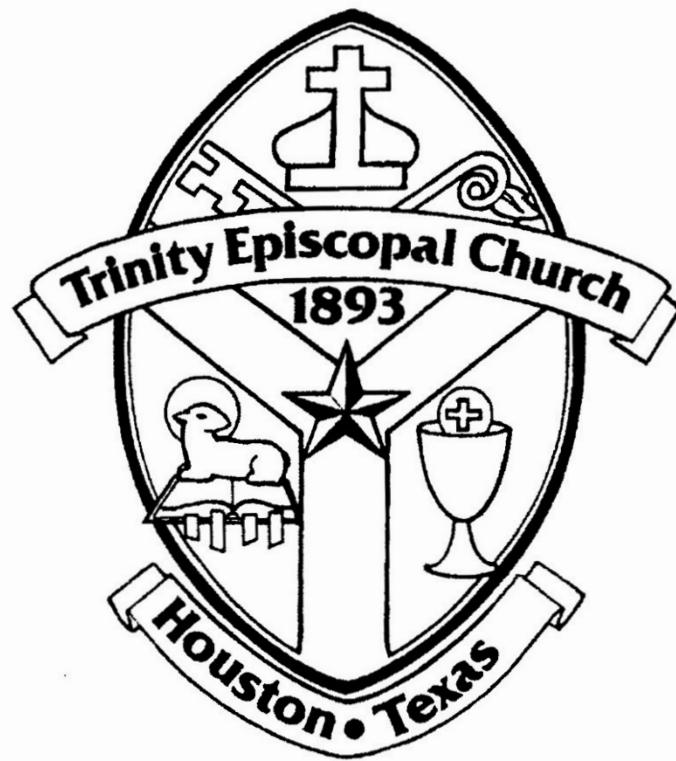


# THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 30, 2023  
10:30 a.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 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:

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

For more information, please visit our website:  
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**Facebook Live Stream.** Please be advised that this service is live streamed through our Trinity Facebook Page and YouTube channels. By participating in the service, you are consenting to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your children who participate.

**Children 3yrs through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade** We offer Children's Chapel in Room 112 during this service. The children who wish to participate will be led out right before the Gospel, and will return at the passing of the peace so that they can participate in Communion with their families.

## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

- Your children are welcome here at Trinity! First, please relax and enjoy your time here. We know that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it.
- To make things easier for your family, dare to sit closer to the front where your child can see what's going on at the altar. Guide them in the liturgy and be models for them. Help them sing the hymns and encourage them to stand/sit when appropriate, say "Amen" and "Thanks be to God," and generally help them be a part of the service. The liturgy belongs to them too.
- If you have to leave, hurry back! Jesus wants the children here, and we do too. If you need help, just ask. There are many here who are willing to lend you a hand.
- Children's activity and worship bulletins are available for download from our website under the "Worship—Bulletins" tab, or following this link:

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

## VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*

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Ann McCoy  
John Merullo

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Gladys Vallés  
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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: Shelby Bradley  
Prayers: Stan Tubbs  
LEMs: Larry Laubach, Pat Laubach  
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Ushers: Ben Blanding, Bob Davenport, Linda Davenport  
Verger: Steve Lee  
Vestry of the Day: Ann McCoy  
Altar Guild: Joanne Starbuck, Ron Mailloux, Linda Davenport  
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The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God  
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# The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

*Please stand as able.*

OPENING HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

LEVAS, page 74

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you. **Fine**

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
2. Neigh - bors are rich and poor. neigh - bors are black and  
3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should  
4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are  
5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

1. feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
2. white, neigh - bors are near and far a - way.  
3. love; all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
4. slaves, this is the way we should live with you.  
5. feet. this is the way we should live with you. **D.C.**

WELCOME AND SENTENCE OF THE DAY

*Presider* Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples: Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth.

