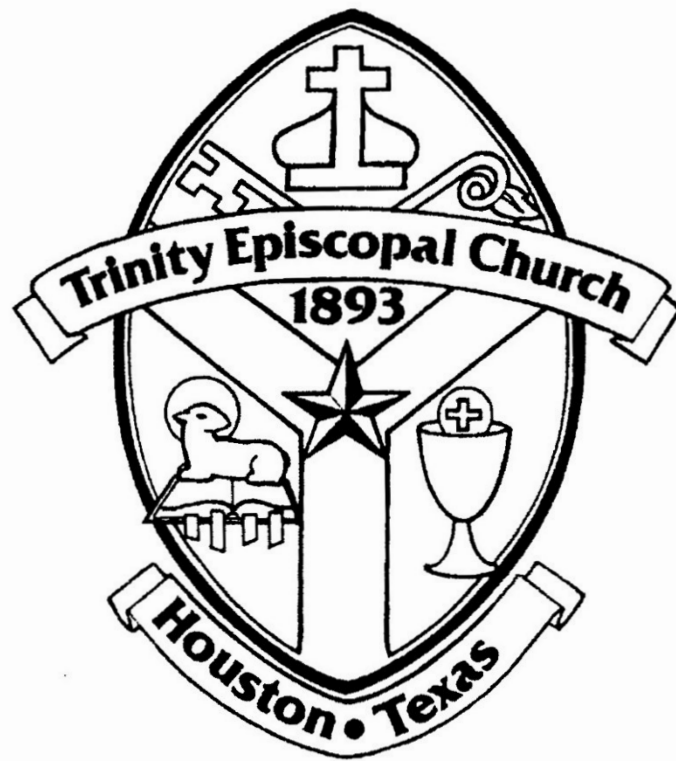


THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 29, 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/>

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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:

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VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*

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Ben Blanding
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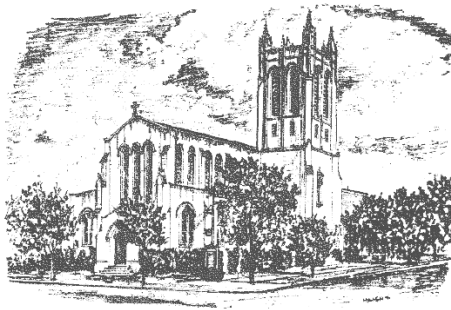
THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

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

SERVING TODAY

Lector: Pam Lawson
Prayers: Jim Castro
Acolyte: Linda Davenport
Usher: Bob Davenport
Audio Visual: Jeremy Velasquez
Online Greeter: Pam Lawson
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport

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The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Please stand as able.

Presider Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? who may abide upon your holy hill? Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, who speaks the truth from his heart.

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

Presider Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

Bless the Lord

LEVAS, page 65

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is with-

in me, Bless His ho - ly name. Fine

He has done great things, He has done great

things, He has done great things, Bless His ho - ly name! D.C.

OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.
Teach us, Jesus, how to live and worship without being worldly or greedy. Drive from our lives what spoils them and make us temples of the Spirit; for the glory of your holy Name.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Micah 6: 1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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

Matthew 5: 1-12

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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 Abm7sus 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 Abm7sus 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 Azad Marshall and the Church of Pakistan](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [St. George's, Austin; St. James', Austin; and St. James', La Grange](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [the Trinity Healing Service](#). 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 $G^b\text{maj}7$ A^b7_{sus} A^b7

Hear our -

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

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

21 $G^b\text{maj}7$ A^b7_{sus} 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](#), [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 [Nick Skarich](#), 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 [Skyler and Lovette](#), 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.

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

Mercy, Mercy Me

Marvin Gaye

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.

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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. 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 life-giving 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

Let Us Break Bread Together

LEVAS, page 152

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our
2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our

1. knees); Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our
2. knees); Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our

1. knees). When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing
2. knees). When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, Oh — Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me). me).



Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees (yes, on our knees); Let us

praise God to - geth-er on our knees (yes, on our knees). When I

fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun, Oh

Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me).

