## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 8, 2023 10:30 a.m.



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

Alex Jones, Organist and Choirmaster

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

## WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! We're glad you chose to worship with us. We follow the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to guide our worship. In this leaflet, you'll find everything you need to follow along printed.

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

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

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

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

**Facebook Live Stream**. Please be advised that this service is live streamed through our Trinity Facebook Page and YouTube channels. By participating in the service, you are consenting to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your children who participate.

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

#### A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

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

https://www.trinitymidtown.org/childrens-bulletins/

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Jim Castro, Assistant Clerk of the Vestry

## LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Lector: Harrison G. Moore, IV

Prayers: Shelby Bradley

LEMs: Ron Mailloux, Pat Laubach

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Usher: Ken Jones, David Villarreal, Barrett Hess

Verger: Steve Lee

Altar Guild: Mark Goza, Catherine Guthrie

Audio Visual: Jeremy Velasquez Online Greeter: Miguel Stonecipher

The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and in celebration of our 54th wedding anniversary by Pat and Larry Laubach





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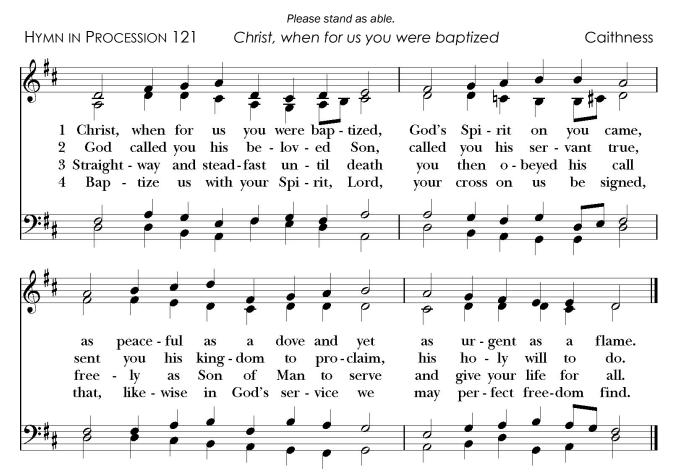
## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

10:30 a.m. Historic Church

Please enter in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.

VOLUNTARY

## The Liturgy of the Word



THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Officiant Ble

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

**People** 

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, page 355

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.







COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 42: 1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \* ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \* worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \* the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \* the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \* the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \* and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \* the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \* and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord \* all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \* the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*
  the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

THE SECOND LESSON Acts 10: 34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ-he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE 139 When Jesus went to Jordan's stream

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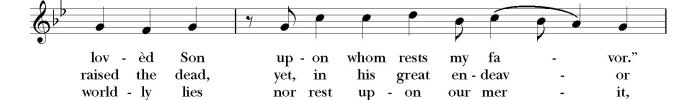


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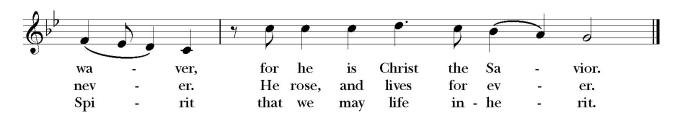
"This is my dear be taught, he He he healed, Then let heed not





And till God's will done ful - ly is to save his own blood was shed; us, in Christ who bap - tize but trust will

will he bend ornot but death could hold him the with wa - ter and



THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 3: 13-17

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord. **People Praise to you, Lord Christ.** 

Please be seated.

SERMON The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Curate

Please stand as able.

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures:

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Please stand as able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

BCP, page 392

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

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

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

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

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

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

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

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

your creation;

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

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

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

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

Reader In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for the Most Reverend Stephen Than Myint

Do and the Church of the Province of Myanmar. In the diocesan cycle of prayer for Church of the Cross, Lake Travis; Epiphany, Burnet; and Good Shepherd, Austin. In the ministry cycle of prayer for Elmer Romero and Foundation Cristosal. For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

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

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

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

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

People For all who serve God in his Church.

