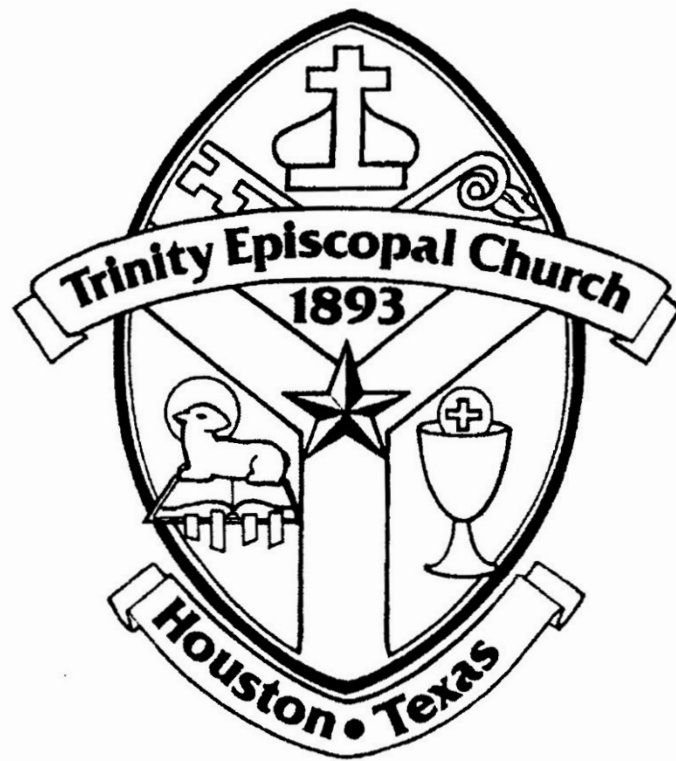


# THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 21, 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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**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.

### VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*

John Escoto, *Junior Warden*

Eric Beam

Ben Blanding

Pam Lawson

Mary Matteucci

Ann McCoy

John Merullo

Samantha Rainman

Gladys Vallés

David Villarreal

Michele White

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Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*

Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*

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Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*

Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*

Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

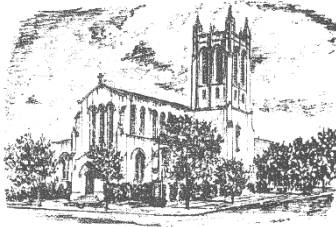
## THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

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

## SERVING TODAY

Lector: Mary Ann Collier  
Prayers: Abby Swearingen  
Acolyte: David Theis  
Usher: Marcy Antiuk  
Audio Visual: Harold Robertson  
Online Greeter: Pam Lawson  
Vestry of the Day: Michele White  
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of John Cloud  
by Mary Cloud



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# The Liturgy of the Word

## INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

*Please stand as able.*

Presider In God is my safety and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge

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

Presider Let us worship God.

## OPENING HYMN

We Have Come into His House

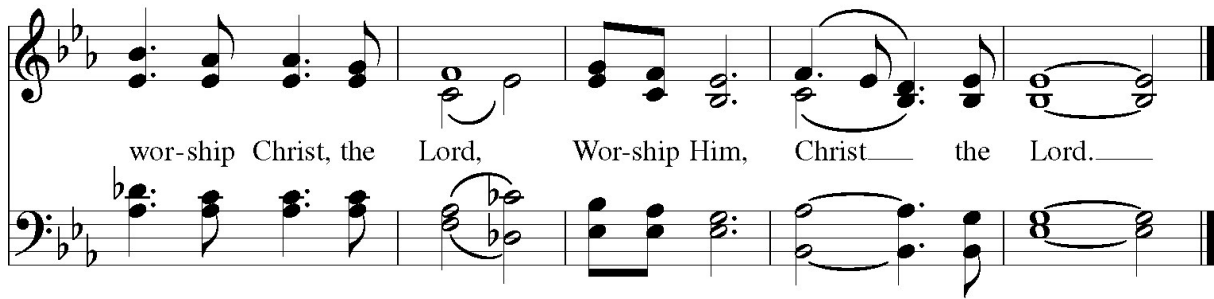
LEVAS, page 245

1. We have come in - to His house and gath - ered in His name to  
2. So for - get a - bout your - self and con - cen - trate on Him and  
3. Let us lift up ho - ly hands and mag - ni - fy His name and

