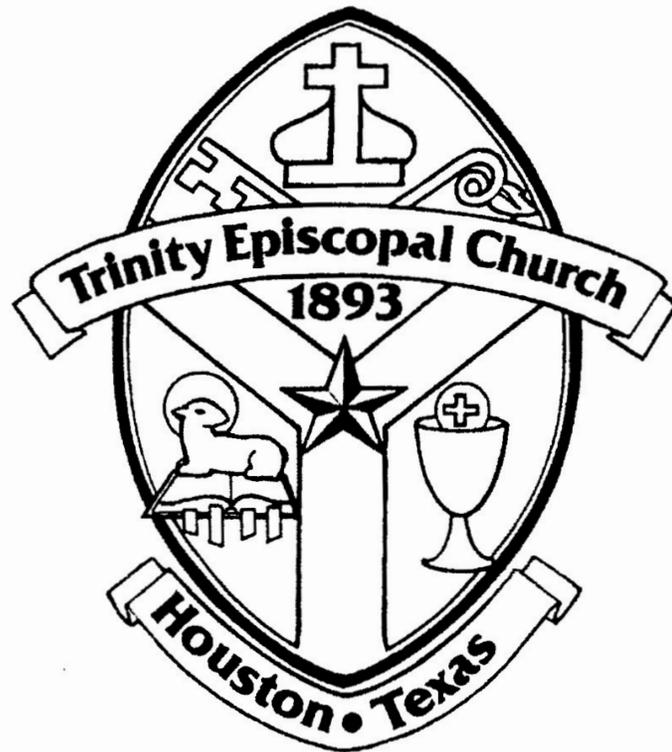


SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 4, 2021
12:30 p.m.



All attending please wear masks and maintain 6 feet social distancing with those not in your household

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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For more information, please visit our website:

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

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

<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/childrens-bulletins/>



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Amy Luke, *Senior Warden*

John Escoto, *Junior Warden*

Ben Blanding

Jim Castro

Norma Cooper

Terri DiRaddo

Andy Durham

Ann McCoy

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THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Vocals: April Sloan-Hubert

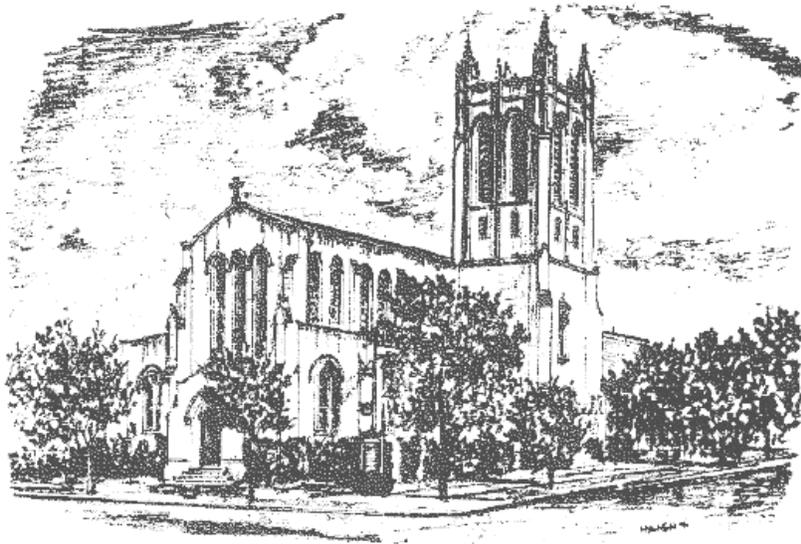
Piano: Timothy Kilgore, guest musician

SERVING TODAY

Reader: Theresa McClellan

Usher/Greeter: Bob Davenport

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The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please stand as able.

Presider 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,' says the Lord. 'Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.'

