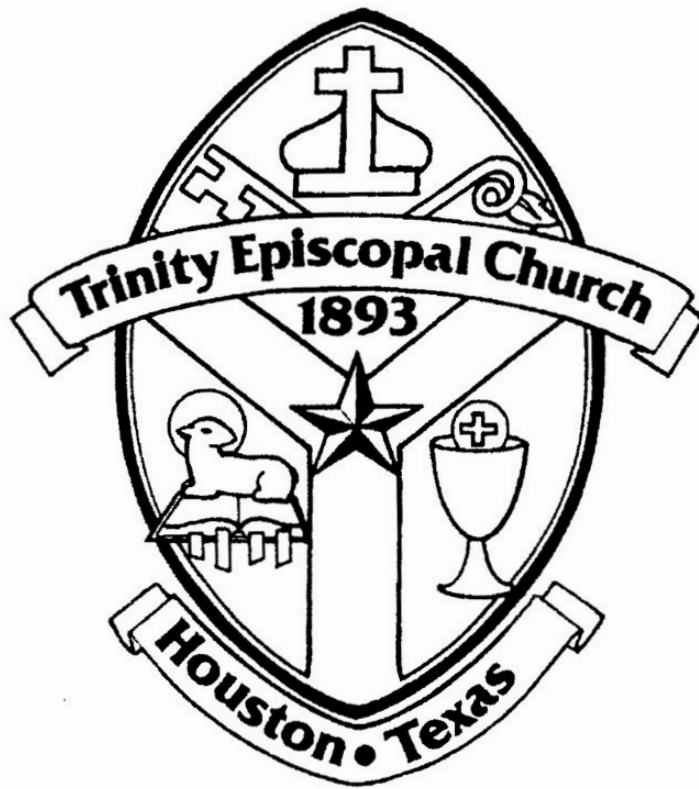


# TRINITY SUNDAY

JUNE 4, 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

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.

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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**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** *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* Meets in room 112 at 9:30 a.m. and the children return to their parents at the passing of the peace.

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

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### VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*  
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Eric Beam  
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John Merullo  
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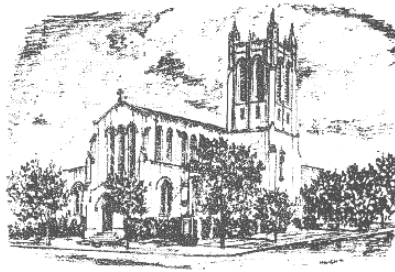
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Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*  
Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*  
Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*  
Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*  
Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*  
Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

## LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Lector: Shelby Bradley  
Prayers: Shelby Bradley  
LEMs: Larry Laubach, Pat Laubach  
Acolytes: A. Sennewald, S. Chambers, L. Chambers, J. Sennewald, G. Chambers  
Ushers: Jason Hruska, Elmer Romero  
Verger: Alex Bruton, Dana Gannon  
Vestry of the Day: Mary Matteucci  
Altar Guild: Mark Goza, Shelby Bradley, Carolyn Reyes  
Audio Visual: Christian Bearup

The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God  
and in thanksgiving for our marital anniversary  
by Stan Tubbs and Randy Goswick



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## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