1. wor - ship Him, \_\_\_\_\_ We have come in - to His house and  
2. wor - ship Him, \_\_\_\_\_ So for - get a - bout your - self and  
3. wor - ship Him, \_\_\_\_\_ Let us lift up ho - ly hands and

1. gath - ered in His name to wor - ship Him; \_\_\_\_\_ We have  
2. con - cen - trate on Him and wor - ship Him; \_\_\_\_\_ So for -  
3. mag - ni - fy His name and wor - ship Him; \_\_\_\_\_ Let us

1. come in - to His house and gath - ered in His name to  
2. get a - bout your - self and con - cen - trate on Him and  
3. lift up ho - ly hands and mag - ni - fy His name and



OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

Jesus, our Redeemer, give us your power to reveal and proclaim the good news, so that wherever we may go the sick may be healed, lepers embraced, and the dead and dying given new life; for the glory of your holy Name.

**People Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

THE FIRST LESSON

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People Thanks be to God.**

Presider The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**People Praise and glory to God!**

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Presider This is the Gospel of Christ.

**People Praise to Christ, the Word.**

*Please be seated*

SERMON The Reverend Bradley Sullivan, Vicar of LOTS

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

*Please stand as able*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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  
 1. Lo-rd hear us when we pray 2. Lo-rd hear us when we pray

**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; 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 Right Reverend Dr. K. Reuben Mark, and the Church of South India](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [Jubilee Church, Austin; Resurrection, Austin; San Francisco de Asis, Austin; and SoCo, Austin](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [David Theis, Pat Laubach, and the Lay Ministers](#). 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, Ella, Julie, and Leland](#). 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 [Rebecca, Byron, Elmer, Olivia, Sofia, Andy, and Susan](#), 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

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  
Lo - rd hear us when we pray

**Final Response**

THE PEACE

Prisider Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.

**People Who breaks down the walls that divide.**

Prisider The peace of God be always with you.

**People Praise to Christ who makes us one.**

MUSIC AT THE PEACE

People Get Ready

Curtis Mayfield

*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

**Online Giving** is available through AccessACS.

Go to [www.trinitymidtown.org](http://www.trinitymidtown.org) and click the "Give" button on the top right, click:

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THE OFFERTORY

Poor Wayfaring Stranger

Trinity Jazz Ensemble

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.

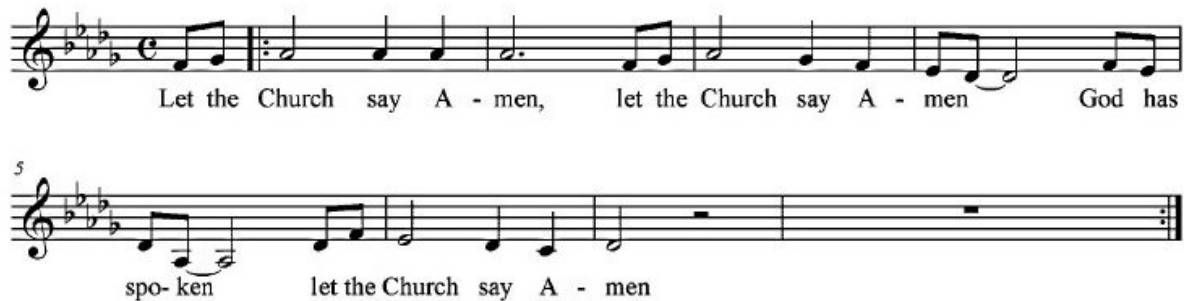
After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

