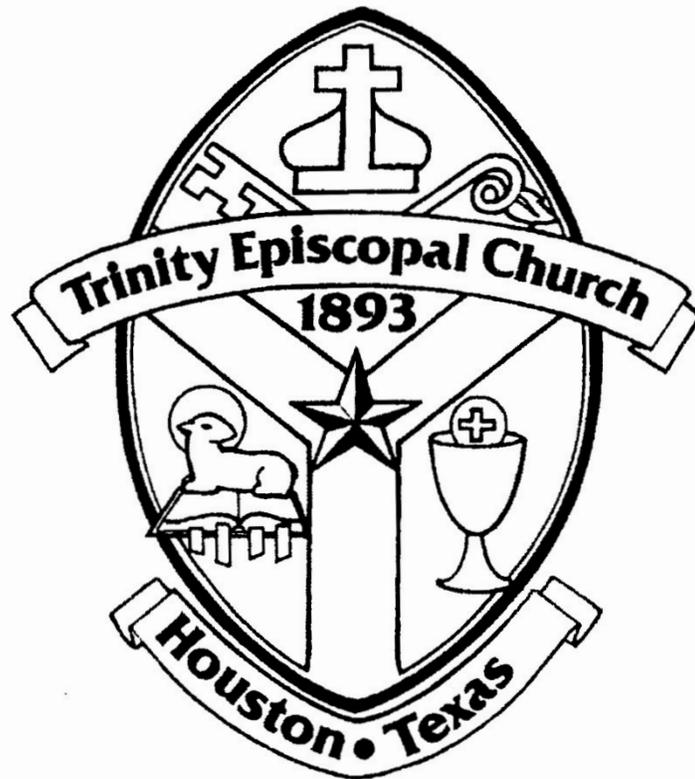


# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 17, 2021  
12:30 p.m.



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector  
The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Curate  
The Reverend Canon Dr. Henry L. Atkins, Jr., Theologian in Residence

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 this afternoon. 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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**Facebook Live Stream.** Please be advised that all services, including this 12:30 o.m. service, are live streamed through our Trinity Facebook and Youtube pages.

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Children's activity and worship bulletins are available for download from our website under the "Worship—Bulletins" tab, or following this link:

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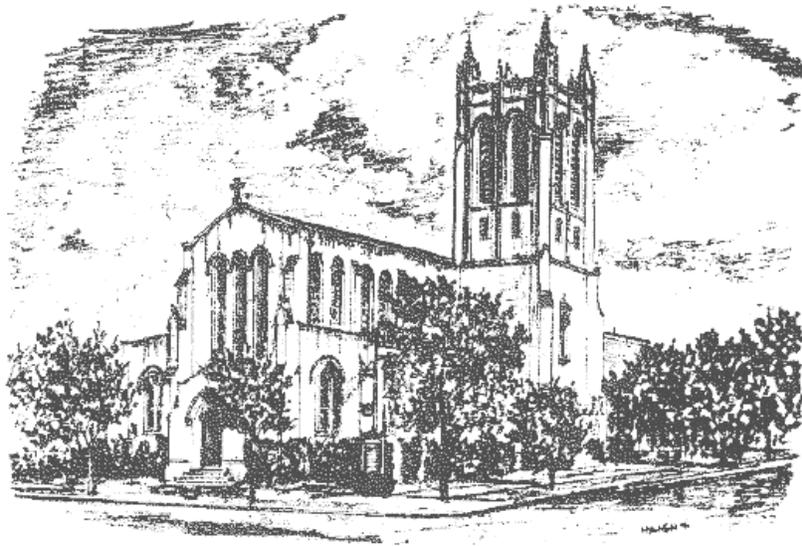
## THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Vocals: April Sloan-Hubert  
Piano: Pelayo Parlade  
Bass: Mike Owen  
Flute, Clarinet: Ernesto Vega

## SERVING TODAY

Readers: Sheila Wainwright and Angel Williams

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and  
in thanksgiving for the life of my husband John Cloud  
and in celebration of his birthday by Mary Cloud



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# The Liturgy of the Word

## INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

### WELCOME

*Please stand as able.*

Presider We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the King of kings and Lord of lords!

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

Presider Let us worship God.