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

OPENING PRAYER

*Presider* Let us pray.  
O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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

1 Kings 3: 5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

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

PSALM 119: 129-136

*Mirabilia*

BCP, page 774

*Alternately by whole verse.*

129 Your decrees are wonderful; \*  
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

**130 When your word goes forth it gives light; \*  
it gives understanding to the simple.**

131 I open my mouth and pant; \*  
I long for your commandments.

*(Continued on page 6)*

**132 Turn to me in mercy, \***  
**as you always do to those who love your Name.**

133 Steady my footsteps in your word; \*  
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

**134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, \***  
**and I will keep your commandments.**

135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant \*  
and teach me your statutes.

**136 My eyes shed streams of tears, \***  
**because people do not keep your law.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8: 26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

*Children's Chapel, for children aged three through fifth grade, begins before the reading of the Gospel during the music at the sequence. The children are invited to follow the cross, carried by Ms. Erika on the Baptismal Font side, for a lesson and will return to their parents after the passing of the peace.*

MUSIC AT THE SEQUENCE

Trinity Jazz Ensemble

THE GOSPEL *Please stand as able* Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52  
**Presider** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
**People** **Praise and glory to God!**



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

*Reader* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

**People** **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Reader* We pray for Joseph, our president; Kamala, our vice-president; Greg, our governor; Lina, our county judge; Sylvester, our mayor; and the legislatures, and courts: For this community, the nation, and the world:

**People** **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Reader* For the end of systemic racism that divides us; for the just and proper use of your creation;

**People** **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Reader* For [all women and men, boys and girls who are homeless this day](#), and for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.

**People** **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Reader* In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend Albert Chama, and the Church of the Province of Central Africa](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [St. John's, Tyler; St. Luke's, Lindale; and St. Matthew's, Henderson](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Carver Mathis and the Youth Ministry](#). For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

**People** **For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Reader* For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai (*pronounced "Kaye"*), and Hector, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale, our clergy; for all who minister in this place; and for all bishops and other ministers.

**People** **For all who serve God in his Church.**

*Reader* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those who are on our prayer list: [Bill, Nick, Kathy, Bob, Dale, Edith, Steve, Layne, Jane, Mark, Eliana, Norma, Guillermo, Graeme, Phil, Emily, Samantha, Theresa, and Alton](#).

Hear us, Lord;

**People** **For your mercy is great.**

*Reader* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for [Amy, Andrea, Lilian, Talbot, and Terri](#) as they celebrate their birthdays.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**People** **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Reader* We pray for all who have died, [especially for Tommy Weichel, and all victims of gun violence](#), that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People** **Who put their trust in you.**

*The people may offer their own specific petitions, praises or thanksgivings.*



## Response to the Prayers

instrumental intro  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $A^{\flat}7_{sus}$   $A^{\flat}7$

The musical score is written in G-flat major (three flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music. The first system is an instrumental introduction. The second system, labeled 'A', contains the first line of lyrics: 'prayer - O - Lord hea our - prayer O - Lord - - in -'. The third system contains the second line: 'cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our'. The fourth system, labeled 'B', contains the third line: 'prayer O - Lord - hear - our - prayer - O - Lord - - - in -'. The fifth system contains the fourth line: 'cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord -'. A note indicates 'Soft piano improvisation during prayer, play intro to cue next response.' The sixth system contains the final line: 'A - nd Gra - nt - us Thy - Pe - ace -'. Chord symbols are placed above the notes:  $G^{\flat}maj7$ ,  $Fm7$ ,  $B^{\flat}m7$ ,  $A^{\flat}7_{sus}$ , and  $D^{\flat}maj7$ .

Hear our -

**A**

5  $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$   $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$

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

9  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $A^{\flat}7_{sus}$   $A^{\flat}7$

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

**B**

13  $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$   $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$

prayer O - Lord - hear - our - prayer - O - Lord - - - in -

17  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $A^{\flat}7_{sus}$   $A^{\flat}7$

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

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

21  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $A^{\flat}7_{sus}$   $A^{\flat}7$   $D^{\flat}maj7$

A - nd Gra - nt - us Thy - Pe - ace -

## CONFESSION

*BCP, page 392*

**Celebrant** 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** **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

*BCP, page 360*

**Celebrant** 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.**

Please stand as able.

