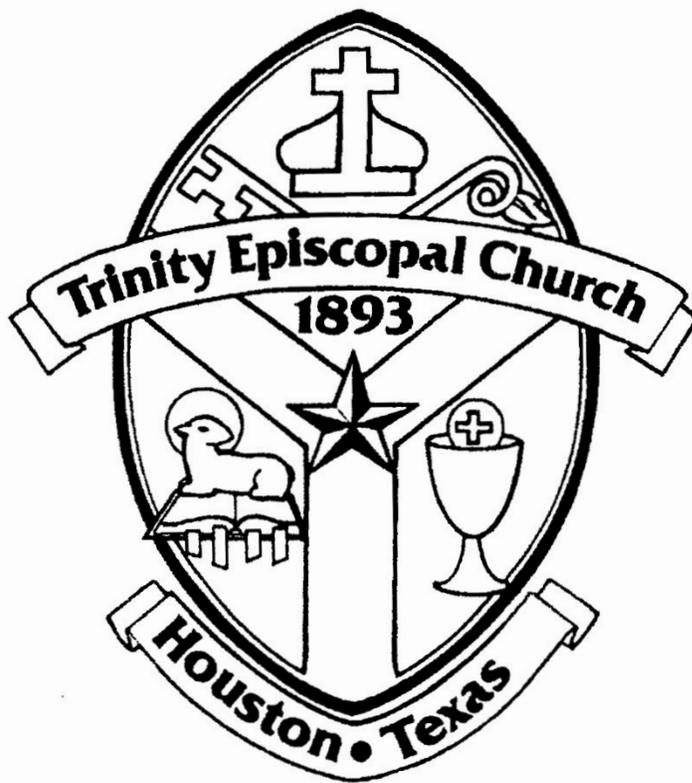


SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MORNING PRAYER, Rite II

JULY 12, 2020

10:30 a.m.



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

Luz Cabrera Montes, Curate

The Reverend Canon Dr. Henry L. Atkins, Jr., Theologian in Residence

Collin Boothby, Organist and Choirmaster

April Sloan-Hubert, Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble

***Making God's Presence Real
By Sharing Christ's Life-Changing Love***

MORNING PRAYER RITE II

10:30 a.m. Historic Church

VOLUNTARY

Elegy

William Grant Still (1895-1978)

WELCOME

THE OPENING SENTENCE

BCP, page 78

Officiant Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

OPENING HYMN

Come we that love the Lord

St. Thomas



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known, join
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God; but
3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets be -
4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - ery tear be dry; we're
in a song with sweet ac - cord, and thus sur - round the throne.
chil - dren of the heaven - ly King may speak their joys a - broad.
fore we reach the heaven - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets.
march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground to fair - er worlds on high.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP, page 79

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

ABSOLUTION BCP, page 80
Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
People **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER BCP, page 80
Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Officiant The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

CANTICLE BCP, page 82
Venite
Read in unison.

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

Officiant The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

PSALM 119: 105-112 BCP, page 772
Lucerna pedibus meis
Alternately by whole verse.

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.
**106 I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.**
107 I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.
**108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.**
109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.
**110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.**

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

**112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 25: 19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SONG OF MARY

Magnificat
Read in unison.

BCP, page 91

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.**

**He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8: 1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Officiant The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

YOU ARE GOD

Te Deum laudamus
Read in unison.

BCP, page 95

**You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you and all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.**

**You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.**

**Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.**

THE THIRD LESSON

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Officiant The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOMILY

Luz Cabrera Montes, Curate

1. God, how can we for-give when bonds of love are torn?
 2. When we have missed the mark, and tears of an-guish flow,
 3. Who dares to throw the stone to damn an-oth-er's sin,

How can we rise and start a-new, our trust re-born?
 how can you still re-lease our guilt, the debt we owe?
 when you, while know-ing all our past, for-give a-gain?