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

who are on our prayer list: Bill, Eula, Joyce, Maryanne, Gary, John, Edgar,

Larry, Nick, and Jarrett.

Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

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

Camilla, Daniel, Rachel, Andrew, and John as they celebrate their birthdays.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader We pray for all who have died, especially for all who have perished by

contracting the Coronavirus, and all victims of gun violence, that they may

have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

CONFESSION BCP, page 392

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

People Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

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

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

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

ABSOLUTION BCP, page 360

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

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

the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People Amen.

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

Please stand as able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please pass the peace in a socially distanced manner.

Please be seated.

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

#### **OFFERING**

**Online Giving** is available through AccessACS.

Go to www.trinitymidtown.org and click the "Give" button on the top right, or click: https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=156477

**Texting.** Send the message **heartofmidtown** to **73256**. Be sure to type heartofmidtown with no spaces, or autocorrect may insert information about a different church. The prompt will ask for a credit card number which can be kept on file for future contributions.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Like as the Hart

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks

so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for the living God, yea, even for the living God.

When shall I come to appear before God?

My tears have been my meat day and night,

While they daily say unto me,

Where is now thy God?

My tears have been my meat day and night, my meat day and night.

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks,

so longeth my soul after thee, O God,

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God.

When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 400, stanza 7

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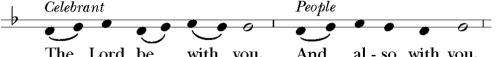
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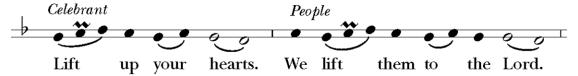


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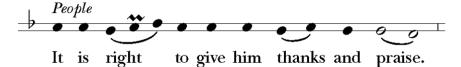


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.





Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

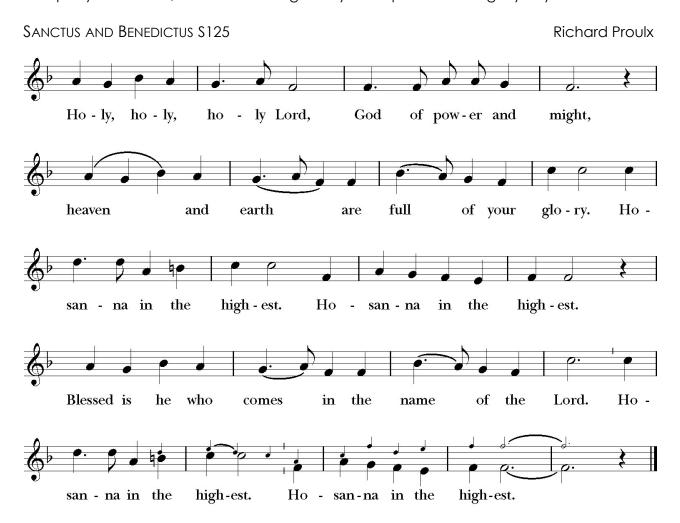


#### The Celebrant proceeds

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

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

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



Please stand or kneel, as able.

#### The Celebrant continues

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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

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

The Celebrant continues

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

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

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

## AMEN.

The Celebrant then continues

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

## Celebrant and People

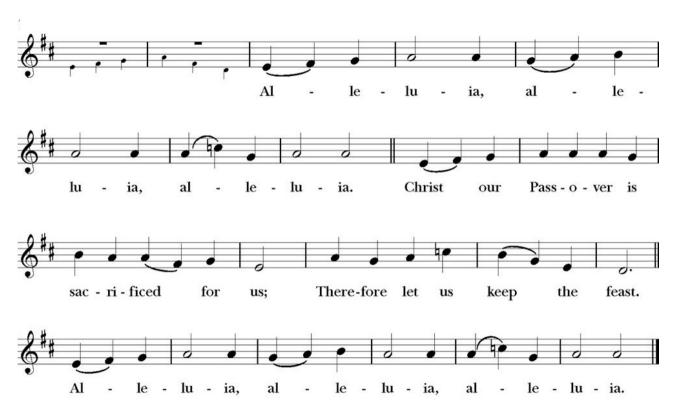
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.



INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

AGNUS DEI \$157 John Merbecke



## Instructions for Holy Communion

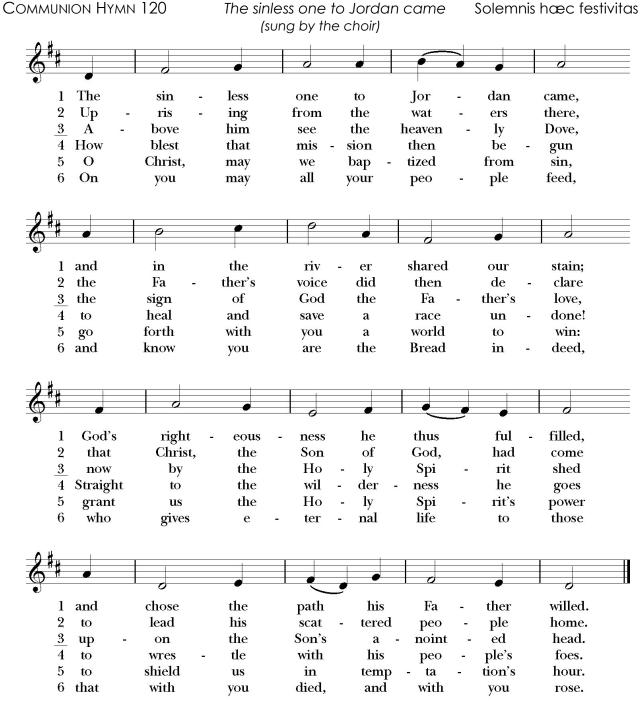
Please come forward to receive communion at the Altar rail. If you wish to partake of the chalice, you may do so by intinction. Intinction is done by dipping a host into the wine, and is completely optional. If you prefer, it is perfectly fine to continue receiving the host only. If you are unable to come forward for communion, it will be brought to you in your pew.



We offer a gluten-free bread option for those with dietary restrictions who wish to receive communion. To receive a gluten free wafer, please clasp your hands with palms facing each other when you come forward for communion.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion is prayed by those at home unable to partake of communion in person

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, our souls, and our minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.



The Celebrant distributes a communion kit saying,

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

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

Christ's Body and Blood.

People Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please kneel or stand as able.

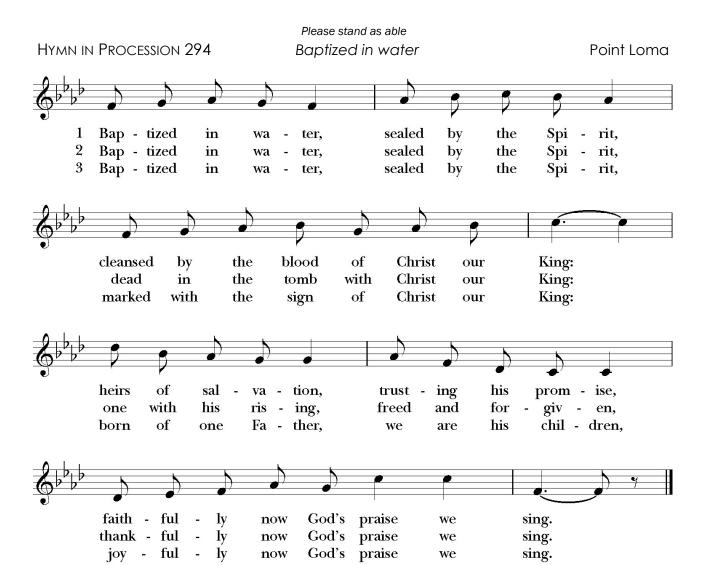
Celebrant and People

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

#### THE BIESSING

Presider

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



DISMISSAL

Officiant Go

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**VOLUNTARY** 

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

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## Sunday In-Person Services



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

# The Trinity Vestry proudly presents the 2023-2026 slate of Vestry candidates:

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Andy Durham, Samantha Rainman, David Villarreal, and Gladys Válles

