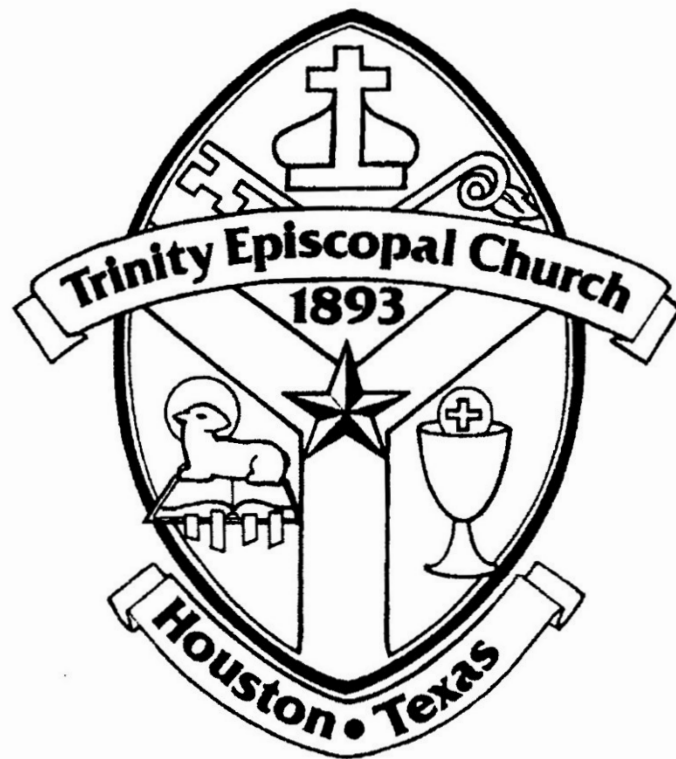


# THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 14, 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:

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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.

### 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

Gladys Vallés

David Villarreal

Michele White

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Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*

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Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

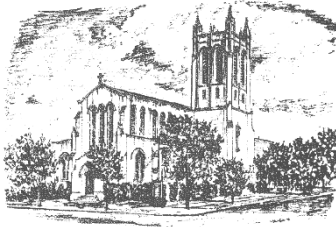
## THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

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

## SERVING TODAY

Lector: Caroline Levander  
Prayers: Theresa McClellan  
Acolyte: Marcy Antiuk  
Usher: Bob Davenport  
Audio Visual: Yvonne Meyer  
Online Greeter: Pam Lawson  
Vestry of the Day: David Villarreal  
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God



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# The Liturgy of the Word

## INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

*Please stand as able.*

Presider We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the King of Israel!

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

Presider Let us worship God.

## OPENING HYMN

### Love Lifted Me

LEVAS, page 198

1. I was sink - ing deep in sin, Far from the peace - ful shore, \_\_\_  
2. All my heart to Him I give, Ev - er to Him I'll cling, \_\_\_  
3. Souls in dan - ger, look a - bove, Je - sus com - plete - ly saves; \_\_\_

1. Ver - y deep - ly stained with - in, Sink - ing to rise no more; \_\_\_  
2. In His bless - ed pres - ence live, Ev - er His prais - es sing. \_\_\_  
3. He will lift you by His love Out of the an - gry waves. \_\_\_

1. But the mas - ter of the sea Heard my de - spair - ing cry, \_\_\_  
2. Love so might - y and so true Mer - its my soul's best songs; \_\_\_  
3. He's the mas - ter of the sea, Bil - lows His will o - bey; \_\_\_

1. From the wa - ters lift - ed me— Now safe am I. \_\_\_  
2. Faith - ful, lov - ing ser - vice, too, To Him be - longs. \_\_\_  
3. He your sav - ior wants to be— Be saved to - day. \_\_\_

Love lift - ed me, Love lift - ed me,  
 Love lift - ed e - ven me, Love lift - ed e ven me, When noth - ing  
 else could help, Love lift - ed me; Love lift - ed me.

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Presider** Let us pray.

Praise to you, God, for all your work among us. Yours is the vigor in creation, yours is the impulse in our new discoveries. Make us adventurous, yet reverent and hopeful in all we do. Hear this prayer for your love's sake.

**People** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**THE FIRST LESSON**

1 Samuel 3: 1-20

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end.

*(Continued on page 6)*

"For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

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

#### THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 6: 12-20

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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

#### THE GOSPEL

*Please stand as able*

John 1: 43-51

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

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And

he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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 Lo-rd hear us when we pray 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 Melter Tais, and the Church of the Province of South East Asia](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [Epiphany, Burnet; Good Shepherd, Austin; and Grace, Georgetown](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Ann McCoy, Michele White, and the Trinity Jazz Festival](#). 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, Sylvia, and Ella.**

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 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 **Rachel, Andrew, John, Javiera, and David,** 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





The Celebrant offers this concluding Collect:

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may strive to secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### 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

Paul McCartney

*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

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THE OFFERTORY

Trinity Jazz Ensemble

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,

Let the Church say A - men, let the Church say A - men God has  
 5 spo- ken let the Church say 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 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

Taste and See

LEVAS, page 154

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness

of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and

see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord. **Fine**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.  
 2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.  
 3. Wor - ship the Lord all you peo - ple.