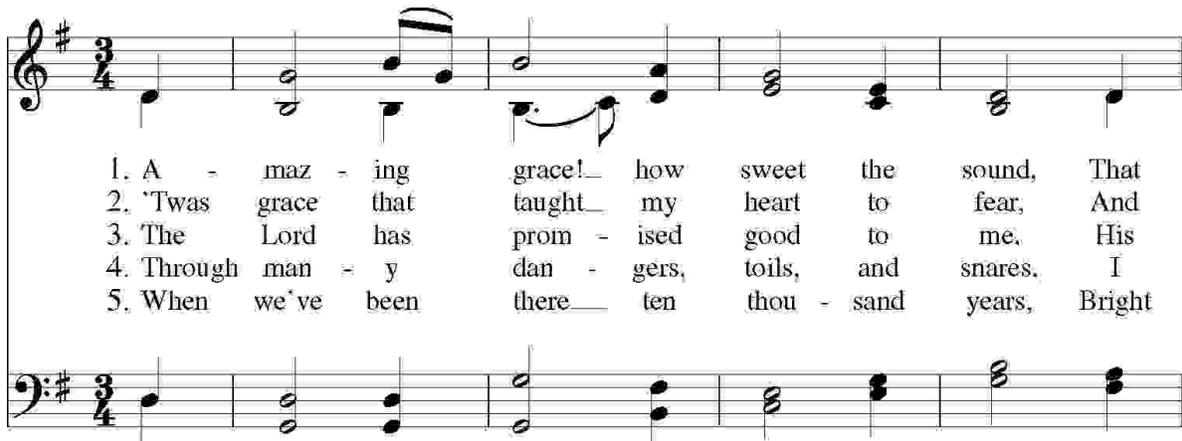
People God is with us, here we find new life!

Presider Let us worship God.

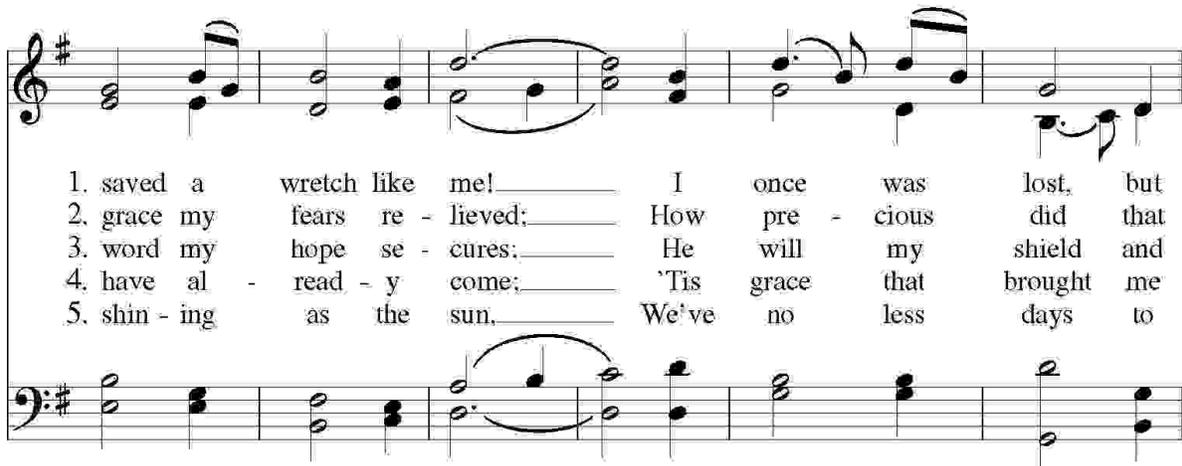
OPENING HYMN

Amazing Grace

LEVAS, page 181



1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, That
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



1. saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
2. grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
3. word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
4. have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace that brought me
5. shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



1. now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
2. grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
3. por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
4. safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
5. sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

OPENING PRAYER

Presider Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Please stand as able

Mark 6: 1-13

Presider The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

People Praise and glory to God!

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.”

So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

Please be seated

SERMON The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Curate

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^bmaj7 A^b7sus A^b7

A
 5 F m7 B^bm7 F m7 B^bm7
 prayer - O - Lord hea our - prayer O - Lord - - in -

9 G^bmaj7 ⊕ A^b7sus A^b7
 cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - - Lord hear our

B
 13 F m7 B^bm7 F m7 B^bm7
 prayer O - Lord - - hear - our - prayer - O - Lord - - - in -

17 G^bmaj7 A^b7sus A^b7
 cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord - - -

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

⊕
 21 G^bmaj7 A^b7sus A^b7 D^bmaj7
 A - nd Gra - nt - us Thy - Pe - ace - -

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 presi-

dent; Kamala, our vice-president; Greg, our governor; Sylvester, our mayor; Lina, our county judge; 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 Nathan Ingen and the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [St. John's, Center; St. John's, Tyler; St. Luke's, Lindale; and St. Matthew's, Henderson](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Libby Tsubai and the Peace Cranes ministry](#). For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

We give thanks for the good news of salvation for all people. Strengthen us for our work in the world, empower your Church to proclaim the gospel in service, word and sacrament.

