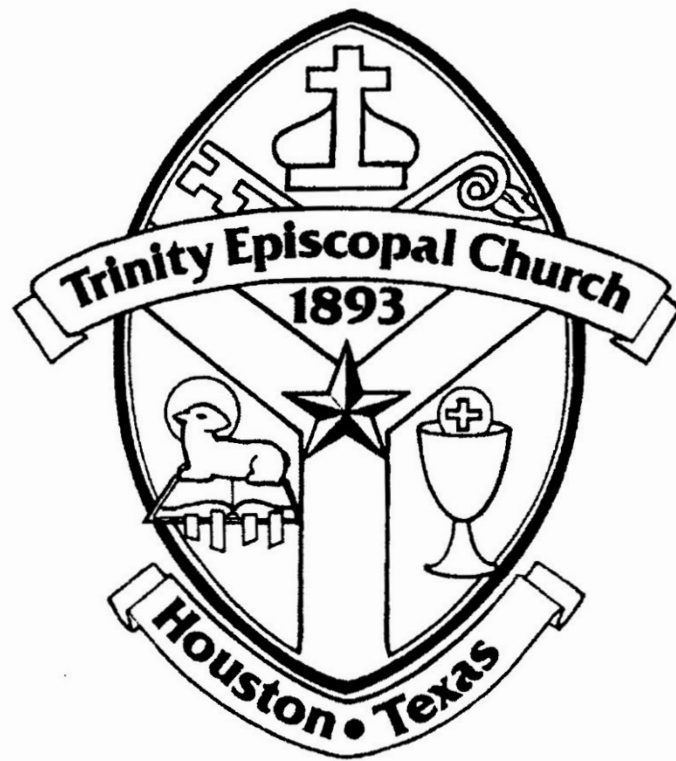


THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 15, 2023
12:30 p.m.



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

April Sloan-Hubert, Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble
Pelayo Parlade, Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble

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

WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! We're glad you chose to worship with us. We adapted the liturgy for this service from *A New Zealand Prayer Book* to guide our worship. In this leaflet, you'll find everything you need to follow along printed.

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

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

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

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

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

- Your children are welcome here at Trinity! First, please relax and enjoy your time here. We know that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it.
- To make things easier for your family, dare to sit closer to the front where your child can see what's going on at the altar. Guide them in the liturgy and be models for them. Help them sing the hymns and encourage them to stand/sit when appropriate, say "Amen" and "Thanks be to God," and generally help them be a part of the service. The liturgy belongs to them too.
- If you have to leave, hurry back! Jesus wants the children here, and we do too. If you need help, just ask. There are many here who are willing to lend you a hand.
- 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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Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*

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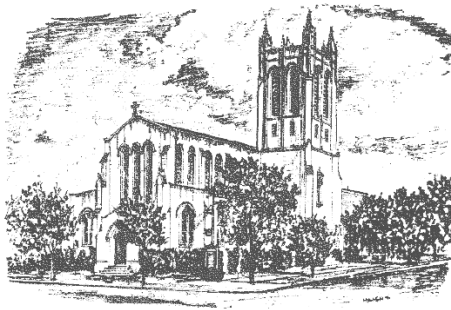
THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

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

SERVING TODAY

Lector: Mary Ann Collier
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The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Please stand as able.

Presider Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us!

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

Presider Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high;

Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life;

I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heav - en to earth _ to show the way, _

_ from the earth _ to the cross _ my debt to pay; _

_ from the cross to the grave, _ from the grave to the sky; _

_ Lord, I lift your name on high.

OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.
Almighty God, give us such a vision of your purpose and such an assurance of your love and power, that we may ever hold fast the hope which is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

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).

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

Please be seated

SERMON The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

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

Please stand as able

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response

instrumental intro Gbmaj7 Ab7sus Ab7

Hear our -

A

5 Fm7 Bbm7 Fm7 Bbm7

prayer - O - Lord - hear our - prayer O - Lord - - in -

9 Gbmaj7 A7sus Ab7

cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our

B

13 Fm7 Bbm7 Fm7 Bbm7

prayer O - Lord - hear - our - prayer O - Lord - - - in -

17 Gbmaj7 A7sus Ab7

cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord

Soft piano improvisation during prayer, play intro to cue next response.

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; Sylvester, 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 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.

