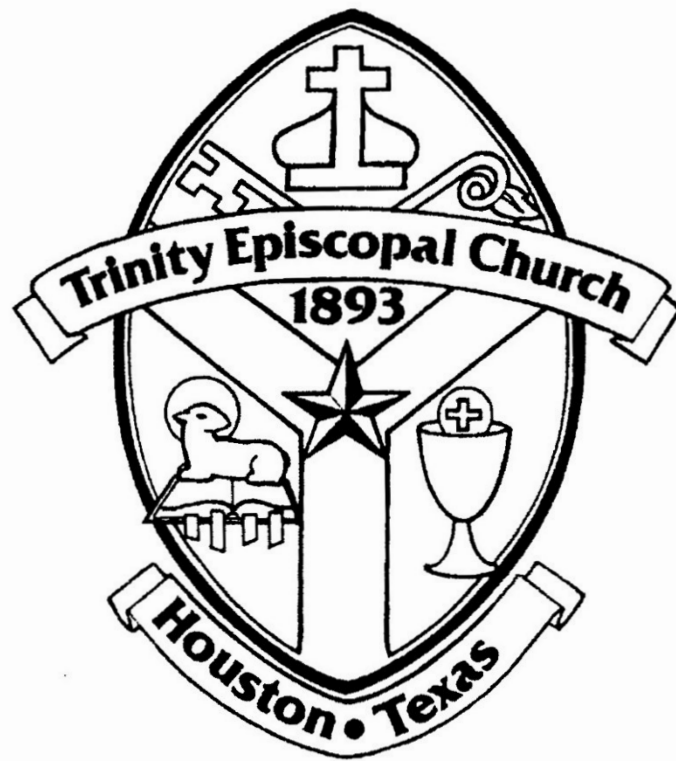


THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 22, 2023
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:

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

For more information, please visit our website:

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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/>

VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*

John Escoto, *Junior Warden*

Eric Beam
Ben Blanding
Jim Castro
Terri DiRaddo
Pam Lawson

Mary Matteucci
Ann McCoy
John Merullo
Michele White

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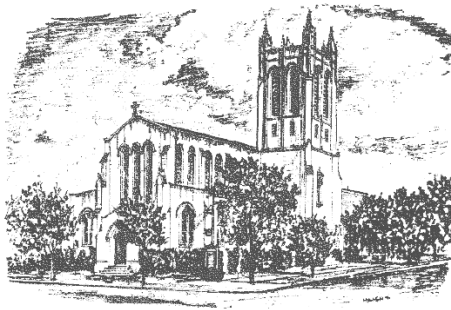
THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

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

SERVING TODAY

Lector: Linelle Clark
Prayers: Marcella Marino
Acolyte: Barrett Hess
Usher: Bob Davenport
Audio Visual: Jeremy Velasquez
Online Greeter: Pam Lawson
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport

The Altar and Columbarium flowers are dedicated to the glory of God
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by Mary Cloud



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The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Please stand as able.

Presider The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

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

Presider Let us worship God.

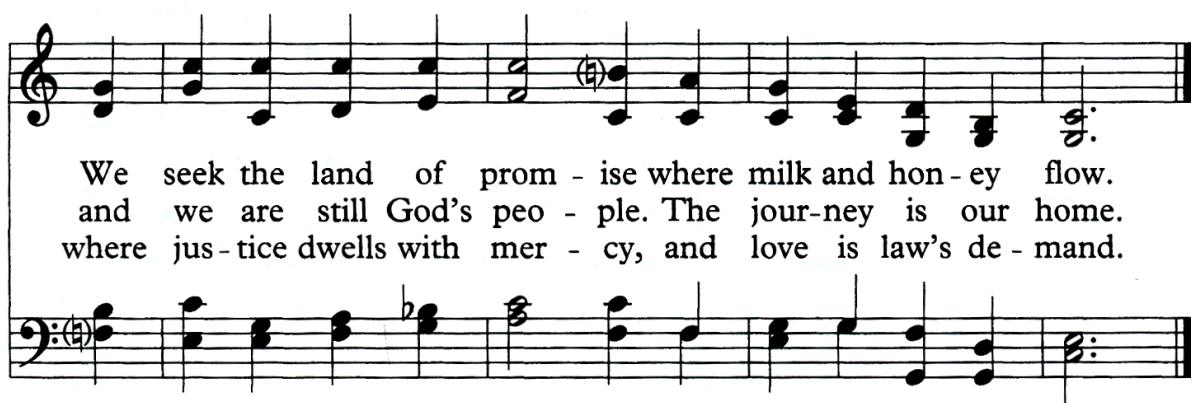
OPENING HYMN

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

1. Lead on, O cloud of Pres - ence, the ex - o - dus is come,
2. Lead on, O fier - y Pil - lar, we fol - low yet with fears,
3. Lead on, O God of free - dom, and guide us on our way,