10:30 a.m. Historic Church

*Please enter in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.*

### VOLUNTARY

### *The Liturgy of the Word*

*Please stand as able.*

HYMN IN PROCESSION 370

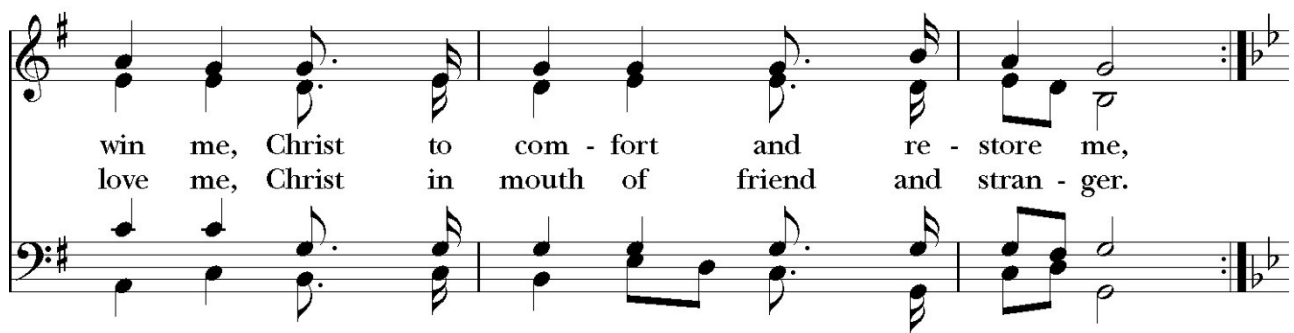
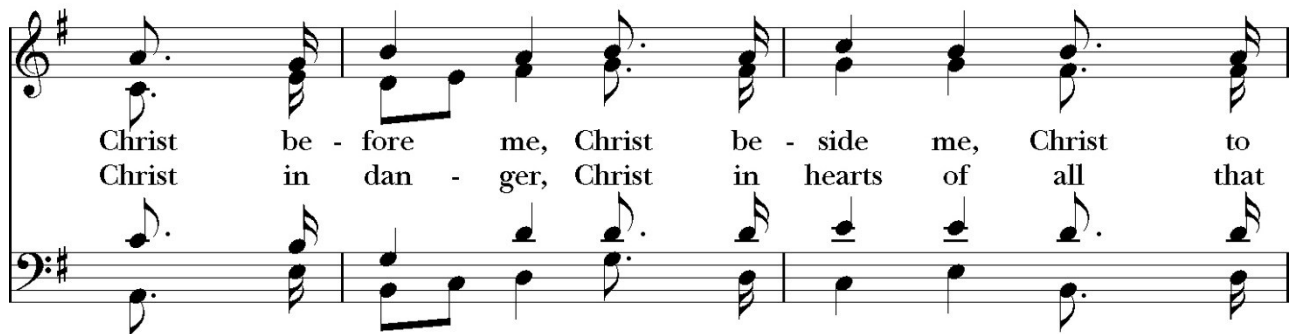
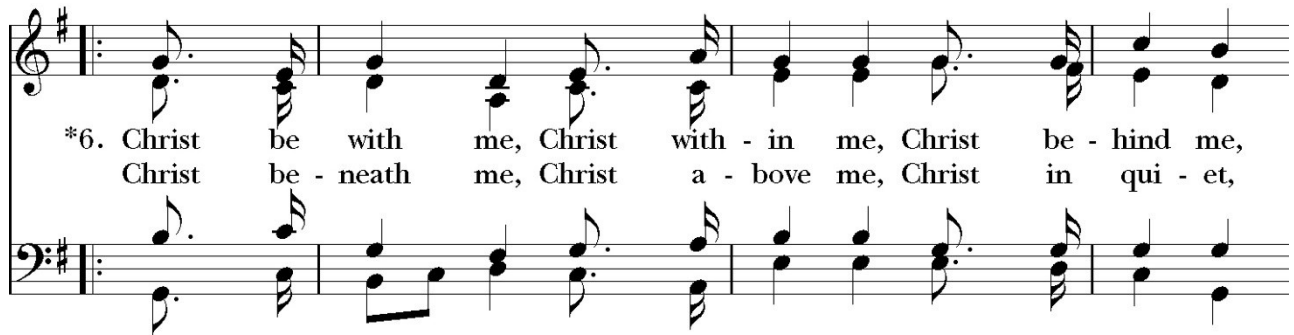
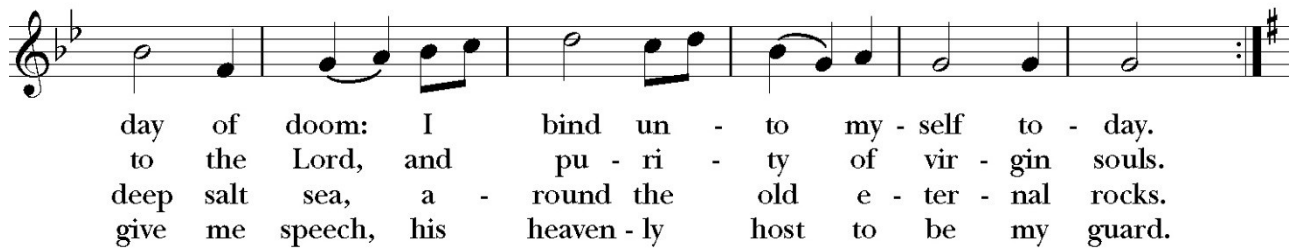
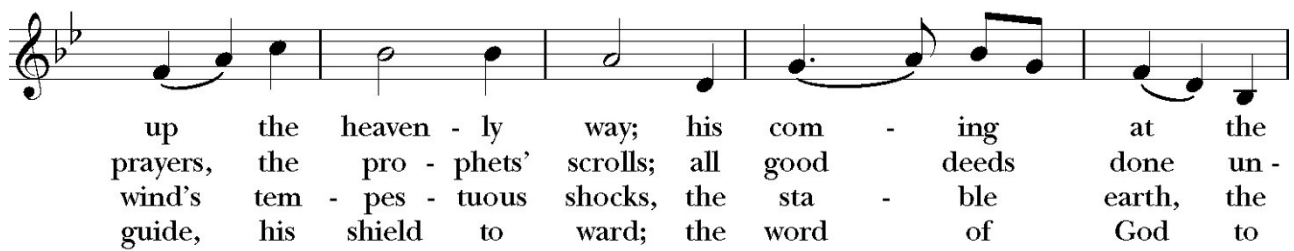
*I bind unto myself today*

