THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 15, 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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LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Lector: Evan Stelly Prayers: John Merullo

LEMs: Norma Cooper, Pat Laubach

Acolytes: Joanne Starbuck, Barrett Hess, David Villarreal, Mary Cloud, Mark Goza

Usher: Ben Blanding, Lovette Browne, Larry Laubach

Verger: Alex Bruton

Vestry of the Day: John Merullo

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Audio Visual: Brett Stevens

Online Greeter: Miguel Stonecipher

The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God





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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

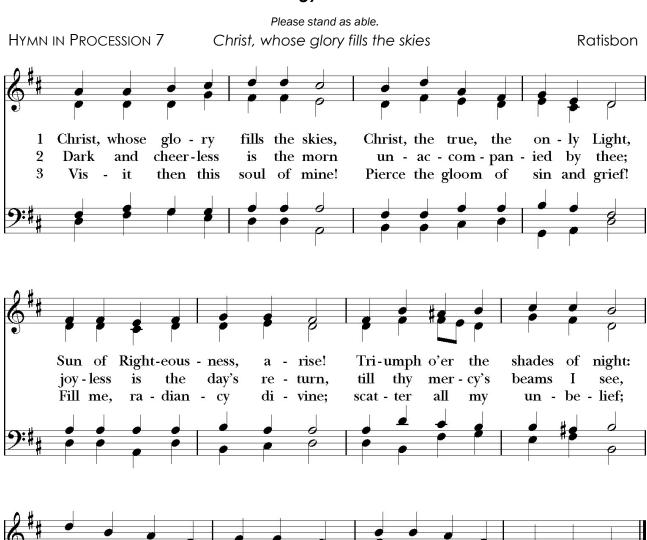
10:30 a.m. Historic Church

Please enter in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.

VOLUNTARY Air

Florence Price (1887-1953)

The Liturgy of the Word





THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, page 355

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

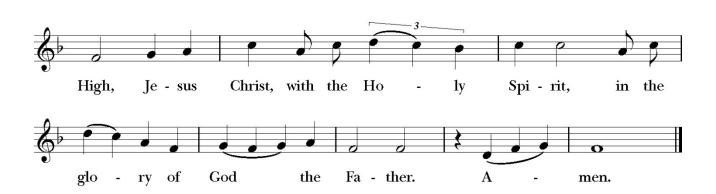
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and

for ever.

People Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 49: 1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

- 1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; *
 he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; * he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; * many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! * they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! * there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! * but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure * (you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, * and so I said, "Behold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart."
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; * behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
 I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
 I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.
- 12 You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; * let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



THE HOLY GOSPEL John 1: 29-42

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John saw Jesus coming toward 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."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

Please stand as able.

NICENE CREED

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 Henry Ndukuba and

the Church of Nigeria. In the diocesan cycle of prayer for Grace, Georgetown; Jubilee Church Plant, Austin; Resurrection, Austin; and San Francisco de Asis, Austin. In the ministry cycle of prayer for Mary Cloud and

the Funeral Ministry. 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, 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 Jack, David,

and Rebecca 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

Let Us Break Bread Together William Lawrence (1895-1981) In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (sung by the choir)

Let us break bread together on our knees, When I fall on ma knees, wid ma face to da risin' sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees, When I fall on ma knees, wid ma face to da risin' sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees, When I fall on ma knees, wid ma face to da risin' sun, O Lord, have mercy, if-a you please. HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 400, stanza 7

Lasst uns erfreuen



Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -





Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:





GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

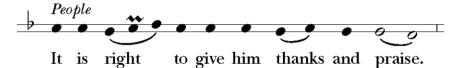
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Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



The Celebrant proceeds

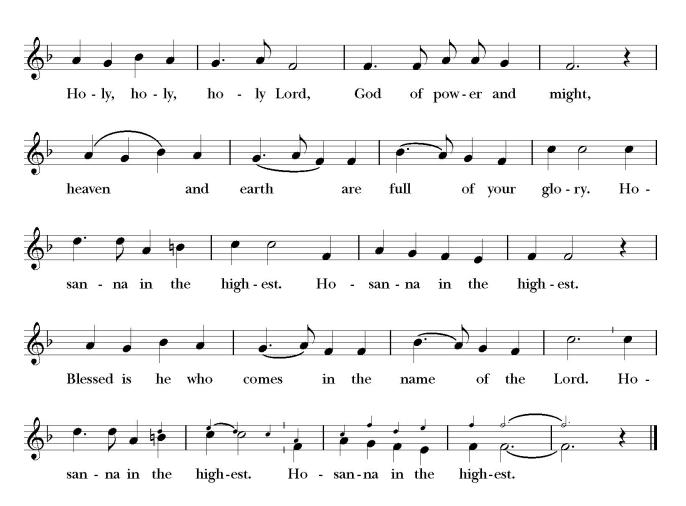
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS \$125