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

Say a Little Prayer

Burt Bacharach

*The children who attended Children's Chapel will return at this point so that they can participate with their families in the Holy Communion.*

Please be seated.

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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 OFFERTORY

In His Time



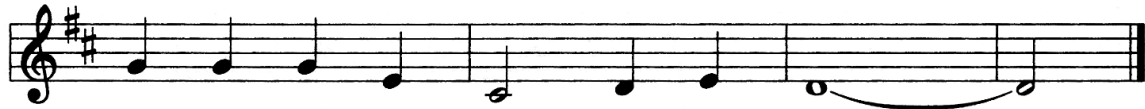
1. In his time, \_\_\_\_\_ in his time; \_\_\_\_\_ he makes  
2. In your time, \_\_\_\_\_ in your time; \_\_\_\_\_ you make



all things beau - ti - ful in his time. \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, please  
all things beau - ti - ful in your time. \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, my



show me ev - ery day as you're teach - ing me your way, that you  
life to you I bring; may each song I have to sing be to



do just what you say in your time. \_\_\_\_\_  
you a love - ly thing in your time. \_\_\_\_\_

Please stand as able

VERSE AND RESPONSE AT PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord

**People** and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP, page 367

Please stand as able.

SURSUM CORDA

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

**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.**

*Please stand or kneel, as able.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

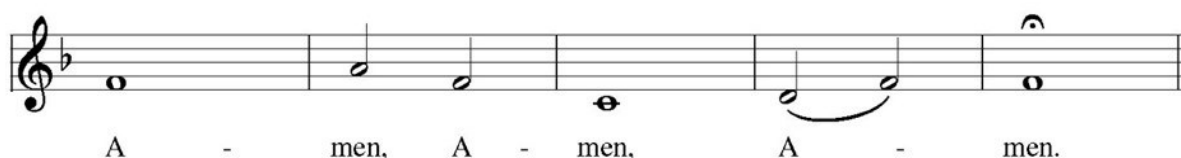
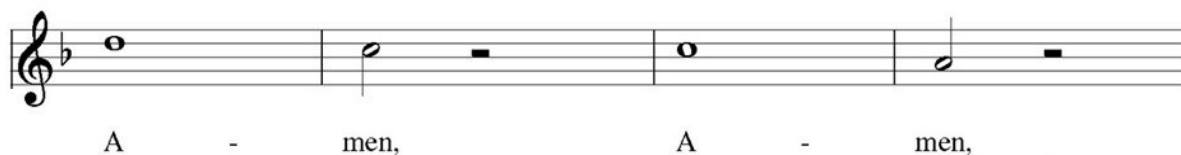
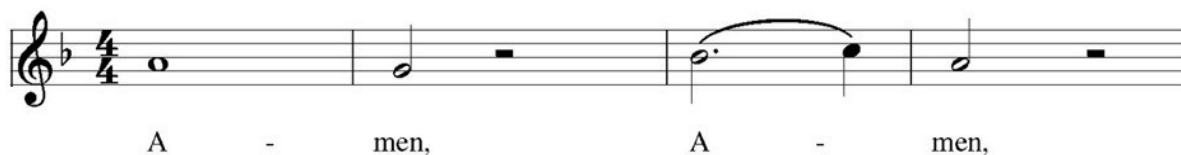
**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Celebrant and People**

**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

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome to come participate in Holy Communion. If for any reason you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms across your chest for a blessing.*

*Our tradition is to receive both bread and wine, sharing in the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips, or you may "intinct" by dipping the wafer into the chalice. If you prefer, you may also receive the bread only: After consuming the wafer, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine.*

