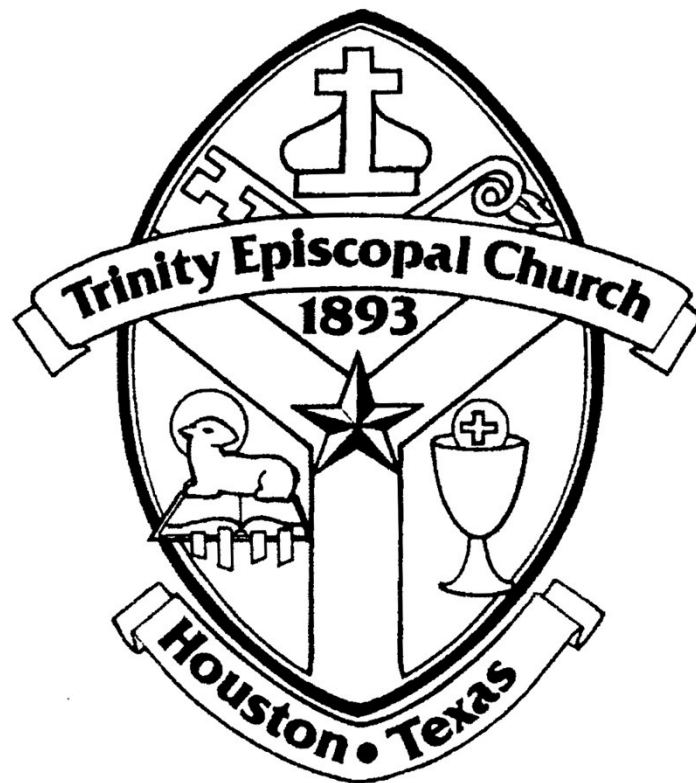


# CHORAL EVENSONG TRINITY SUNDAY

JUNE 4, 2023  
5:30 P.M.



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector  
The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Associate Rector  
The Reverend Dale Klitzke, Priest Associate

Alex Jones, 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. 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.

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- 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.
- Each Sunday, your child may pick up a pew activity in the back of the church.
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Ann McCoy

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The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

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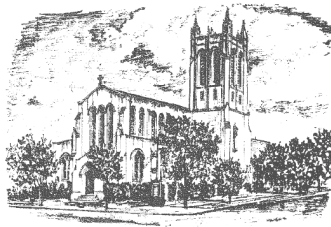
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John Merullo  
Carver Mathis

**Alto:** Summer Price  
Catherine Reed  
Meaghan Heath

**Bass:** Harrison G. Moore, IV  
Matthew Dion

*Audio Visual:* Jeremy Velasquez

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CHORAL EVENSONG  
RITE I

PRELUDE                      *Prelude in E-flat Major, BWV 552*                      Johann Sebastian Bach  
   Matthew Dion, organist  
   *The people stand for the procession.*

WELCOME    The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING SENTENCES

*Officiant*                      Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and  
   from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me  
shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." *John 8:12*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

*Officiant*                      Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God,  
let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts  
confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his  
infinite goodness and mercy.

*Please kneel as able.*

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our  
own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*Officiant*                      The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of  
all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and  
consolation of his Holy Spirit.

**People                      Amen.**

*Please stand as able.*

THE INVITATORY

The Preces (Precentor and Choir)    Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)

Versicle:                      O Lord, open thou our lips.

Response:                      And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Versicle: O God, make speed to save us.

Response: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Versicle: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Response: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

Versicle: Praise ye the Lord.

Response: The Lord's Name be praised.

*The Congregation is seated as the Choir sings the Psalm.*

PSALM 111

*Confitebor tibi  
(sung by the choir)*

Hubert Parry (1848-1918)

- 1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

*Please be seated.*

THE FIRST LESSON

Ecclesiasticus 43: 1-12, 27-33

It is the moon that marks the changing seasons,  
governing the times, their everlasting sign.  
From the moon comes the sign for festal days,  
a light that wanes when it completes its course.  
The new moon, as its name suggests, renews itself;  
how marvelous it is in this change,  
a beacon to the hosts on high,  
shining in the vault of the heavens!

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The glory of the stars is the beauty of heaven,  
 a glittering array in the heights of the Lord.  
 On the orders of the Holy One they stand in their appointed places;  
 they never relax in their watches.  
 Look at the rainbow, and praise him who made it;  
 it is exceedingly beautiful in its brightness.  
 It encircles the sky with its glorious arc;  
 the hands of the Most High have stretched it out.  
 We could say more but could never say enough;  
 let the final word be: 'He is the all.'  
 Where can we find the strength to praise him?  
 For he is greater than all his works.  
 Awesome is the Lord and very great,  
 and marvelous is his power.  
 Glorify the Lord and exalt him as much as you can,  
 for he surpasses even that.  
 When you exalt him, summon all your strength,  
 and do not grow weary, for you cannot praise him enough.  
 Who has seen him and can describe him?  
 Or who can extol him as he is?  
 Many things greater than these lie hidden,  
 for I have seen but few of his works.  
 For the Lord has made all things,  
 and to the godly he has given wisdom.