in wil - der - ness and des - ert our tribe shall make its home.
but we shall come re - joic - ing though joy be born of tears.
and help us trust the prom - ise through strug - gle and de - lay.

Our slav - ery left be - hind us, new hopes with - in us grow.
We are not lost, though wan - dering, for by your light we come,
We pray our sons and daugh - ters may jour - ney to that land



OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and wonders the greatness of your saving love; renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9: 1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

(Continued on page 6)

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

Prsieder The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
People **Praise and glory to God!**

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

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

Please stand as able

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response

instrumental intro $G^b\text{maj}7$ $A^b7\text{sus}$ A^b7 Hear our -

A 5 $F\text{m}7$ $B^b\text{m}7$ $F\text{m}7$ $B^b\text{m}7$ prayer - O - Lord hear our - prayer O - Lord - - in -

9 $G^b\text{maj}7$ $A^b7\text{sus}$ A^b7 cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our

B 13 $F\text{m}7$ $B^b\text{m}7$ $F\text{m}7$ $B^b\text{m}7$ prayer O - Lord - hear - our - prayer - O - Lord - - - in -

17 $G^b\text{maj}7$ $A^b7\text{sus}$ A^b7 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 Right Reverend Bijaya Kumar Nayak and the Church of North India](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [SoCo, Austin](#); [St. Alban's \(Manchaca\), Austin](#); [St. Christopher's, Austin](#); and [St. David's, Austin](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Sylvia Drew, Tony Huffman, and the Trinity Garden Club](#). 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

instrumental intro Gbmaj7 Ab7sus Ab7

Hear our -

A

5 Fm7 Bbm7 Fm7 Bbm7

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

9 Gbmaj7 Ab7sus 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 Ab7sus Ab7

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

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

21 Gbmaj7 Ab7sus Ab7 Dbmaj7

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](#), [Joyce](#), [Maryanne](#), [Gary](#), [John](#), [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: [Byron](#), [Elmer](#), [Olivia](#), [Betty](#), [Harold](#), [Sophia](#), [Susan](#), and [Emma](#).

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.

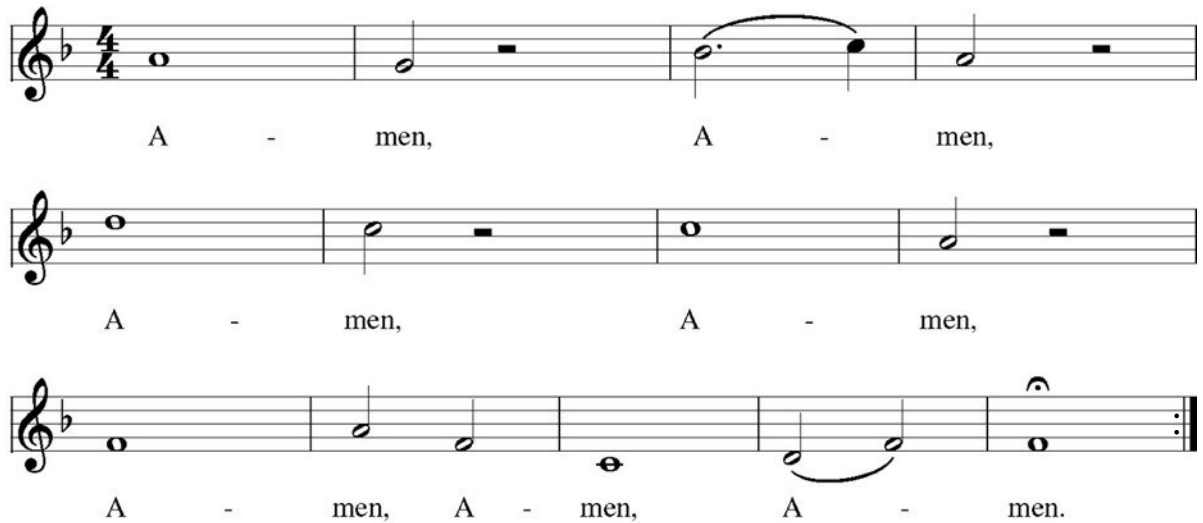
After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

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

Broken for Me

Refrain *Last time to Coda* ⊕



Bro-ken for me, _____ bro-ken for you,



the bod-y of Je - sus, _____ bro-ken for you.