St. Patrick's Breastplate



1. I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong Name  
of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion  
of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

2. I bind this day to me for ev - er, by power of  
\*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 - ed 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



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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 OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

#### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

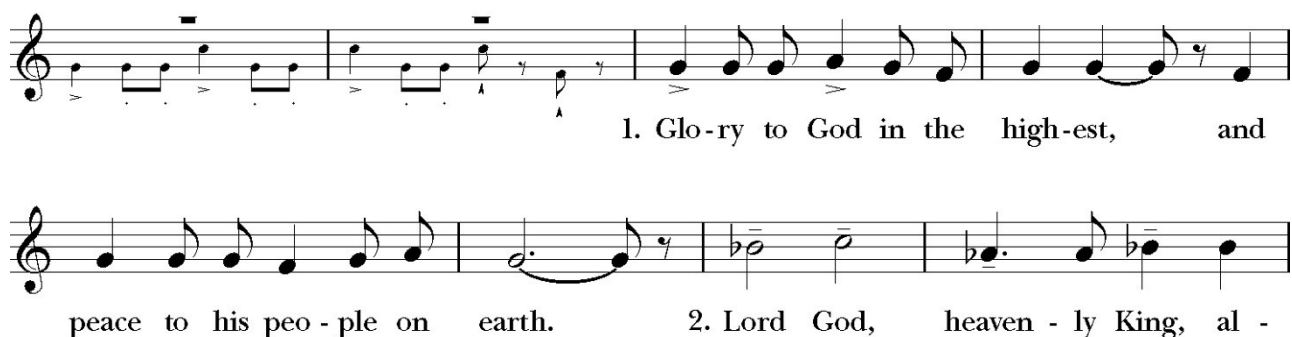
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*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;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

**People** Amen.

#### CANTICLE S278 Glory to God

William Mathias



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -

might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.

**People** **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1: 1-2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so.



God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

**People**    **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 8

*Domine, Dominus noster*  
*(sung by the choir)*

*Elvey, #60*

- 1 O Lord our Governor, \*  
    how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children \*  
    your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
    to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*  
    the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
    the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
    you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
    you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, \*  
    even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
    and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our Governor, \*  
    how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as able.*

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE 368

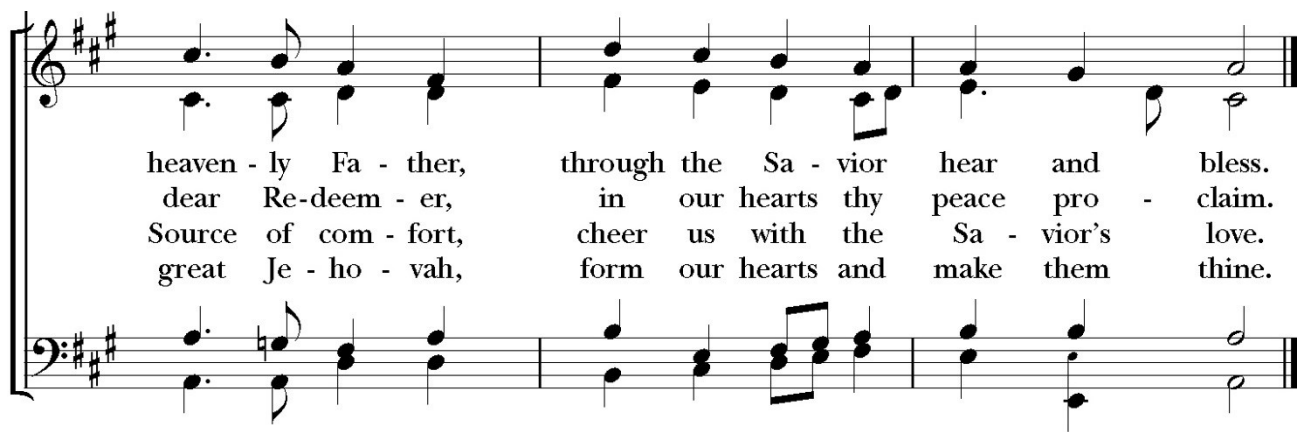
*Holy Father, great Creator*

Regent Square

1 Ho - ly Fa - ther, great Cre - a - tor, source of mer - cy,  
 2 Ho - ly Je - sus, Lord of glo - ry, whom an - gel - ic  
 3 Ho - ly Spi - rit, Sanc - ti - fi - er, Come with unc - tion  
 4 God the Lord, through ev - ery na - tion let thy won - drous