## OPENING HYMN

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

LEVAS, page 136

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,  
2. Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,  
3. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

1. \_ I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,  
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3. \_ The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

1. \_ I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,  
2. \_ Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,  
3. \_ The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

\_ No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back!  
(no turn - ing back,)

## OPENING PRAYER

**Presider** 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.

**People** **Amen.**

## 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. 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.**

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 Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

MUSICAL REFLECTION

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Response**

Lord in Your mer - cy Lord in Your mer - cy He - ar our  
 5 prayer oh Lord Lord in Your  
 9 mer - cy Lord in Your mer - cy he - ar our  
 13 prayer he - ar our prayer

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 Donald, our president; Greg, our governor; Sylvester, our mayor; Lina, our county judge; Joe, our president-elect; Kamala, our vice-president-elect, and for 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 Geoffrey Smith and the Anglican Church of Australia. In the diocesan cycle of prayer for Grace, Georgetown; Incarnation, Austin; and Resurrection, Austin. In the ministry cycle of prayer for Jim Castro and the Young Professionals Ministry.

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, Hector, Jeff and Kai, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Henry our clergy.

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**

Let us pray for those in need, and for all teachers and front-line workers who are courageously assisting others during this pandemic.

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, Charles, Joe, Ramona, Etsu, Carolyn, Letha, Susan, David, Alison, Brett, Van, Randy, Andrea, Gary, Mary, Glenda, Kaycie, Jason, Sylvia, Diana, Aristo, and Robert.

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, especially Tom, all who have perished by contracting the coronavirus, and all who perished in the attack on the Capitol. 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: David, Don, Rebecca, John, Alice, and Byron.

**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 Give Peace to Ev'ry Heart

Give peace to ev'ry heart,  
Give peace to ev'ry heart.  
Give peace, Lord —  
Give peace, Lord.

## The Liturgy of the Table

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

### VIRTUAL OFFERING

**Online Giving** is available through AccessACS.

Go to [www.trinitymidtown.org](http://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**. The prompt will ask for a credit card number which can be kept on file for future contributions.

### THE OFFERTORY

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; male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. 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,

A - men, A - men,  
A - men, A - men,  
A - men, A - men, A - men.

As Christ teaches us, we pray:

**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.**

#### AGNUS DEI

**Presider** Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

**People** **have mercy on us.**

**Presider** Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

**People** **have mercy on us.**

**Presider** Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

**People** **grant us your peace.**

#### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

*For the duration of the current pandemic we will offer communion in one kind, the bread only. The priest will offer to those present wafers spaced apart on a bread plate. Please take one without touching the others and consume it as you return to your seat.*

## 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.

First system of musical notation. Treble clef, 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes. The lyrics are: "We shall o - ver - come, We shall o - ver - come,". The bass line consists of quarter notes and half notes.

Second system of musical notation. Treble clef, 4/4 time signature. The melody includes a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics are: "We shall o - ver - come some - day; Oh,". The bass line includes a triplet of eighth notes.

Third system of musical notation. Treble clef, 4/4 time signature. The melody includes a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics are: "deep in my heart, I do be - lieve, (Oh)". The bass line includes a triplet of eighth notes.

Fourth system of musical notation. Treble clef, 4/4 time signature. The melody includes a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics are: "We shall o - ver - come some - day. day." with first and second endings. The bass line includes a triplet of eighth notes.

- 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.

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 Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be  
a light to the world; and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer  
and Giver of life be with you always.  
**People Amen**



Sent out in Je - sus' name, our hands are rea - dy now to  
*En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá pa - ra*

make the earth the place in which the king - dom comes.  
*cons - tru - ir con El un mun - do fra - ter - nal.*

The an - gels can - not change a world of hurt and pain in -  
*Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar un*

to a world of love, of jus - tice and of peace. The  
*mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do de paz. Me*

task is ours to do, to set it real - ly free. O  
*ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad; a -*

help us to o - bey and car - ry out your will.  
*yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.*

## COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

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

## THE DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People We go in the name of Christ.**

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# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

of TRINITY *The Heart of Midtown*

January 17, 2021

Second Sunday after the Epiphany– Year B

## Announcements



### Annual Meeting

January 24, – 9:15 am

Held via Zoom this year!