1. He of-fered his bod - y; _____ he poured out his soul;
 2. — Come to my ta - ble _____ and with me dine;
 3. — This is my bod - y _____ giv - en for you;
 4. — This is my blood _____ I shed for you,

D.C.



Je - sus was bro - ken _____ that we might be whole.
 eat of my bread _____ and drink of my wine.
 eat it, re-mem - bering _____ I died for you.
 for your for-give - ness, _____ mak-ing you new.

⊕ CODA



the bod-y of Je - sus, _____ bro-ken for you.

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.

1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here my ten - der com - fort

ev - er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 glo - ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."

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 22, 2023 – Third 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)

Trinity Episcopal Annual Meeting:

We will be meeting together as a church for our annual meeting this Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 9:15am in The Fellowship Hall. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Together for Joy 2023 Stewardship Campaign Update:

Last Week: \$361,735
This week: \$364,435
Budget Goal: \$420,000
Stretch Goal: \$525,000

Close the \$55,565 gap one pledge at a time! Then let's make it to our stretch goal! <https://www.trinitymidtown.org/2023-stewardship-campaign/>

Upcoming Events at Trinity:

Episcopal Way Class: January 27th and 28th. More info [here](#).
Souper Bowl of Caring Kickoff: Sunday, January 22, 2023. More info [here](#).
(Donations may be dropped off at basket in back of Sanctuary.)
Pub Theology: January 25th at Brass Tap with guest author Lovette Brown.
(More info [here](#).)

Houston Canterbury Prayer Breakfast:

The Episcopal College Ministry will be hosting a prayer breakfast and fundraiser on Saturday, February 18 from 9-10:30 am in the Parish Hall. This event supports ten local students for their Costa Rica mission trip. Houston City Councilman David Robinson will keynote and we will have live Latin American music, raffles, and silent auction's including vacation stays in Maine & the Virgin Islands. Tickets can be purchased for \$25 at the church office.

Services to Note:

Memoriam of Tom Behrman: Saturday, January 28th at 10:00am. Service to be held at Westbury United Methodist. More information [here](#).

Ordination of the Rev. Carrie Hirdes: Saturday, January 21st at 2:00pm. Service to be held at St. Luke the Evangelist Episcopal Church. More information [here](#).

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, January 22th, 2023

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I Chapel
9:15 am Annual Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II Church
12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III Chapel
8:00 pm Compline

Monday, January 23rd, 2023

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday, January 24th, 2023

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday, January 25th, 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
7:00pm Pub Theology (Brass Tap)

Thursday, January 26th, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday, January 27th, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm
5:30 pm Evening Prayer
6:00 pm The Episcopal Way Fellowship Hall

Saturday, January 28th, 2023

9:00am The Episcopal Way Fellowship Hall

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, 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 Altar and Columbarium flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of John Cloud by Mary Cloud.

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.



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John Escoto, Junior Warden
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Winter Office Hours

Monday–Thursday 9 am – 4 pm
Friday 9 am – 1 pm

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

Happy Birthday!

Byron Walton, Elmer Romero, Olivia Adams, Betty Fleming, Harold Robertson, Susan Cooley, Emma Sayes



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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.

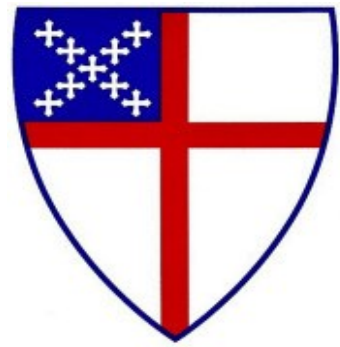
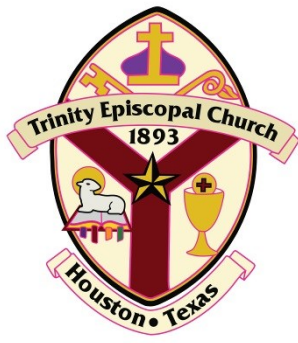
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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