1. His praise shall always be on my  
 2. To - geth - er let us all praise His  
 3. You'll want for noth - ing if you

1. lips; my soul shall  
 2. name. I called the  
 3. ask. Taste and

1. glo - ry in the Lord; for  
 2. Lord and He an - swered me; from  
 3. see that God is good; in

1. He has been so good to me.  
 2. all my trou - bles He set me free.  
 3. Him we need put all our trust.

*D.C.*

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.**

CLOSING HYMN

Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart, O God, — make it ev-er true. —

— Change my heart, O God, —

may I be like you. — You are the

Pot-ter, I am the clay. —

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first staff contains the first two phrases. The second staff contains the second phrase. The third staff contains the third phrase, which includes a triplet of notes. The fourth staff contains the final phrase.

Mold me and make me, this is what I  
 pray. Change my heart, O God, —  
 make it ev-er true. — Change my heart, O God, —  
 — may I be like you. —

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 Jody and Richard Rathburn for hosting  
 this morning's coffee hour.*

*Please note that the upcoming Sundays, January 21, 28, and February 4  
 are available to host (part/all) coffee hour.*

*Please sign up please scan the QR code below or contact Jamie Chambers:  
[jamielynnchambers@hotmail.com](mailto:jamielynnchambers@hotmail.com) or call/text at 832-370-7155 if you need assistance.*

*Thank you!*





# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN  
January 14, 2024 – Second 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)

## 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.

## Taste of Trinity – January 20th, 11am

Taste of Trinity is a group that meets once a month to share a meal. There is no real agenda other than to enjoy good food and get to know people. During January the group convenes for the new year for a Brunch at the church. We invite everyone who would like to be a part of Spring 2024 Taste of Trinity group to join us on Saturday, January 20th at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. Please email John Merullo for more details and to RSVP: [rockhopperlad@gmail.com](mailto:rockhopperlad@gmail.com).

## 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

## Reproductive Freedom Workshop – January 27th, 10am

Join Texas Freedom Network and Shan Shaffer for a workshop on becoming a Reproductive Freedom Congregation. Shan will explore how even progressive faith communities perpetuate silence around reproductive health issues. This workshop will present ways to become inclusive and welcoming of all women, providing safe space to worship and share their reproductive stories. Please RSVP [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 14th, 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 15th, 2024

MLK Holiday – Church Closed

### Tuesday, January 16th, 2024

12:00pm The Listening Post  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer  
6:30 pm Vestry (Zoom)

### Wednesday, January 17th, 2024

9:00 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 18th, 2024

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

### Friday, January 19th, 2024

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

### Saturday, January 20th, 2024

10:00 am Youth Work Day (Youth Rm)  
11:00 am Taste of Trinity (Fellowship Hall)

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, Ella, 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:

The victims of war in Israel, Palestine and Ukraine and all victims of gun violence.

### 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 21st, 28th, and Feb. 4th.



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!*

Rachel Wood Burns, Andrew Woods, John Bruton, Javiera Bravo-Alegria, and David Williams



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\*Please note we will never ask you for money or gifts via email. Scams are circulating again, so please be aware and cautious.

### Office Hours

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## January 14, 2024 – Epiphany 2 (B) Young Adult Service Corps

Offering a new extended age limit, the Young Adult Service Corps (YASC) invites Episcopalians ages 21 to 35 to consider a year of international mission engagement as their “next faithful step.”

Applications for 2024-2025 placements are being accepted. The deadline to apply online is **Feb. 16**. For more than two decades, YASC participants have served in areas of administration/communication, agriculture, community development, education, health care, parish ministry/chaplaincy, social services, youth work, and more, while participating in the daily life and ministry of churches, cathedrals, and dioceses around the Anglican Communion.

Alumni repeatedly share about the deep, life-changing impact of their year of growth and service. “YASCers cross boundaries, engage with diverse viewpoints, listen deeply, and have the chance to live like Jesus in new ways and places,” said Elizabeth Boe, Episcopal Church mission personnel officer, and former YASC volunteer in Tanzania from 2008-2010. “As Christians, we are a people of story. Some of the best parts of our faith journeys are the surprises and connections we discover along the way. For those in their 20s and early 30s exploring who they are, where they fit in the church and the world, and what difference they can make, YASC might well be the next faithful step in the story of their lives.”



Applicants invited to continue the process have the chance to attend a discernment retreat as a next step toward determining if they want to participate in YASC. The retreat is an opportunity to continue conversations and discernment with others asking similar questions. Those interested in particular fields of service can potentially be matched to those areas.

Since the start of the corps, volunteers have served in more than 40 countries. Potential placement locations for 2024-2025 include, but are not limited to, the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, England, Ghana, Jerusalem, Kenya, Mexico, Oman, Panama, the Philippines, South Africa, Sri Lanka, and Tanzania.

Learn more about YASC and view videos from participants: [iam.ec/yasc](http://iam.ec/yasc). Questions? Contact Elizabeth Boe at [eboe@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:eboe@episcopalchurch.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.

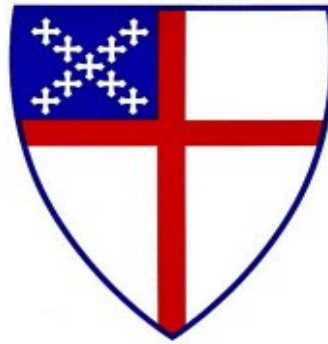
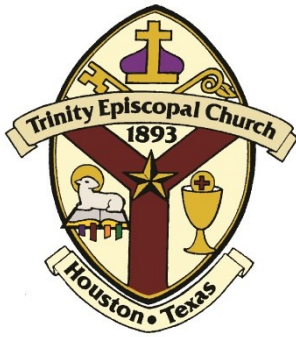
During the late 1910s and 1920s, Trinity entered an era of explosive growth, paralleling that of the city, and became an important center of the Episcopal faith. The congregation's many youth and adult activities were community events that attracted wide attention among the general populace. An integral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