love, and peace, look up - on the Me - di - a - tor,  
 hosts pro - claim, while we hear thy won - drous sto - ry,  
 from a - bove, touch our hearts with sa - cred fire,  
 mer - cies shine. In the song of thy sal - va - tion

clothe us with his right - eous - ness; heaven - ly Fa - ther,  
 meet and wor - ship in thy Name, dear Re - deem - er,  
 fill them with the Sa - vior's love. Source of com - fort,  
 ev - every tongue and race com - bine. Great Je - ho - vah,



# THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28: 16-20

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

**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

*Officiant* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

*Please stand as able.*

## NICENE CREED

**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, FORM VI

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*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 Samy Fawzy and the Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [All Saints'](#), [Hitchcock](#); [Good Shepherd](#), [Friendswood](#); and [Grace, Alvin](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Saba Blanding and the Trinity Endowment](#). 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, Charles, Kathy, Demetrick, Mary, Bob, Dale, Kathy, Harrison, Edith, Ada, Rafael, Erma, and Steve](#).  
 Hear us, Lord;
- People** **For your mercy is great.**
- Reader** We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for [Carol, Daniel, and Barrett](#) 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 all victims of gun violence, and all who have perished from contracting the Coronavirus](#), 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 Celebrant offers the following concluding prayer:*

Oh Lord we remember before you all those whose lives have been ended or shattered by gun violence. We give you thanks for the witness here at this gathering today. We pray that this country may wake up to the horror of gun violence and work toward peace and freedom from fear. All this we ask in and through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION

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*Celebrant* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**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

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*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.

*The children who attended Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will return at this point so that they can participate with their families in the Holy Communion.*

*Please stand as able.*

## THE PEACE

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

**People** And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*

*Please be seated.*

## BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Please be seated*

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

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*Commissioned by Ray Smith for the Choir of Trinity Episcopal Church, Houston, Texas  
to Celebrate 90 years of Christian witness, May 1983.*

O Trinity of blessed light,  
O unity of princely might,  
The fiery sun now goes his way;  
Shed thou within our hearts thy ray.

All laud to God the Father be,  
All praise eternal Son to thee,  
All glory, as is ever meet,  
To God the holy Paraclete.

To thee our morning song of praise,  
To thee our evening prayer we raise;  
O grant us with thy saints on high  
To praise thee through eternity.

*Please stand as able.*

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 400, stanza 7

Lasst uns erfreuen

Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -

ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the

Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

*Refrain*

O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

SURSUM CORDA S120

*Celebrant* *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*  
Lift up your hearts. 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 with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*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.