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

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.*

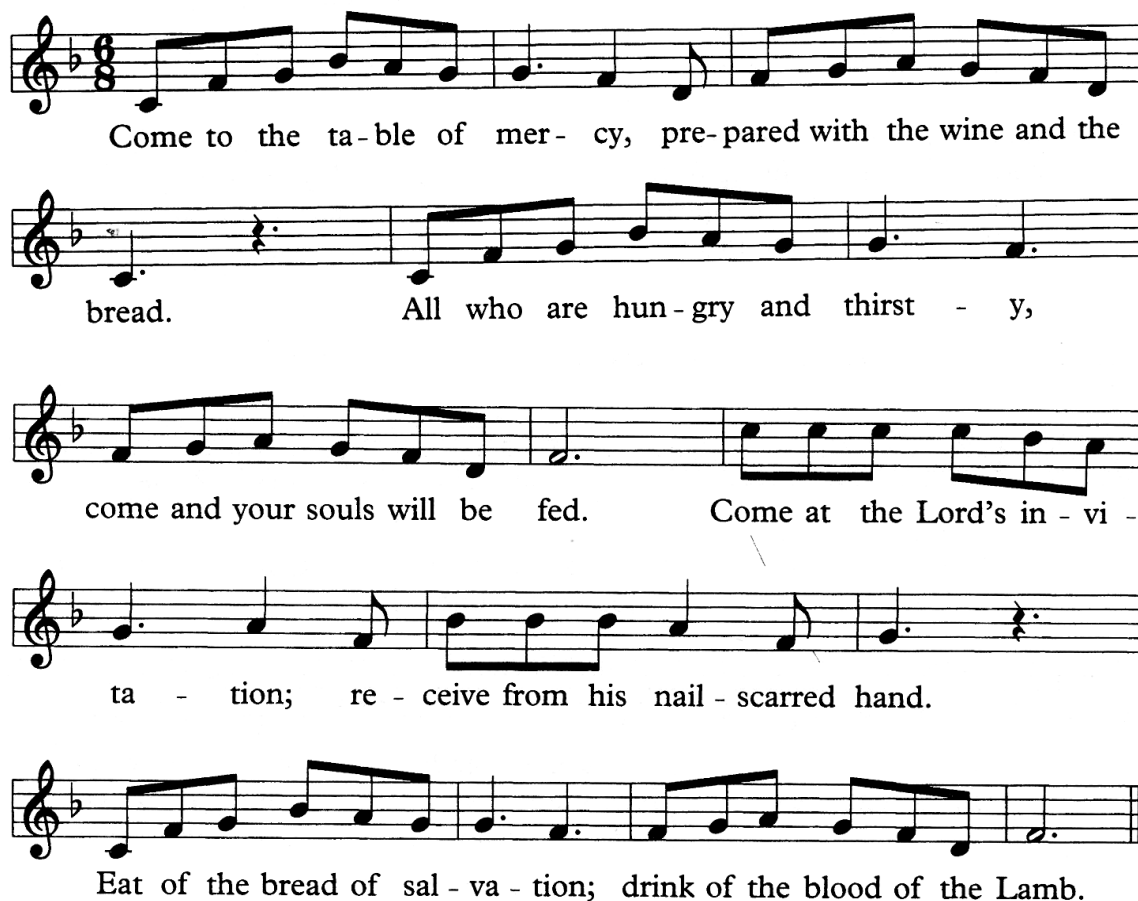


*We offer a gluten-free bread option for those with dietary restrictions who wish to receive communion. To receive a gluten free wafer, please clasp your hands with palms facing each other when you come forward for communion.*

## 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.



Come to the ta-ble of mer-cy, pre-pared with the wine and the  
bread. All who are hun-gry and thirst - y,  
come and your souls will be fed. Come at the Lord's in - vi -  
ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.  
Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

COMMUNION HYMN

Come to the Table

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.**



1. Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the  
2. Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -  
3. Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy  
4. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the  
5. Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -



king - dom of God. \_\_\_\_\_ Blest are they,  
her - it the earth. \_\_\_\_\_ Blest are they who  
shall be theirs. \_\_\_\_\_ Blest are they, the  
chil - dren of God. \_\_\_\_\_ Blest are they who  
cause of me. \_\_\_\_\_ Re - joice and be glad,



full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled. \_\_\_\_\_  
hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill. \_\_\_\_\_  
pure of heart; they shall see God! \_\_\_\_\_  
suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs. \_\_\_\_\_  
yours is the king - dom. Shine for all to see. \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*



Re - joice \_\_\_\_\_ and be glad! \_\_\_\_\_ Bless - ed are



you, ho - ly are you. Re - joice \_\_\_\_\_ and be glad! \_\_\_\_\_



— Yours is the king - dom of God! \_\_\_\_\_

CLOSING HYMN

Blest Are They

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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*We would like to thank everyone who helped with  
this morning's coffee hour.*

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

*To 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 21, 2024 – Third 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)

## 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](#).

## Jazz Festival – Planning Committee Meeting, Jan. 23rd, 6:30pm

Volunteers Needed! The Jazz Planning Committee is looking for volunteers. If you love Jazz, planning, and bringing people together, come join us! Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. Please contact Ann McCoy ([ann.mccoy@att.net](mailto:ann.mccoy@att.net) and/or Michele White ([michelereene12@gmail.com](mailto:michelereene12@gmail.com)) to sign up.