*If you do not wish to "intinct" from the common cup, there will be a third chalice, for intinction only, available in the baptistery. If you wish to partake of this chalice, please proceed to the baptistery after receiving a wafer from the priest.*



*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*

Come by here— Lord, come by here,—

Come by here— Lord, come by here,— Come by here— Lord,

come by here,— O Lord, come by here.—

2. Someone needs you Lord, come by here.

3. Send a blessing Lord, come by here.

*The Presider distributes a communion kit saying,*

**Presider** On behalf of God and Trinity Parish, we send forth these holy gifts that those who will be visited may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

**People** Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Please stand as able.*

Presider

Blessed be God who calls us together.

**People**

**Praise to God who makes us one people.**

Presider

Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

**People**

**Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.**

Presider

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

**People**

**Praise to God who is revealed as love.**

Presider

Blessed be God who alone has called us.

**People**

**Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.**

Presider

Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

**People**

**Accept our thanks for all you have done.**

Presider

Send us now into the world you love.

**People**

**Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Presider

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

He Who Began a Good Work in You

He who be - gan a good work in you, —  
he who be - gan a good work in you —  
— will be faith - ful to com-plete it, —  
— will be faith - ful to com-plete it. — He who start -  
ed the work will be faith - ful to com-plete it in you. —

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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*Please join us for coffee in Fellowship Hall  
immediately following this service.*

*On August 6 we will resume normal service hours of 8:00, 10:30, and 12:30.  
We will also resume our full Coffee Hour after the 10:30 service.*

*We also have a flower dedication date available on August 6.  
Please sign up to donate on our website.*









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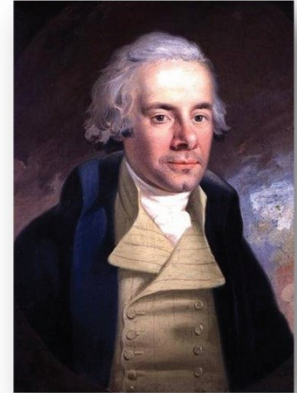
**July 30, 2023 – Pentecost 9 (A)**

**William Wilberforce**

On July 30, the Episcopal Church remembers William Wilberforce (1759 – 1833), along with Anthony Ashley Cooper (1801-1885), prophetic witnesses of the Gospel of Christ. Wilberforce was a British statesman and evangelical Anglican who used his position as a Member of Parliament from the Yorkshire area to advocate for the abolition of the slave trade throughout the British Empire.

Noted for personal charm and great eloquence as a public speaker, Wilberforce was elected to Parliament from his home town and district of Hull at the age of 21. After a conversion experience in 1784, he joined the evangelical wing of the Anglican church and became interested in social reform movements.

Lady Margaret Middleton, the wife of another Member of Parliament, approached Wilberforce as a likely person to work within the government for the abolition of the slave trade. The enormity of the task was daunting to Wilberforce, who wrote, “I feel the great importance of the subject and I think myself unequal to the task allotted to me.”



But Wilberforce accepted the mission. “God Almighty has set before me two great objects, the suppression of the slave trade and the reformation of manners,” he wrote in his journal in 1787. His health, however, had never been good, and illness prevented him from immediately taking on the challenge. It was May 1789 before he made his first speech in the House of Commons on the subject of the slave trade.

When Wilberforce formally proposed abolition of the trade in 1791, his fellow members voted against his motion by nearly two to one. Wilberforce continued to press the matter, making similar proposals some nine times by 1805. During that time, due to the efforts of many reformers, the British people learned about the horrific conditions endured by enslaved Africans, and public opinion gradually turned against the slave trade.

It took longer to convince Parliament, but the Abolition of the Slave Trade bill was eventually passed in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords by large majorities and took effect in March 1807. Although the successful bill was introduced by another Member of Parliament, Wilberforce received full credit — and a rare standing ovation from the House of Commons — for his untiring efforts. Unfortunately, the 1807 bill did not immediately stop the slave trade. Seafaring traders flouted the law, sometimes covering this illegal commerce by throwing their captives overboard to drown when ships of the British navy approached. Many people became convinced that only the abolition of slavery would stop the trade.