Unite in the truth all who confess your name, that we may live together in love to your glory.

Let us pray for ourselves and our community. We give thanks for the fellowship of the communities in which we live and work, especially Trinity Church.

We pray for our bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, 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

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, Barbara, Eula, Phil, Carol, Kensington, Pat, Jeanne, Ileda, Gentry, Amy, Norma, and Margaret](#).

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, [especially Robert Owen Durham, all who have perished by contracting the Coronavirus, all affected by the condo collapse in Surfside, Florida, 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 these who are celebrating their birthdays: [Justin, Edgar, Marcela, Katie, Mary, and Yvonne](#).

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

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.

VIRTUAL OFFERING

Online Giving is available through AccessACS.

Go to 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

April Sloan-Hubert and Timothy Kilgore

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.

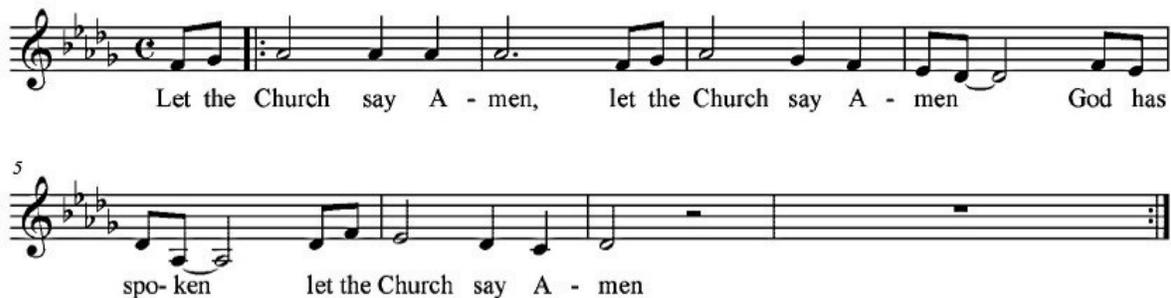
After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

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,



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.**

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 bring communion to your seat.



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 the priest administering the bread approaches you.

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.

1. He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the

whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world

in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.

- 2. He's got you and me sister, etc.
- 3. He's got you and me brother, etc.

- 4. He's got the pretty little baby, etc.
- 5. He's got everybody here, etc.

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.

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

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

THE BLESSING

Presider Christ who has nourished us with himself, the living bread, make you one in praise and love, and raise you up at the last day, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

People Amen

CLOSING HYMN

Battle Hymn of the Republic

LEVAS, page 226

1. Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the
 2. I have seen Him in the watch - fires of a
 3. He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall
 4. In the beau - ty of the lil - ies, Christ was

1. com - ing of the Lord; He is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the
 2. hund - red cir - cling camps, They have build - ed Him an al - tar in the
 3. nev - er sound re - treat, He is sift - ing out the hearts of men be -
 4. born a - cross the sea. With a glo - ry in His bos - om that trans -

1. grapes of wrath are stored: He has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of His
 2. eve - ning dews and damps; I can read His right - eous sent - ence by the
 3. fore His judge - ment seat; O be swift, my soul, to an - swer Him! Be
 4. fig - ures you and me; As He died to make men ho - ly, let us

1. ter - ri - ble swift sword, His truth is march - ing on.
 2. dim and flar - ing lamps, His day is march - ing on.
 3. ju - bi - lant, my feet! Our God is march - ing on.
 4. live to make all free, While God is march - ing on.

Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!

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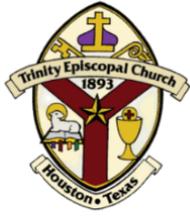
lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

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 afternoon.
 Please remember to maintain social distancing as you depart.*

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THE WEEKLY WINDOW

of TRINITY *The Heart of Midtown*

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – Year B

July 4th, 2021

Announcements



In-Person Services have resumed. Seating is limited. Register now by clicking [here](#).

8:00 am and 12:30 pm will be held in the Chapel, seating per service is limited.

10:30 am will be held in the Historic Church, seating per service is limited.

Join Trinity Retreat Center online this summer to pray, reflect, make space for grace, and listen to the voice of God.

These online retreats are free and open to all. There is no registration required.