When hu-man lov-ing fails and ev-ery hope is gone,
 The o-cean depth of grace sur-pass-es all our needs.
 No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live.

your love gives strength be-yond our own to face the dawn.
 A priest who shares our hu-man pain, Christ in-ter-cedes.
 As you, O God, for-give our sin, may we for-give.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BCP, page 96

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, page 97

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.
**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.**

THE SUFFRAGES

BCP, page 97

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;
People **And grant us your salvation.**
Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People **Let your people sing with joy.**
Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People **For only in you can we live in safety.**
Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;
People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;
People **Your saving health among all nations.**
Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, page 231

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST COLLECT FOR MISSION

BCP, page 100

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

VIRTUAL OFFERING

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Go to www.trinitymidtown.org and click the "Give" button on the top right, or click:

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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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come and find a quiet center

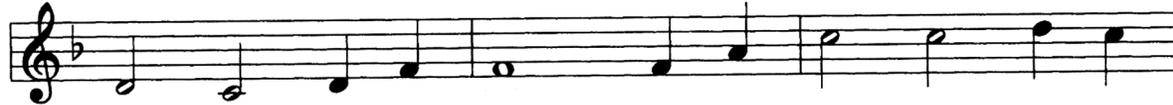
Beach Spring



1. Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd - ed life we
2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the
3. In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's



lead, find the room for hope to en - ter, find the
pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our
pain, let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e -



frame where we are freed: Clear the cha - os and the
be - ing, touch - es base, mak - ing space with - in our
brate the space we gain: There's a place for deep - est



clut - ter, clear our eyes that we can see all the
think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun, rais - ing
dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care, in the



things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.
cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.
Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

Give wisdom to those who have responsibility and authority in every land, that we may share with justice the resources of the world, and work together in trust.

Comfort and heal, we pray, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble, especially for those we now name: Vivian, Myron, Theresa, Jeannette, Alfredo, Emilia, Stewart, Jacqueline, Nathan, Allison, Livia, Carla, Marcia, Beryl, Samike, Maxine, Andrew, Margaret Dorothy, and Katie.

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, especially David Silverman and all who have perished by 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: John, Chris, Peg, Addilyn, and Scott.

A PRAYER FOR DISMANTLING RACISM

Dear God, in our efforts to dismantle racism, we understand that we struggle not merely against flesh and blood but against powers and principalities - those institutions and systems that keep racism alive by perpetuating the lie that some members of the family are inferior and others superior.

Create in us a new mind and heart that will enable us to see brothers and sisters in the faces of those divided by racial categories.

Give us the grace and strength to rid ourselves of racial stereotypes that oppress some of us while providing entitlements to others.

Help us to create a Church and nation that embraces the hopes and fears of oppressed People of Color where we live, as well as those around the world.

Heal your family God, and make us one with you, in union with our brother Jesus, and empowered by your Holy Spirit.

In your mercy, benevolent God,

People Hear our prayer.

VIRTUAL PRAYER SHARING

We invite you to share any prayers you wish to share in the comment section.

Officiant Almighty God, to you we lift up all the prayers of the Trinity community, especially those which have been shared today. We ask you to receive also the prayers which remain unspoken in our hearts. This we ask in the name of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen

Almighty God, **Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.**

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

BCP, page 102

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

People Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 594

*God of grace and God of glory
(see next page)*

Cwm Rhondda

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

DISMISSAL

BCP, page 102

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

VOLUNTARY

God of Grace and God of Glory arr. Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Virtual Coffee Hour this morning will be live on Facebook following the service.

We invite you to join the **Zoom Check-In** at 12:30 pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82044505630>

Meeting ID: 820 4450 5630



THE WEEKLY WINDOW

of TRINITY *The Heart of Midtown*

July 12, 2020

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – Year A

Announcements

Sunday's Preacher

Luz Montes



Trinity's new Curate, will preach her first sermon this morning.