Richard Proulx



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

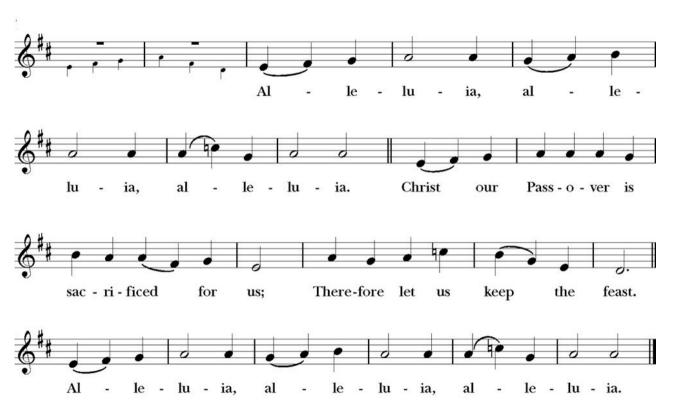
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

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.

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 ANTHEM

At the River Aaron Copland (1900-1990) In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (sung by the choir)

Shall we gather by the river, Where bright angels' feet have trod, With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gather by the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river, Gather with the saints by the river That flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease, Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace.

Yes we'll gather by the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river,
That flows by the throne of God,

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

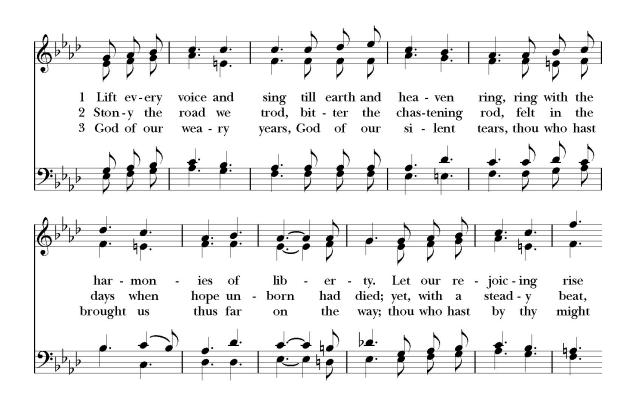
The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. **Amen.**

Please stand as able

HYMN IN PROCESSION 599

Lift every voice and sing

Lift Every Voice





DISMISSAL Officiant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Please join us for Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall immediately following this service.

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





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Martin Luther King Day: January 16, 2023

Church office will be closed. We will reopen on January 17th.

Houston Marathon: January 15, 2023

Please note the Houston Marathon will be taking place this weekend. Please remember to note street closures on your way to services. For course map and closures please click here.

MATCH Family Fun Day: January 15, 2023 1-5pm

Our neighbors at MATCH are hosting a family fun day this weekend. The event has fun activities for the whole family. See more information, click here.

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: \$361,735.00

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

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

The Episcopal Way:

Our Episcopal Way class will be this January on Friday the 27th and Saturday the 28th. 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 15th, 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

11:45 am Sandwich Makers 12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III Chapel 8:00 pm Compline

Monday, January 16, 2023 Offices CLOSED

Tuesday, January 17th, 2023

5:30 pm Evening Prayer6:30 pm Vestry Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 18th, 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 19th, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday, January 20th, 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, Jill, Theorphilis, Lynn, Ellis, Minnie, Stephen, Margaret (Caldwell), Cindy, Cristine, Emily, Van, Dick, Theresa (Fobbs), Daniel, Marvin, Kensington, Victims of Violence, Eddie, Linda (Mire), Shelby, Ric, Barbara, Edgar, Livia, Larry, Carolyn, Sylvia, Emma, Jeanette, Armando, Kathy, Joyce, Bob (Dorries), David, Steven, Robert, Phil, Virginia, Renard, Richard, Patty, Tom (McGinty), Jackie, Tony (Merullo), Be, Jim, Jose, Julie, Callie, Rodney, Billie, Graham, Amy, Erma, Debbie, Dana, Bill, Eula, Joyce Maryanne, Gary, John, Larry (Lanning), Nick, Jarrett, Winnie.

For the faithful departed

All victims of gun violence and all who have perished from contracting the Coronavirus.

Altar Flower Dedications This Week

The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God.

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up at www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/

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.



Rev. Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector rector@trinitymidtown.org

Rev. Luz Cabrera Montes, Curate curate@trinitymidtown.org

Rev. Dale Klitzke, Priest Associate dale.klitzke@gmail.com

Ryan Mire, Front Office Manager FrontOffice@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 for MLK day on Jan 16, 2023

If you have building concerns please email frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org. Thanks!



Jack Quander, David Williams, Rebecca Wood





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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.

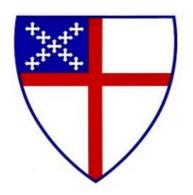
During the late 1910s and 1920s, Trinity entered an era of explosive growth, paralleling that of the city, and became an important center of the Episcopal faith. The congregation's many youth and adult activities were community events that attracted wide attention among the general populace. An integral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