Wilberforce at first resisted calls for outright abolition, writing in 1807, “It would be wrong to emancipate [the slaves]. To grant freedom to them immediately would be to insure not only their masters’ ruin, but their own. They must [first] be trained and educated for freedom.” But he eventually came to support full emancipation and worked to bring public opinion and political will together to that end. He continued to serve in Parliament, supporting a variety of causes, including overseas Christian mission, increased education, and greater freedom for Roman Catholics. He retired in 1825 due to ill health but continued to campaign for an end to slavery.

Wilberforce saw his efforts rewarded when Parliament passed a law in July 1833 outlawing slavery throughout the British Empire. He died three days later at age 73. In honor of his service to the nation, he was buried in the north transept of Westminster Abbey.

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# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN  
July 30th, 2023 – Ninth Sunday After Pentecost Year A

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**Sunday In-Person Services**  
10:30 am (Historic Church)  
Next Sunday, August 6th, 2023 all  
Three Services resume at our  
normal schedule.

## Sunday Services – Last Combined July Service

Please note this Sunday is our last combined service at 10:30 am. We will resume our regular schedule on August 6th. Thank you!

## Trinity Block Party Talks! August 5th and Sept. 10th

Join us for one of our last two discussions about our City Block! We will be sharing ideas about our outdoor spaces, talking about the Bering House, and updating you on the parking lot construction scheduled for 2024. Let's get creative about how we can continue to serve midtown and our community.

Saturday, August 5th from 11 am–1 pm, Smith Room (Hybrid)

Sunday, September 10th from 1:45 pm–3:45 pm, Fellowship Hall  
Pizza and Topochico Provided (please let us know if you're coming!)

**RSVP by emailing [adminassistant@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:adminassistant@trinitymidtown.org)**

## Volunteer Opportunities: Is God Calling You?

### Leadership Volunteer Opportunities

**Junior Warden**, beginning January 2024. Contact John Escoto, Current Junior Warden, for job description and application process. Email: [jiescotojr@gmail.com](mailto:jiescotojr@gmail.com), Phone: 713-256-7095

### Team Participant Volunteer Opportunities

#### Evening Prayer Ministry Training Saturday, August 5th at 10 am

**Greeters and Officiants** will be trained Saturday, August 5th in the Sanctuary. Please come be a part of Trinity's daily outreach mission as we are in critical need of volunteers to keep this very important ministry going. For more information Contact Christian Bearup.

Email: [christianbearup@gmail.com](mailto:christianbearup@gmail.com), Phone: 713-265-7834

**Usher Teams, all Services**, beginning immediately, we are in real need.

Contact Pat Laubach for job description and training process. Email:

[volunteer@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:volunteer@trinitymidtown.org),

Phone: 281-948-6086

**Listening Post Volunteers**, beginning in September.

Contact the Rev. Hannah E. Atkins Romero for job description and training process.

Email: [rector@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:rector@trinitymidtown.org), Phone: 713-528-4100

**Altar Guild Teams**, beginning in August and September.

Contact Joanne Starbuck and/or Mark Goza

for job description and training. Email: [jstarbuck@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jstarbuck@sbcglobal.net),

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## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

### Sunday, July 30th, 2023

10:00 am –12:30 pm Nursery Open

10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II Church

10:45 am Children's Chapel

8:00 pm Compline (Facebook)

### Monday, July 31st, 2023

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

### Tuesday, August 1st, 2023

10:00 am Sandwich makers

(Masterson room)

12:00 pm Endowment Board Meeting

(Smith room)

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

### Wednesday, August 2nd, 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

### Thursday, August 3rd, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y.

Rm

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

### Friday, August 4th, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y.

Rm

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

### Saturday, August 5th, 2023

10:00 am Cornerstone Parent/Teen Meetings

10:00 am Evening Prayer Training in (Sanctuary)