**AMEN.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

***Celebrant and People***

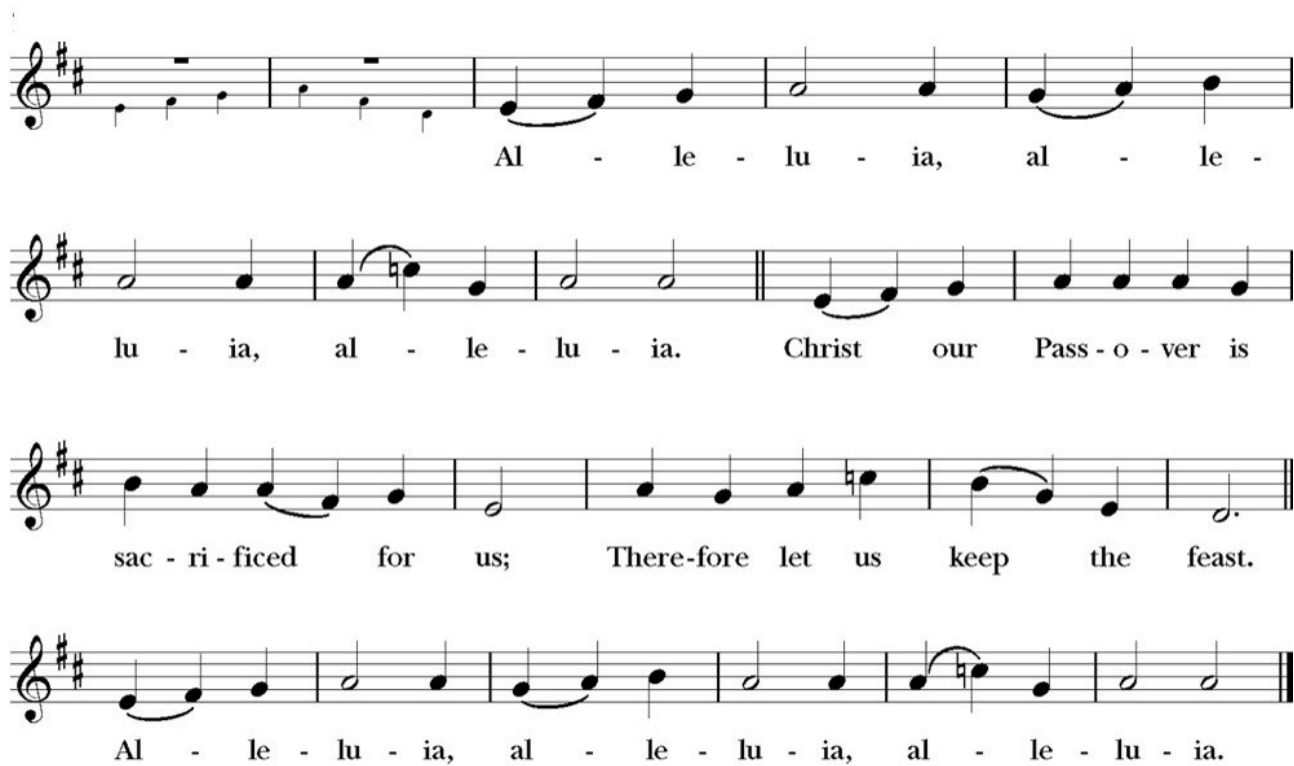
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.

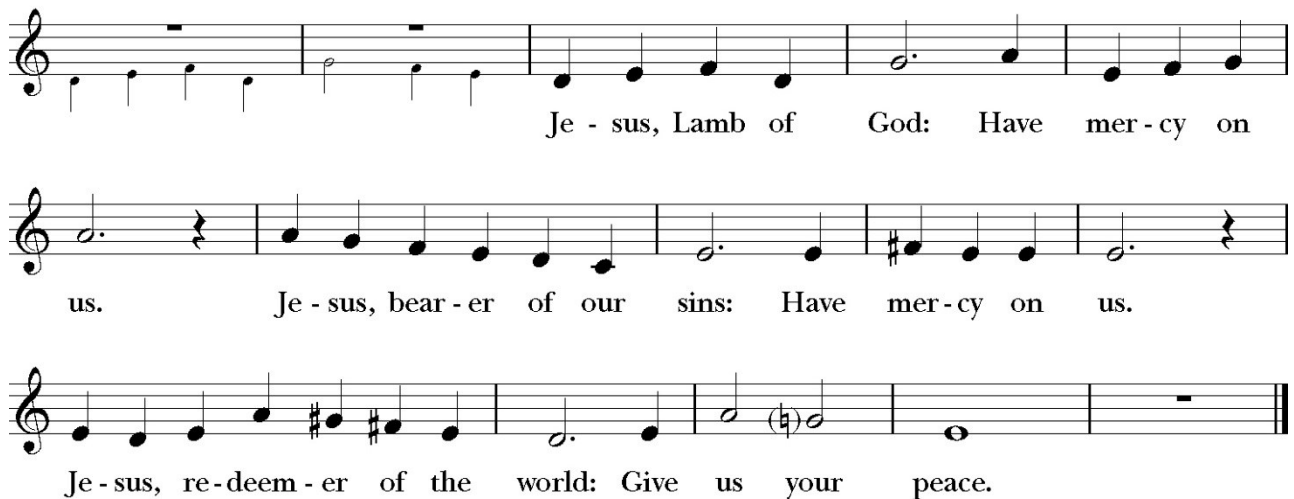
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## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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

## AGNUS DEI S166

Gerald R. Near



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on

us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

*Please come forward to receive communion at the Altar rail. If you wish to partake of the chalice, you may do so by intinction. Intinction is done by dipping a host into the wine, and is completely optional. If you prefer, it is perfectly fine to continue receiving the host only. If you are unable to come forward for communion, it will be brought to you in your pew.*



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 you come forward for communion.

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*The Prayer for Spiritual Communion is prayed by those at home unable to partake of communion in person*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, our souls, and our minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

## COMMUNION HYMN 317

*This is the hour of banquet*

Morestead



1 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;  
2 Too soon we rise; we go our sev - eral ways;  
3 Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,



this is the heaven - ly ta - ble spread for me;  
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,  
yet, pass - ing, points to the glad feast a - bove,



here let me feast, and feast - ing, still pro - long  
the Bread and Wine con - sumed: yet all our days  
giv - ing us fore - taste of the fes - tal joy,



the brief, bright hour of fel - low - ship with thee.  
thou still art here with us— our Shield and Sun.  
the Lamb's great mar - riage feast of bliss and love.