Council Delegates : Madeline Mauk, Jeanne Sommerfeld

Vestry members will be elected at Trinity's Annual Parish Meeting on January 22, 2023, in Fellowship Hall from 9:15 am - 10:15 am

## Together for Joy 2023 Stewardship Campaign Update:

The stewardship campaign is coming to a close. Help Trinity build a light-filled future by pledging at

https://www.trinitymidtown.org/2023-stewardship-campaign/

Goal \$525,000.00

Total Pledged: \$348,085.00

## The Episcopal Way:

Our Episcopal Way class will be this October on Saturday the 8th. The class teaches a deeper understanding of the Episcopal Church and its ways. Open to all who desire a fuller appreciation of the Episcopal Church; especially those who are new to the tradition, desiring to be baptized, Confirmed, or Received into the Episcopal Church. Topics include Anglican History, Episcopal History, Theology and Mission of the Episcopal Church, Ecclesiology, Liturgy, and the Book of Common Prayer. If you are interested in attending classes please email curate@trinitymidtown.org

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

#### Sunday, January 8th, 2023

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I Chapel 9:00 am Sunday Meditations (Zoom) 9:30 am Education Hr for All – I – 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, January 9th, 2023

5:30 pm Evening Prayer 8:00 pm Trinity Communications Mtg (Zoom)

## Tuesday, January 10th, 2023

11:00 am Women's Circle Masterson Rm 5:00 pm Pastoral Care team mtg (Zoom) 5:30 pm Evening Prayer 6:00 pm Property Committee (Zoom) 6:30 pm Finance Committee (Zoom)

#### Wednesday, January 11th, 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 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, January 12th, 2023

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

## Friday, January 13th, 2023

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

## 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, Mary, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Linelle, Jill, Stephen, Emily, Van, Kensington, Theresa, Marvin, Ric, Margaret, Livia, Barbara, Larry, Carolyn, Sylvia, Be, Linda, Shelby, Stephen, Barbara, Daniel, Minnie, Jeanette, Eddie, Theorphilis, Lynn, Vanessa, Ellis, Margaret, Cindy, Cristine, Tony, Dick, Maribel, Emma, Armando, Susan, Joyce, Bob, David, Steven, Robert, Phil, Susan, Virginia, Renard, Richard, Patty, Tom, Tony, Jim, Jose, Julie, Callie, Rodney, Billie, Graham, Erma, Debbie, Dana, and Kathy.

## For the faithful departed

All who have perished by contracting the coronavirus, and all victims of gun violence.

## Altar Flower Dedications This Week

The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and in celebration of our 54th wedding anniversary by Pat and Larry Laubach.

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up at <a href="https://www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/">www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/</a>

Sign-ups for Coffee hour hosts for this January are also now available, please email Pat at volunteer@trinitymidtown.org if you are interested. Please remember without continued volunteer support coffee hours will only happen on Sundays that have a volunteer signed up.



Gayle Davies-Cooley, Camilla Harvey, Daniel Camacho, Rachel Wood Burns, Andrew Wood, John Bruton.





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Pat Laubach, Volunteer Coordinator volunteer@trinitymidtown.org

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#### **Trinity Vestry**

Andy Durham, Senior Warden John Escoto, Junior Warden Eric Beam, Ben Blanding, Jim Castro, Terri DiRaddo, Pamela Lawson, Mary Matteucci, Ann McCoy, John Merullo, Sheila Wainwright, and Michele White.

## **Winter Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday 9 am - 4 pm Friday 9 am - 1 pm Closed Week of December 26-Jan 2, 2023 Offices Re-open Tuesday, Jan 3rd, 2023 Closed for MLK day on Jan 16, 2023

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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.

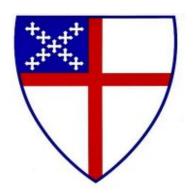
During the late 1910s and 1920s, Trinity entered an era of explosive growth, paralleling that of the city, and became an important center of the Episcopal faith. The congregation's many youth and adult activities were community events that attracted wide attention among the general populace. An integral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