## 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.

### Stewardship Update As of 1/16/24

**Total Pledged Amount: \$402,904.00**

**Total # of Pledges: 89**

**Have not pledged yet? It's not too late!**  
**Let's reach our \$500,000 goal!**

## 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 21st, 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)  
11:45 am Meet and Greet (Rector's Office)  
12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Chapel)  
8:00 pm Compline (Facebook)

### Monday, January 22nd, 2024

12:00pm Yoga (Atrium 2)  
5:30pm Evening Prayer

### Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024

12:00pm The Listening Post  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer  
6:30 pm Jazz Festival Meeting

### Wednesday, January 24th, 2024

10:30 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 25th, 2024

12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)  
6:30pm Listening Heart (Masterson)

### Friday, January 26th, 2024

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

### Saturday, January 27th, 2024

10:00 am Just Texas Discussion on Women's Reproductive Freedom (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, Julie, Leland, 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.

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### Office Hours

Monday–Thursday 9 am – 3 pm  
Friday 9 am – 1 pm

If you have building concerns please email  
parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org.

### 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: Feb. 4th and 11th.



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. 28th, and Feb. 4th, and 11th.



*Happy Birthday!*

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**January 21, 2024 – Epiphany 3 (B)  
Religious Life Sunday**

Did you know that there are monks, nuns, sisters and brothers, and friars in The Episcopal Church? We invite you to learn what religious life can offer you and to observe Religious Life Sunday on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Epiphany.

**What is “Religious Life Sunday”?**

General Convention approved resolution 2022-B004, “Foundation of Religious Life Sunday,” to be held each year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany. On this Sunday, we reach out to Episcopalians to spread the message that monastic and Christian communities exist in The Episcopal Church, who we are, and how to find out what we can offer you.



**What are the “religious” communities in The Episcopal Church?**

Religious communities in The Episcopal Church include monastic communities, whose members live together under a rule of life and under vows such as poverty, chastity, and obedience. “Religious life” also includes Christian communities whose members are from all walks of life, who live in their own homes and have jobs, and who form unified, vowed communities.

**What can religious life do for me and for my faith journey?**

In religious life, over the centuries, traditions and practices have been developed to assist spiritual growth and discernment. Religious in the Episcopal Church teach about prayer practices, lead retreats, give spiritual direction, assist in writing and living a rule of life, give presentations about the spiritual journey, and provide spiritual friendship. Many of our monastic communities offer hospitality for short visits or longer retreats. The website [religiouslifesunday.org](http://religiouslifesunday.org) includes resources, videos, a speakers list, and much more.

Once you have made a connection with one religious community, you might want to explore becoming an associate or oblate. The process usually begins with discernment and preparation, followed by a formal service of commitment. Associates and oblates pray for the members of the community and other associates and oblates, and they usually give financial and other support, commit to a rule of life, and attend retreats. We also discern with those exploring a vocation to religious life.

**How can I connect with a religious community?**

We welcome your interest in our lives and our communities! To learn more about monastic communities in The Episcopal Church, visit [caroa.net](http://caroa.net). Form more information on Christian communities, visit [naecc.net](http://naecc.net). For more resources and information, visit [religiouslifesunday.org](http://religiouslifesunday.org).

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O Lord Jesus Christ, you became poor for our sake, that we might be made rich through your poverty: Guide and sanctify, we pray, those whom you call to follow you under the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, that by their prayer and service they may enrich your Church, and by their life and worship may glorify your Name; for you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



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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.

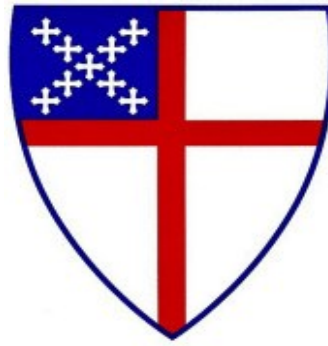
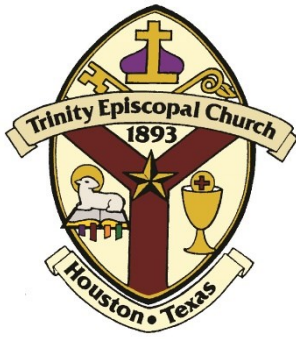
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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