**Reader**        The Word of the Lord.  
**People**        **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE        *Magnificat* in C Major                      Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
 for he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
 For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.  
 For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name.  
 And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.  
 He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the  
    imagination of their hearts.  
 He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble  
    and meek.  
 He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty  
    away.  
 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he promised to  
    our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

*Please stand as able.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;  
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end.  
 Amen.

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

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

CANTICLE        Nunc Dimittis in C Major                      Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation,  
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

*Please stand as able.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end.  
Amen.

THE GOSPEL

John 1: 1-18

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER *Intoned by all.*

**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. Amen.**

THE SUFFRAGES (Precentor and Choir) Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)

*Versicle* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*Response* And grant us thy salvation.

*Versicle* O Lord, save the state.

*Response* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*Versicle* Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

*Response* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Versicle* O Lord, save thy people.

*Response* And bless thine inheritance.

*Versicle* Give peace in our time, O Lord.

*Response* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

*Versicle* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*Response* And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECTS (Precentor and Choir)

A Collect for Sundays

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

A Collect for Aid against Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord. And by thy great mercy, defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*The Congregation is seated.*

ANTHEM

*Lift Up Your Heads*  
(from Psalm 24)  
(sung by the choir)

William Mathias (1934-1992)

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates;  
and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" \*  
"The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
Even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is this King of glory?" \*  
"The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory."

*Please stand or kneel as able.*

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men.**

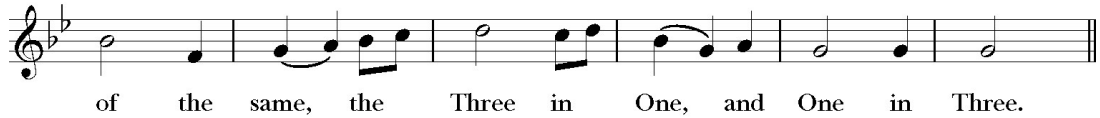
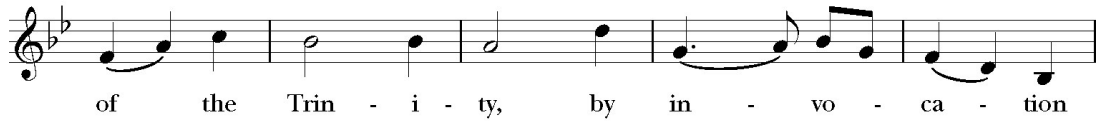
**We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.**

**Amen.**

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

*Officiant* Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**



\*3. I bind un - to my - self the power of the great

\*4. I bind un - to my - self to - day the vir - tues

\*5. I bind un - to mys - elf to - day the power of



faith, Christ's In - car - na - tion; his bap - tism in the  
love of cher - u - bim; the sweet "Well done" in  
of the star - lit heaven the glo - rious sun's life -  
God to hold and lead, his eye to watch, his



Jor - dan riv - er; his death on cross for my sal - va - tion;  
judg - ment hour; the ser - vice of the ser - a - phim;  
giv - ing ray, the white - ness of the moon at even,  
might to stay, his ear to heark - en, to my need;



his burst - ing from the spic - èd tomb; his rid - ing  
con - fess - ors' faith, a - pos - tles' word, the pa - triarchs'  
the flash - ing of the light - ning free, the whirl - ing  
the wis - dom of my God to teach, his hand to



up the heaven - ly way; his com - ing at the  
prayers, the pro - phets' scrolls; all good deeds done un -  
wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, the sta - ble earth, the  
guide, his shield to ward; the word of God to



day of doom: I bind un - to my - self to - day.  
to the Lord, and pu - ri - ty of vir - gin souls.  
deep salt sea, a - round the old e - ter - nal rocks.  
give me speech, his heaven - ly host to be my guard.

\*6. Christ be with me, Christ with - in me, Christ be - hind me,  
 Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et,

Christ be - fore me, Christ be - side me, Christ to  
 Christ in dan - ger, Christ in hearts of all that

win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me,  
 love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.

7. I bind un - to my - self the Name, the strong Name

of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion

of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

Of whom all na - ture hath cre - a - tion, e - ter - nal

Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Word: praise to the Lord of

my sal - va - tion, sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord.

THE DISMISSAL

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

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

*Once the procession has passed, the congregation is invited to be seated for the Voluntary.*

VOLUNTARY

*Fugue in E-flat Major, BWV 552*  
Matthew Dion, organist

Johann Sebastian Bach

*The Congregation is invited to a reception in the Parish Hall  
following the service, with special thanks to Pat Laubach  
for hosting the reception.*



## 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.

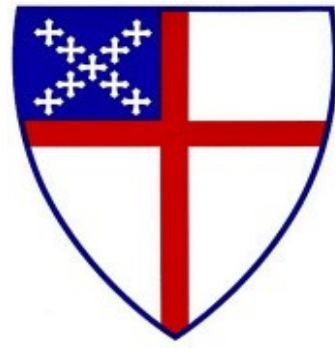
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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