*The Celebrant distributes a communion kit saying,*

**Celebrant** 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.**

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please kneel or stand as able.*

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### THE BLESSING

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

The Lord bless and keep you.

**Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you.

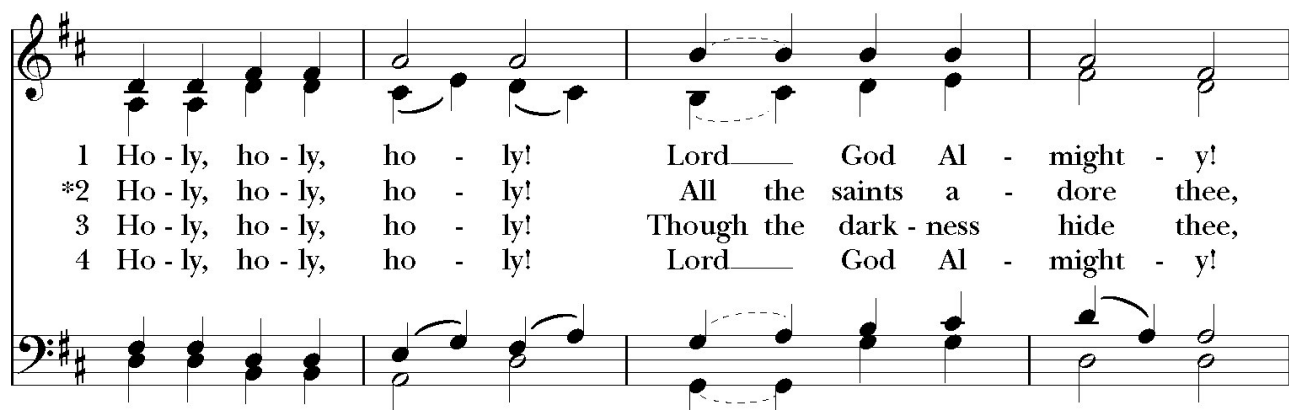
**Amen.**

The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

**Amen.**

The Lord God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the holy and undivided Trinity, guard  
you, save you, and bring you to that heavenly City, where he lives and reigns for ever  
and ever.