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as able.

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| 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.**

CLOSING HYMN

May You Run and Not Be Weary

May you run and not be wea - ry. May your
 heart be filled with song. — And may the
 love of God con - tin - ue to give you hope and
 keep you strong. And may you run and not be wea -
 ry. May your life be filled with joy! — And may the
 road you trav - el al - ways lead you home. _

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 29, 2023 – Fourth 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)

Souper Bowl of Caring:

Trinity Episcopal Church Youth will be collecting donations again this year to support the Souper Bowl of Caring. We invite you to help us with this grassroots initiative to collect canned food that will be given to our local charity partner, EAC. Please bring your donations to the sanctuary until Feb 12th to be a part of our 2023 Souper Bowl of Caring drive! Thank you!

For questions please email Carver Mathis at youth@trinitymidtown.org

Taste of Trinity:

Taste of Trinity is a ministry of Trinity that is purely social, meeting monthly for a meal either in members' homes or at a restaurant. There is currently a brunch group and a dinner group. For more information, please contact John Merullo at rockhopperlad@gmail.com. This week we will meet in the fellowship hall on Saturday, January 28th at 6:30pm.

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. Tickets can be purchased for \$25 at the church office.

More Upcoming Opportunities:

2/3-2/5: Youth and Young Adult Diocese Discovery Retreat, Info [Here](#)
2/5: Transgender Workshop, Info [Here](#)
2/12: Black History Month Concert, Info [Here](#)



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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, January 29th, 2023

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I Chapel
9:00 am Sunday Meditations (Zoom)
9:30 am Education Hr for All – Adults in Smith Rm, Tweens in Fellowship Hall, Kids in Atrium
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II Church
12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III Chapel
8:00 pm Compline

Monday, January 30th, 2023

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday, January 31st, 2023

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday, February 1st, 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, February 2nd, 2023

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

Friday, February 3rd, 2023

10:45 am Garden Club (Smith Room)
12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Saturday, February 4th, 2023

Our Weekly Zoom links can be found at <https://www.trinitymidtown.org/zoom-with-us/>

Together for Joy 2023 Stewardship Campaign Update:

Last Week: \$364,435
This week: \$381,835
Budget Goal: \$420,000
Stretch Goal: \$525,000

Close the \$38,165 gap one pledge at a time! Then let's make it to our stretch goal! <https://www.trinitymidtown.org/2023-stewardship-campaign/>



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, Cindy, Cristine, Emily, Van, Dick, Theresa, Daniel, Marvin, Kensington, Victims of Violence, Eddie, Linda, Shelby, Ric, Barbara, Edgar, Livia, Larry, Carolyn, Sylvia, Emma, Jeanette, Armando, Kathy, Joyce, Bob, David, Steven, Robert, Phil, Virginia, Renard, Richard, Patty, Tom, Jackie, Tony, Be, Jim, Jose, Julie, Callie, Rodney, Billie, Graham, Amy, Erma, Debbie, Dana, Bill, Joyce, Maryanne, Gary, John, Larry, Jarrett, Winnie.

For the faithful departed

For Nick Skarich, all victims of gun violence, and all who have perished from contracting the Coronavirus.

Altar Flower Dedications This Week

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving to Trinity parishioners for their love and support during Sofia's first year of life by Rev. Luz Montes and Mr. Thanh Montes.

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 signup online to volunteer [here](#). Please remember without continued volunteer support coffee hours will only happen on Sundays that have a volunteer signed up.



Happy Birthday!

Skyler Obregon, Lovette Browne



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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!



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.

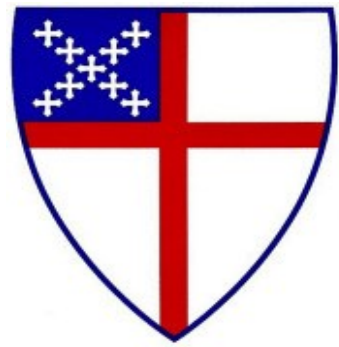
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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