Each retreat takes place over five half-hour sessions throughout the weekend on the Trinity Retreat Center Facebook page at these times EDT:

Friday: 8pm | Saturday: 10am, 2pm, 8pm | Sunday: 4pm

For more information and the link to the Trinity Retreat Center Facebook Click [here](#)

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, July 4th, 2021

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (live in-person)
- 9:00 am Youth Group (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 in-person and on Facebook)
- 12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (live in-person and on Facebook)
- 8:00 pm Compline (In Spanish via Zoom)

Monday, July 5th, 2021

Offices Closed in Observance of July 4th

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

Tuesday, July 6th, 2021

- 9:30 am Sandwich Makers
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 7th, 2021

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook
- 6:00 pm Healing Service (via Zoom)
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 8th, 2021

- 1:00 pm TLC (Masterson Room)
- 5:00 pm TLC (Masterson Room)
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday, July 9th, 2021

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer



We are entering a new and exciting season in the life of our church! As we begin to increase the number of in-person gatherings, we recognize this as an important moment to utilize both physical and digital spaces to support and serve this community.

Click [here](#) to find out how you can help

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Ongoing



Trinity Listening and Caring Support Group

lead by Libby Tsubai is now meeting every Thursday at 1 pm and 5 pm in the Masterson room here at Trinity. If you would like to attend a session, registration is required.

Click [Here](#) for more information.



THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of Robert Owen Durham by Andy Durham and Susan Gallagher

If you would like to make a flower dedication we have the following Sundays available July 18th, July 25th, August 1st, and August 8th
You can sign up for a flower dedication by clicking [here](#)

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, Caroline, Bryan, Allegra, Diana, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Jill, Stephen, Emily, Van, Vivian Jane, Anita, Bob, Theresa, Marvin, Sue, Ester, Tom, Nick, Ric, Lauren, Margaret, Gwen, Livia, Theresa, Reagan, Joshua, Sandi, Barbara, Emily, Cherie, June, Sharon, Larry, Monica, Carolyn, Randy, Van, Andrea, Sylvia, Danielle, Lynelle, Minnie, Letha, Mary, Glenda, Richard, Leonard, Jim, Elise, Be, Reiss

For the faithful departed

Robert Owen Durham, victims of gun violence, all those affected by the condo collapse in Surfside Florida, and all who have perished by contracting the coronavirus

For our Iona Seminarian

Carrie Hirdes

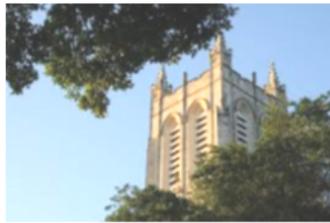


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Encuentro Juvenil: Costa Rica y Texas– We would love to join Cathedral youth in partnership with the World Mission Board for Encuentro Juvenil: Costa Rica y Texas, a virtual weekend gathering beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 9 and ending with Noonday Prayer on Sunday, July 11. The weekend will include prayer, fellowship, music, games, community, and FUN! This weekend will encourage youth from both dioceses to create new friendships and nurture old ones. Please contact Rev. Luz at curate@trinitymidtown.org for additional information.

Baptisms– We have upcoming Baptism Sundays in July, September, and November. Before the baptismal service, all candidates and their parents/sponsors must attend a class with one of the clergy of Trinity.

During the baptism class, the meaning, tradition, and understanding of this Sacrament will be discussed. Please contact Rev. Luz at curate@trinitymidtown.org for additional information.

Readings this Sunday

- 2 Samuel 5: 1–5, 9–10
- Psalm 48
- 2 Corinthians 12: 2–10
- Mark 6: 1–13

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.

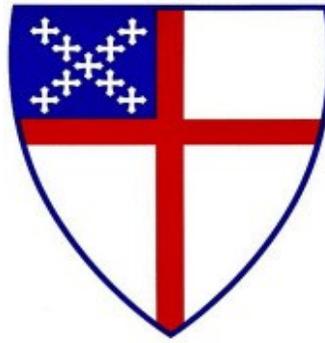
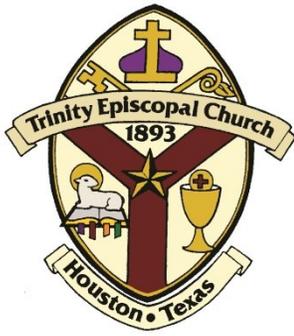
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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