### Vestry Slate

Ann McCoy

John Escoto

Michele White

Benjamin Blanding

### Diocesan Council Delegate

Samantha Rainman

Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting



### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Please view the resources on our website as we remember the life, work, and ministry of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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## This Week at Trinity

### Sunday, January 17, 2021

8:00 am Morning Prayer, Rite I

(live on Facebook)

9:30 am Youth Bible Study (via Zoom)

9:30 am Parenting with Grace (via Zoom)

9:30 am Sunday Meditations (via Zoom)

10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

(live on Facebook and YouTube)

12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III

(live on Facebook and YouTube)

2:30 pm Youth Group (via Zoom)

8:30 pm Compline (in Spanish)

(live on Facebook)

### Monday, January 18, 2021

5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

### Tuesday, January 19, 2021

10:30 am Staff Meeting (via Zoom)

12:00 pm Yoga and Meditations

4:00 pm Pastoral Care Team

5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

6:30 pm Vestry Meeting (via Zoom)

### Wednesday, January 20, 2021

9:30 am Inauguration Day Prayers

5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

6:00 pm Healing Service

7:00 pm Pub Theology

7:30 pm Choir Social (via Zoom)

### Thursday, January 21, 2021

5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

### Friday, January 22, 2021

5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

### Saturday, January 23, 2021

## Ongoing

### Daily Scripture and Prayer

Sent by email Monday through Saturday at 9:30 am.

If you are not receiving this, contact Collin Boothby at [connections@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:connections@trinitymidtown.org)

### Sunday Meditations

Meets via Zoom, 9:30 – 10:00 am

### Parenting With Grace

Meets via Zoom

Sundays at 9:30 am

[Click to join meeting](#)

### Wednesday Healing Service

Meets via Zoom – 6:00 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85281780429>

### Pub Theology

Meets via Zoom

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

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### MATCH Family Fun Day

January 17–24

Join our neighbors across the street for a week of fun – at home!

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## 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.

Myron, Billie, Caroline, Bryan, Allegra, Diana, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Jill, Doris, Leslie, Stephen, Emily, Van, Vivian, Jane, Anita, Norman, Bob, Theresa, Marvin, Sue, Delecia, Tim, Joe, Ester, Tom, Mark, Nick, Ric, Richard, Judy, Lauren, Margaret, Charles, Elizabeth, Marsha, Victor, Gwen, Catalina, Nelda, Christine, Livia, Mike, Daniel, Mark, Victoria, Theresa, Kamala, Tim, Reagan, Andres, Joey, Fred, Cindy, Ron, Joshua, Sandi, Betty, Barbara, Sara, Jonathan, Reese, Ava, Sloane, Lynn, the Oliver family, Emily, Cherie, June, Sharon, Stan, Larry, Monica, Gianni, Ron, Gary, Diane, Kelly, & Jocelyn

### For those in our armed services

Will Dahlstrom, Martin Cabello, and Christopher Krenshaw

### For the faithful departed

Tom, all who have perished by contracting the Coronavirus and all who perished at the Capitol.

### For our Iona Seminarian

Carrie Hirdes



David Williams, Don Alderman, Rebecca Wood, John Cloud, Alice Davidson, Byron Walton

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phone: (713) 528-4100.

### Bishop Doyle's COVID-19 Guidelines

are available at:

[epicenter.org/health-resources](http://epicenter.org/health-resources)

## Yoga with Saba

Classes are held via Zoom

Tuesdays

12:00 Noon – 1:15 pm

For Zoom link, contact

[frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org)



### Pray with us!

All of the Trinity staff is available by appointment to pray with and for you. Email or call us!



## Readings this Sunday

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

## 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.

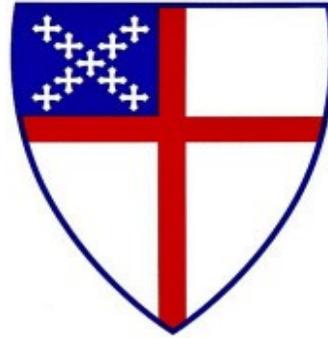
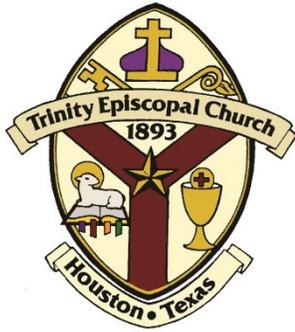
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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