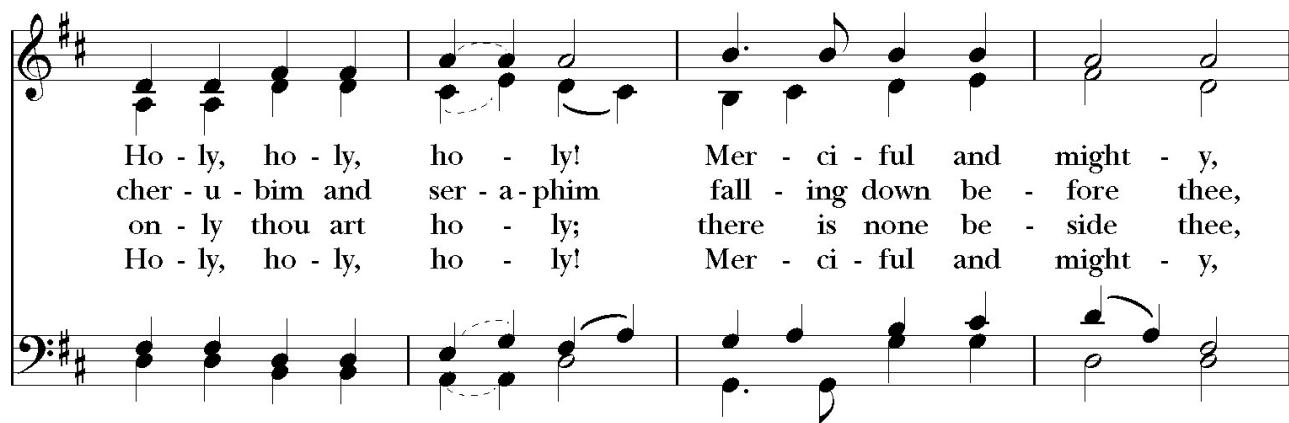
**Amen.**



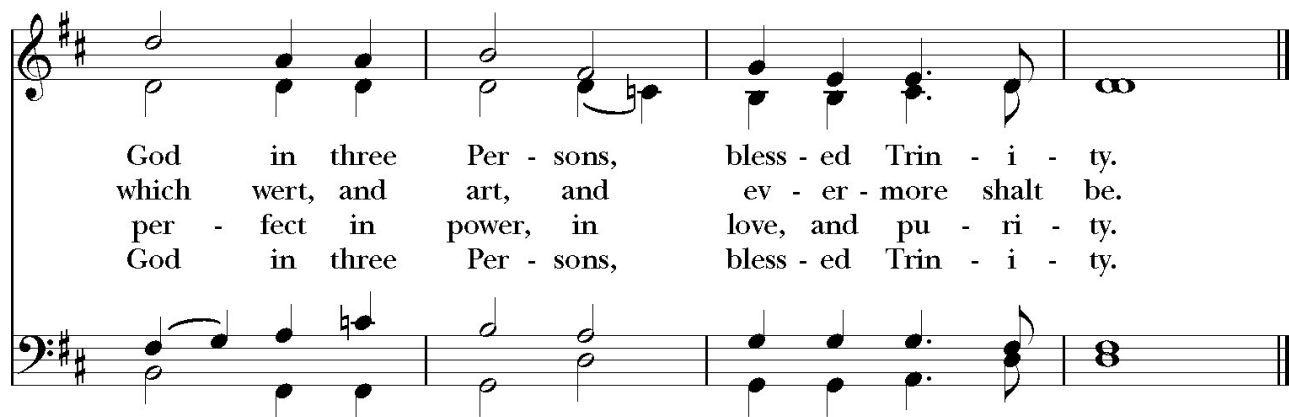
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 \*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.  
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

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**People**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.*

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

*We would like to thank all who assisted with this morning's coffee hour.  
Please note that August 13, 20, and 27 are open to host (part/all) coffee hour.*

*Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or online.*

*For the month of July there will be one combined service in the historic church at 10:30,  
with coffee only following in Fellowship Hall.*





## THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN

June 4, 2023 – First Sunday After Pentecost, Year A

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Gun Violence Awareness

### Sunday In-Person Services

8:00 am and 12:30 pm (Chapel)

10:30 am (Historic Church)

### Sunday Services Change! July 2023

Please note that we will move to ONE Sunday morning service for the month of July. We will all meet together at 10:30am in the Historic Church. Music during the service will be a combination of our varied styles. Thank you for your support as we transition to this new schedule for month of July only!

### Children's Programming: New Schedule Begins June 11th

Children's Chapel begins on Sunday, June 11th, meeting in the Atrium. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will resume Sunday, September 10th. Please contact [Rev. Luz](mailto:Rev.Luz) for additional information.

### Festal Choral Evensong for Trinity Sunday: June 4th, 5:30pm

Join us for our next Choral Evensong in the Historic Church. We will gather for a time of worship, music, and prayer.

### Wear Orange for Gun Violence Awareness: June 3-5th

Join us as we wear orange this weekend to raise awareness about gun violence. We will be distributing orange ribbons on Sunday. Please take a moment to visit our gun violence memorial and visit [www.wearorange.com](http://www.wearorange.com) for ways to be involved and work for change!

### World Environment Day: June 5th

World Environment Day is Monday, June 5th. This year is the 50th anniversary as people around the world come together for sustainable solutions to global pollution. The theme for this year is "Beat Plastic Pollution." We invite you to visit the website and learn more about how you/we can help. View website [here](http://here).

### Taste of Trinity Brunch: June 17th, Coffee Hour

Sunday the coffee hour selections will be presented by The Taste of Trinity. Taste of Trinity is a ministry that is purely social, meeting monthly for a meal either in members' homes or at a restaurant. For more information, please contact John Merullo at [rockhopperlad@gmail.com](mailto:rockhopperlad@gmail.com). The group welcomes new members.

### Pride Parade- June 24th, Volunteers Needed!

Trinity will participate with welcoming Episcopalian churches in the annual Pride Houston parade on June 24 with the theme Queerly Beloved. The float will be prepared in the Trinity parking lot and volunteers are needed. For more information please contact Andy Durham at [andy.durham.321@gmail.com](mailto:andy.durham.321@gmail.com). To Volunteer RSVP [Here](http://here).

### The Blessing of the Animals: Volunteers Needed

Every year Trinity hosts a Blessing of the Animals around the Feast Day of St. Francis. This year the event will be on October 8, 2023 from 2-4pm. We are looking for three to six individuals that would like to help with the event. We organize games, food, a raffle, and donations during this event. Please contact Shelby at [bearhawk75@gmail.com](mailto:bearhawk75@gmail.com) if you would like to help organize and assist with operations.