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"*), Hector, and Scott, 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

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with an instrumental introduction in G-flat major, 3/4 time, with chords G^bmaj7, A^b7sus, and A^b7. The lyrics "Hear our -" are under the first measure. Section A (measures 5-8) has chords Fm7, B^bm7, Fm7, and B^bm7, with lyrics "prayer - O - Lord hea our - prayer O - Lord - - in -". Section B (measures 13-16) has chords Fm7, B^bm7, Fm7, and B^bm7, with lyrics "prayer O - Lord - hear - our - prayer - O - Lord - - in -". Section C (measures 17-20) has chords G^bmaj7, A^b7sus, and A^b7, with lyrics "cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord ____". A note indicates "Soft piano improvisation during prayer, play intro to cue next response." Section D (measures 21-24) has chords G^bmaj7, A^b7sus, A^b7, and D^bmaj7, with lyrics "A - nd Gra - nt - us Thy - Pe - ace ____".

instrumental intro G^bmaj7 A^b7sus A^b7

Hear our -

A

5 Fm7 B^bm7 Fm7 B^bm7

prayer - O - Lord hea our - prayer O - Lord - - in -

9 G^bmaj7 A^b7sus A^b7

cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our

B

13 Fm7 B^bm7 Fm7 B^bm7

prayer O - Lord - hear - our - prayer - O - Lord - - in -

17 G^bmaj7 A^b7sus A^b7

cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord ____

Soft piano improvisation during prayer, play intro to cue next response.

21 G^bmaj7 A^b7sus A^b7 D^bmaj7

A - nd Gra - nt - us Thy - Pe - ace ____

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](#), [Eula](#), [Joyce](#), [Maryanne](#), [Gary](#), [John](#), [Larry](#), [Nick](#), and [Jarrett](#). 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 all victims of gun violence, and all who have perished from contracting the Coronavirus. Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfillment of your kingdom.

We give you thanks for your servants in every age, especially for these who are celebrating their birthdays: [Jack, David, and Rebecca](#).

Response

O God, we who come before you this day are many and diverse, with different needs and desires.

We ask you to accept our thanksgivings, to guide our ways, and to receive our praise. O God, hear the prayers of your people.

The people may offer their own specific petitions, praises or thanksgivings.

Response

THE CONFESSION

Presider Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. I will confess my sins to the Lord. I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

God forgives and heals us.

People We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us; some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.

Presider God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself.

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

Lovely Day

Bill Withers

Please be seated.

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

The Liturgy of the Table

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

OFFERING

Online Giving is available through AccessACS.

Go to www.trinitymidtown.org and click the "Give" button on the top right, 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.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as able.

Presider The Lord is here.

People God's Spirit is with us.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Presider

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. In him we see you, the eternal God, revealing your glory in our flesh, for he is the light of the nations who illuminates our darkness. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language, with the whole Church on earth and in heaven, joyfully we give you thanks and say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

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

Therefore heavenly Father, in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son, we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come in glory.**

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness, we were far off until you brought us near and our hands are empty until you fill them.

As we eat this bread and drink this wine, through the power of your Holy Spirit feed us with your heavenly food, renew us in your service, unite us in Christ, and bring us to your everlasting kingdom. From you, and through you, and for you are all things. To you be the glory for ever,



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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

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



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

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

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

COMMUNION HYMN

Lord, I Have Seen Thy Salvation

LEVAS, page 153



1. Lord I have seen thy sal - va - tion, Lord I have seen thy sal -
2. Lord I have heard of thy king - dom, Lord I have heard of thy

1. va - tion, drank of the blood, held the
2. pro - mise, looked on thy birth, cried at

1. bo - dy, Lord I have seen, seen with my eyes, seen with my
2. Cal - v'ry, Lord I have heard, Lord I have heard, Lord I have

1. heart. Fell on my knees, down at the al - tar, bowed down my
2. heard. head, whisp - ered a pray - er. Have mer - cy

Lord, I'm not wor - thy, I be -



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 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.

People Amen.

We shall o - ver - come, We shall o - ver - come,

We shall o - ver - come some - day; Oh,

deep in my heart, I do be - lieve, (Oh)

We shall o - ver - come some - day. day.

1.-4. 5.

2. We'll walk hand in hand, today.
3. God is on our side, today.

4. We are not afraid, today.
5. We shall live in peace, someday.

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.

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THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN

January 15, 2023 – Second Sunday After Epiphany Year A

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Sunday In-Person Services

8:00 am and 12:30 pm (Chapel)

10:30 am (Historic Church)

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 Prayer

6:30 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. Rm

5:30 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, Theophilis, 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.



Happy Birthday!

Jack Quander, David Williams,
Rebecca Wood



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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!



For more information on annual giving visit [2023 Stewardship Campaign](#).

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.

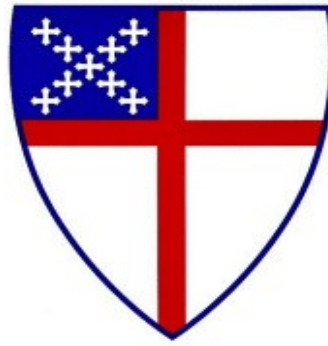
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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