next Episcopal Way class will be January 13th at 9am with Rev. Luz. The class will give you a deeper understanding of the Episcopal Church and help you find your place in the life of our church. These classes are free and open to everyone; people new to the Episcopal Church are especially encouraged to attend. After completing the course, you will be ready to be Baptized, Confirmed, or Received into the Episcopal Church. Please RSVP [here](#).

### Church Offices Closed – Jan. 15th, MLK Day

Please note that the church office will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day on Jan. 15th.

### A Case for Love – Jan. 23rd (Showing at Select Locations)

Please mark your calendars to attend one of the showings for the film "A Case for Love" featuring Bishop Michael Curry on January 23rd. Rev. Hannah will be attending the 7pm showing at Greenway Movie Theater. Get tickets [here](#).

#### Showings: 4pm and 7pm

- AMC Gulf Pointe 30: 11801 S Sam Houston Pkwy E, Houston, TX 77089
- Regal Edwards Greenway Grand Palace: 3839 Wesleyan St, Houston, TX 77027
- Cinemark Hollywood Pasadena and XD: 2101 TX-8 Beltway, Pasadena, TX 77503

### Houston Marathon – Sunday, January 14th

Please note that the Houston Marathon will be on Sunday, January 14th. Please plan accordingly for traveling to church. Street closures link [here](#).

### Vestry Candidates 2024

The Trinity Vestry proudly nominates the following slate of Vestry Candidates for 2024: Tony Huffman, Jeanne Sommerfeld, Brent Chambers, and Andréa Shiloh.

### Annual Meeting – January 28th 9:15am–10:15 am

Please plan to join us for our Annual Parish Meeting on January 28th from 9:15am–10:15 am in the fellowship hall. We will have some brief presentations from the Vestry, Ministry heads, and Clergy on various church matters including our annual giving report, church budget, voting for new vestry, 2024 plans, and more! A simple breakfast will be served. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Pub Theology – January 31st, 7pm at The Mucky Duck

Please plan to join us for our first Pub Theology of 2024! We look forward to seeing you at The Mucky Duck at 7pm for fellowship, discussion, and prayer!

### Church Retreat! April 12th–14th– Registration Coming Soon!

Please mark your calendar for our all church retreat at Camp Allen for April 12–14, 2024! We will have more information and registration coming soon! We hope you will be a part of this special weekend of fellowship and learning as we gather together as a church community!

### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

#### Sunday, Jan 7th, 2024

7:30am – 1:30pm Nursery Open  
 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)  
 9:00 am Sunday Meditations (Zoom)  
 9:30 am Education Hour for All  
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)  
 11:45 am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)  
 12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Chapel)  
 8:00 pm Compline (Facebook)

#### Monday, January 8th, 2024

12:00 pm Yoga w/Saba (Atrium 2)  
 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

#### Tuesday, January 9th, 2024

11:00am Women's Circle (Masterson)  
 12:00pm The Listening Post  
 5:00 pm Pastoral Care Team (Zoom)  
 5:30 pm Evening Prayer  
 6:00 pm Property Committee (Zoom)  
 6:30pm Finance Committee (Zoom)

#### Wednesday, January 10th, 2024

10:30 am Staff Meeting (Weekly)  
 12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)  
 5:30 pm Evening Prayer  
 6:00 pm Healing Service  
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, January 11th, 2024

12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)  
 5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)  
 6:30pm Listening Heart (Masterson)

#### Friday, January 12th, 2024

12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)  
 5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

#### Saturday, January 13th, 2024

9:00 am Episcopal Way Class (Smith)

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





### 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.

Bill, Nick, Bob, Dale, Edith, Graeme, Christopher, Donna, Jason, Clyde, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Monica, Wally, Dorothy, Daniel, Brenda, Pamela, Danya, Sylvia, Allegra, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Stephen, Emily, Van, Dick, Victims of Violence, Ric, Barbara, Sylvia, Joyce, Bob, David, Robert, Susan, Cindy, Patty, Dana, Emilia, Gaby, Florence, Carolyn, Rick, Charles, Harrison, Kathy,, Erma, Mary, Chris, Guillermo, Holly, Ray, Barbara, Howard , Claudie, Romy, Gary, Bryce, Rose, Bart, and Marie.

#### For the faithful departed:

Chester Joseph Stasney, Jr., the victims of war in Israel, Palestine and Ukraine and all victims of gun violence.

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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: January 14th, 21st, and 28th.



Sign-ups for coffee hour hosts are available, please sign up online to volunteer [here](#) or scan QR code below. For questions or further information please click [here](#) to contact Jamie Chambers

Next available dates: Jan 21st, Jan. 28th, and Feb. 4th.



*Happy Birthday!*

**Gayle Davies-Cooley, Camilla Harvey**

#### Office Hours

Monday–Thursday 9 am – 3 pm  
Friday 9 am – 1 pm

If you have building concerns please email [parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org).



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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.

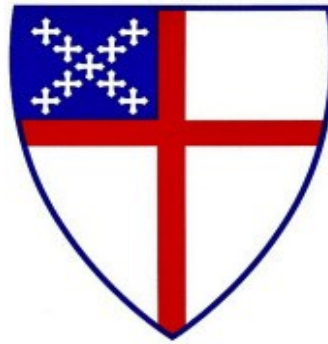
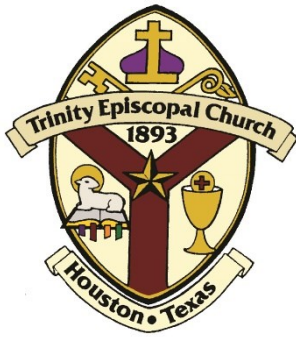
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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