MUSIC OF THE CHURCH

Virtual Adult Forum
Thursdays at 4 pm
June 25 - July 30
Discussion on Zoom

MIDDAY MUSIC IN MIDTOWN

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Virtual Summer Recital Series
Fridays at Noon
Featuring music of black and other lesser-known composers

RACISM REVEALED

A Podcast by
Trinity Episcopal Church



Is posted most Mondays at Noon
Listen on our website:

www.trinitymidtown.org/podcasts/racism-revealed

NEXT EPISODE – JULY 13

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, July 12, 2020

- 9:30 am Youth Bible Study (via Zoom)
- 9:30 am Parenting with Grace (via Zoom)
- 9:30 am Sunday Meditations (via Zoom)
- 10:30 am Morning Prayer service**
(live on Facebook and YouTube)
- 11:30 am Virtual Coffee Hour – Live
- 12:30 pm Zoom Check-in

Monday, July 13, 2020

- 12:00 pm Racism Revealed Episode 2
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

- 7:00 am Primary Run-off Election, FH
- 11:00 am Yoga with Saba (via Zoom)
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook
- 6:00 pm Property Committee (via Zoom)
- 7:00 pm Finance Committee (via Zoom)

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

- 11:00 am Yoga with Saba (via Zoom)
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook
- 7:00 pm Pub Theology (via Zoom)
- 7:30 pm Choir Social (via Zoom)

Thursday, July 16, 2020

- 11:00 am Yoga with Saba (via Zoom)
- 4:00 pm Music of the Church (via Zoom)
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

Friday, July 17, 2020

- 11:00 am Yoga with Saba (via Zoom)
- 12:00 pm Midday Music in Midtown – Trinity Facebook and YouTube
- 12:00 pm Youth Group (via Zoom)
- 12:00 pm Inner City Spirit Podcast
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

Saturday, July 18, 2020

Anti-Racism Resources

Are now available on our website at
www.trinitymidtown.org/anti-racism

Ongoing

Daily Scripture and Prayer

Sent by email Monday through Saturday at 9:30 am.

If you are not receiving this, contact Collin Boothby at connections@trinitymidtown.org

Pub Theology

Meets via Zoom at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays.

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PUB THEOLOGY

— BEER, CONVERSATION & GOD —

For the link, contact frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org

Inner City Spirit

A Podcast by
Trinity Episcopal Church



Is posted most weeks on Friday at noon. Listen on our website:

www.trinitymidtown.org/podcasts/inner-city-spirit

NEXT EPISODE – JULY 10

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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 ongoing prayers.

Please email to keep us informed.

For information or comments about prayer names, please contact the Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero, Rector, at rector@trinitymidtown.org

If you would like to participate as a member of the prayer chain, please contact Norma Cooper.

Bob, Myron, Marvin, Caroline, Allegra, Gareth, Jimmie, Tom, Jill, Stephen, Christopher, Barbara, Aurora, Kazi, Emily, Anita, Margaret, Barbara, Penn, Norman, Vivian, Theresa, Jeannette, Alfredo, Stewart, Jacqueline, Nathan, Allison, Emilia, Livia, Carla, Marcia, Beryl, Samike, Maxine, Andrew, Margaret, Katie, Jacques, Mary, Michele, Maria, Marcus, Brian, all affected by the coronavirus

For those in our armed services

Will Dahlstrom, Martin Cabello and Christopher Krenshaw

For the faithful departed

David Silverman

All who have perished by contracting the coronavirus

For our Iona Seminarian

Carrie Hirdes



John Holt
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Bishop Doyle's COVID-19 Guidelines

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Yoga with Saba



Classes are held via Zoom
Tuesday– Friday at 11 am

For Zoom link, contact

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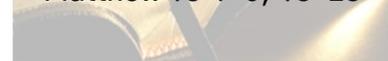
Readings this Sunday

Genesis 25:19–34

Psalms 119:105–112

Romans 8:1–11

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23



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.

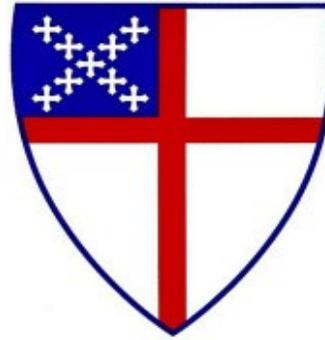
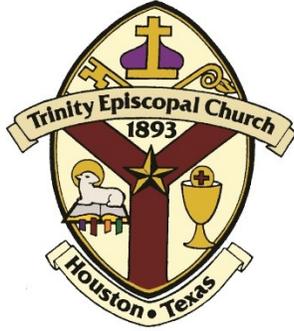
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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