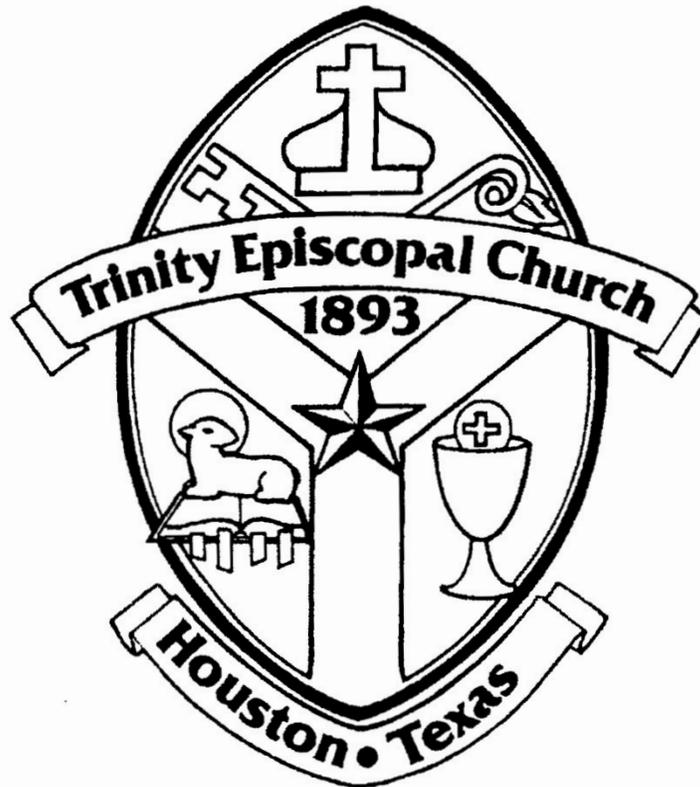


# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 11, 2021  
8:00 a.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

Hank Carrillo, Interim Organist and Choirmaster

***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 morning. We follow the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 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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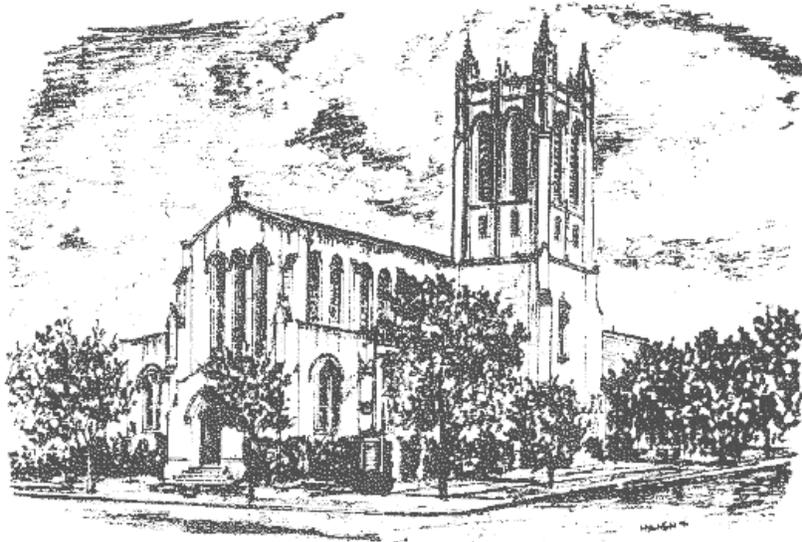
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Jim Castro, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*  
Gayle Davies-Cooley, *Historian and Archivist*

## SERVING TODAY

Reader: Danya Serrano

Music: Wendy Wentland, piano

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God  
and in celebration of the wedding anniversary  
of Renae and Samantha  
by Samantha Rainman



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# HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

WELCOME

*Please stand as able.*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*BCP, page 323*

*Officiant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Officiant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

**People** **Amen.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*BCP, page 324*

*Officiant* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

CANTICLE

*Gloria in excelsis*

*Read in unison.*

**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give you thanks to thee for thy great glory,**

**O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;**

**thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People** **Amen.**

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 85: 8-13

Benedixisti, Domine  
*Alternately by whole verse.*

BCP, page 709

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

**9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.

**13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6: 14-29

*Officiant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**People** **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

*Officiant* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Wendy Wentland, piano

*Please stand as able.*

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, page 326

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was  
buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP, page 328

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and ever-living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Hector, Jeff and Kai, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Henry our clergy, and for all who minister in this place, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend Joel Pachao and the Episcopal Church in the Philippines](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [St. Michael and All Angels, Longview](#); [St. Paul's, Kilgore](#); and [St. Philip's, Palestine](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Elmer Romero and the Photography ministry](#).

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and 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 they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [Bill, Barbara, Eula, Kensington, Pat, Jeanne, Ileda, Gentry, Amy, Norma, Margaret](#), and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We offer you, O Lord, our prayers of thanksgiving, [especially for John, Carrie, Chris, Peg, and Addilyn](#) as they celebrate their birthdays.

And we also bless thy Holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [especially all who have perished by contracting the Coronavirus, all affected by the condo collapse in Surfside, Florida, and all victims of gun violence](#), beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.  
**Amen.**

#### CONFESSION

*Officiant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*Officiant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### 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.

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### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

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*Please stand as able.*

### SURSUM CORDA

*Celebrant* *The Lord be with you.*

**People** **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* *Lift up your hearts.*

**People** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* *Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.*

**People** **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying,

### SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**

**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please stand as able.*

*The celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

**People AMEN.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, page 336

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

BCP, page 338

*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.*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou has prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.  
**Amen.****

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

DISMISSAL

*Officiant*  
**People**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Thank you for worshiping with us this morning.  
Please remember to maintain social distancing as you depart.*



# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

of TRINITY *The Heart of Midtown*

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – Year B

July 11th, 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 11th, 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 12th, 2021

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

### Tuesday, July 13th, 2021

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm Pastoral Care Team Meeting
- 6:00 pm Property Committee Meeting Via Zoom
- 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting Via Zoom

### Wednesday, July 14th, 2021

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

### Thursday, July 15th, 2021

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

5:30 pm Jazz Education End of Summer Concert

### Friday, July 16th, 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.

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## Ongoing



### Trinity Listening and Caring Support Group

led 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 Celebration of the wedding anniversary of Renae and Samantha

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



John Peil  
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phone: (713) 528-4100.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:curate@trinitymidtown.org) for additional information.

## Readings this Sunday

Amos 7:7-14  
Psalm 85: 8-13  
Ephesians 1: 3-14  
Mark 6: 14-29



## 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.

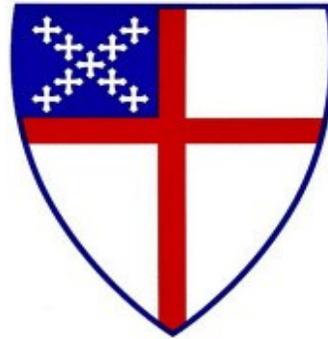
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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