### Episcopal Night at the Ballpark: July 28th

Will you be joining us for Episcopal Night at the Ballpark? We would love to have a great group attend the event. For more information and to purchase tickets click [here](http://here).

### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

#### Sunday, June 4th, 2023

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)  
9:30 am Education Hr for All – Adults in Smith Rm, Tweens in Fellowship Hall, Kids in Atrium  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)  
11:45 am Trinity Ministry Fair  
12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Chapel)  
5:30pm Choral Evensong  
8:00 pm Compline (Facebook)

#### Monday, June 5th, 2023

8:00 pm Communications Meeting (Zoom)

#### Tuesday, June 6th, 2023

5:30 pm Evening Prayer  
6:00 pm Property Committee (Zoom)  
6:30 pm Finance Committee (Zoom)

#### Wednesday, June 7th, 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, June 8th, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

#### Friday, June 9th, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

#### Saturday, June 10th, 2023

Our Weekly Zoom links can be found at <https://www.trinitymidtown.org/zoom-with-us/>

### Please Note:

The church hosts two summer camps from June-August. If you need to use a space in the church please make sure you have reserved it prior to your event.

Online Form here:

[www.trinitymidtown.org/book-an-event](http://www.trinitymidtown.org/book-an-event)

Questions:

[parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org)





## 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, Daniel, Kensington, Joyce, Bob, Cristine, David, Robert, Susan, Cindy, Patty, Be, Graham, Dana, Samantha, Eugenia, Emilia, Gaby, Evan, Paul, Phil, Florence, and Rick.

### For the faithful departed:

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

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\*Please note we will never ask you for money or gifts via email. Scams are circulating again, so please be aware and cautious.

### Office Hours

Tuesday–Thursday 9 am – 4 pm  
Friday 9 am – 1 pm

If you have building concerns please email  
frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org. Thanks!

## Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour

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: 18th and 25th.

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

Next available dates: August 13th, 20th, and 27th.



*Trinity Sunday: June 4th!*

*Happy Birthday!*

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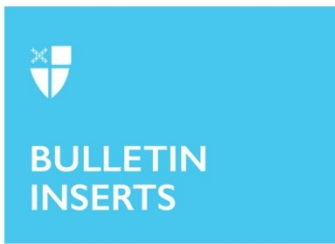
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## Explore the Way of Love: LEARN

As humans, we often think of our lives in terms of stories. So much of the input of our senses, what we hear and what we read – and even what we feel – is processed in terms of story. We are the protagonist, the heroine or hero on a journey, pursuing our goal, facing conflict along the way, and each day is another chapter in our story.

When we look to the example of Jesus, we see a life in which God was incorporated in a very real way as part of that story. As we embark on the Way of Love, the practice that leads us in the footsteps of Jesus and those who have followed him for generations, we can invite God into our own stories.

The Way of Love calls us to the practice of learning. As the Psalmist prays, “Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.”

By reading the scriptures, taking time to study, listen, and absorb what they say, we are entering into the long, deep, stream of humankind’s experiences with God. By taking time daily to engage with the Scriptures, particularly the stories of the life of Jesus, we move beyond pop culture interpretations and quick one-line verses and immerse ourselves into the character, will, and story of God. And by internalizing what we read—meditating and allowing even the most mysterious words to flow over us and work inside of us—we are allowing God to work in our story, too.

Diving into the Scriptures can be daunting for some. The Bible is not a rulebook or instruction manual to be easily digested and applied on first reading. Instead, it is a library of different experiences with God, written or told by many different people in different places for different reasons over generations of time.

Beginning to understand and know the Scriptures is a lifelong practice, and calls for patience, openness, and a willingness *not* to know every answer. But as we continually study, and discuss with other people who accompany us on our journey, and reflect upon the ideas on the page, sometimes wrestling with them, and sometimes just letting them flow by like a spring breeze, we will grow in understanding, and we will get to know God better, as God becomes more and more intertwined with our own story.

Are you willing to commit to the practice of learning? Are there those around you who can support and join you as you learn?

Learn more about the Way of Love at [episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove](https://episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove). You can find suggestions on getting started and going deeper with Learning at [iam.ec/ewol](https://iam.ec/ewol).



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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.

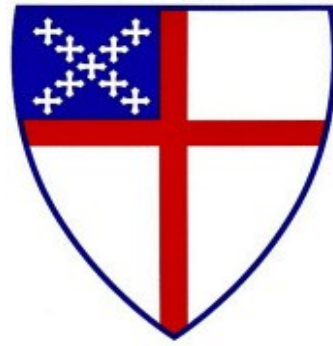
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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