11:00 am Trinity Block Party Talks (Smith rm)

Our Weekly Zoom links can be found at

<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/zoom-with-us/>



### PRAYERS

Our custom is to read aloud each week the names of those who request our prayers. We also remember in our Prayer Chain and Bulletin those who desire prayers. Please email to keep us informed. For information or comments about prayer names, please contact the Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero. If you would like to participate as a member of the prayer chain, please contact Norma Cooper. Allegra, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Jill, Stephen, Emily, Van, Dick, Theresa, Victims of Violence, Ric, Barbara, Livia, Carolyn, Sylvia, Joyce, Bob, Cristine, David, Robert, Susan, Cindy, Patty, Dana, Samantha, Emilia, Gaby, Florence, Rick, Charles, Harrison, Kathy, Erma, Mary, and Henry.

#### For the faithful departed

Tommy Weichel and All victims of gun violence and all who have perished from contracting the Coronavirus.

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### Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour

The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration of Steve Jones' birthday by Alex Jones



If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up at [www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/](http://www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/).

**The next available dates: August 6th**

For Easter Flower ordering click [HERE](#).

Sign-ups for coffee hour hosts are available, please signup online to volunteer [here](#).

**Next available dates: September 17th.**

*Happy Birthday!*

Amy Luke, Andrea Shiloh, Talbot Cooley, and Terri DiRaddo



#### Office Hours

Monday–Thursday 9 am – 3 pm  
Friday 9 am – 1 pm

If you have building concerns please email [frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org). Thanks!



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## A HISTORY OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Trinity Episcopal Church of Houston has existed as a house of worship and a center of its community for over a century. As such, it has adapted to the changing nature of the city, as Houston grew from a regional town of approximately 40,000 souls to a dynamic metropolitan giant, the fourth largest city in the United States. With a congregation that grew from a few founding members in the 1890s to several thousand parishioners at its peak, Trinity Church is an example of how spiritual people have contended with the challenges presented during a city's most crucial period of urban development.

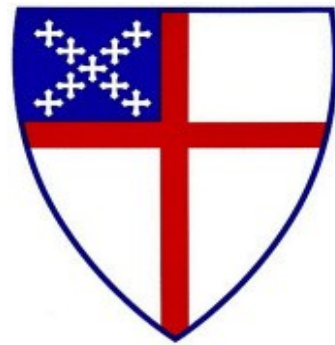
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street and Holman Avenue. That structure, designed by Ralph Adams Cram of Boston and William Ward Watkin of Houston became an architectural landmark constructed in the neo-Gothic style with Texas limestone and a 97 foot bell tower.

During the late 1910s and 1920s, Trinity entered an era of explosive growth, paralleling that of the city, and became an important center of the Episcopal faith. The congregation's many youth and adult activities were community events that attracted wide attention among the general populace. An integral part of its city, Trinity likewise maintained special relationships with Houstonians of other faiths. With a membership numbering 1,900 parishioners in 1930, Trinity emerged as the largest Episcopal parish in the Diocese of Texas and one of the largest in the nation.

After World War II, Houston's growth presented Trinity with perhaps its greatest challenge. As the city physically expanded into the new postwar suburbs, Trinity's membership began to decline. Rather than abandon its historic location, the congregation showed itself to be steadfast. Resurrecting itself from this period, Trinity reaffirmed its mission, this time as a beacon in the inner city where it has become a leading institution in the heart of Houston, determined to enhance the quality of urban life for everyone.

While our neighborhood has gone through many changes, the parish has remained steadfast, and actively ministers to a diverse congregation and to the poor in its midst. As the Midtown Houston neighborhood began redeveloping, starting in the early 2000s, Trinity Church has rededicated itself to its spiritual mission, and has become an active part of the Midtown area for music and other creative art expressions.





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