# Day of Pentecost

JUNE 5, 2022 12:30 p.m.



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Curate 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 adapted the liturgy for this service from A New Zealand Prayer Book 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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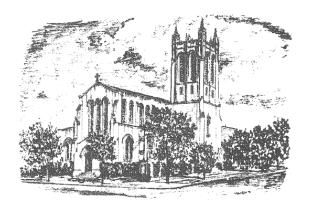
#### THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Vocals: April Sloan-Hubert Piano: Pelayo Parlade Flute, Clarinet: Ernesto Vega Bass: Alfred Kennedy

#### SERVING TODAY

Acolyte:Linda DavenportGreeter:Mary Ann CollierUsher:Andy DurhamLector:Susan GallagherPrayers:Linelle ClarkAudio Visual:Paul BowerOnline Greeter:Pam LawsonAltar Guild:Linda DavenportVestry of the Day:Mary Matteucci

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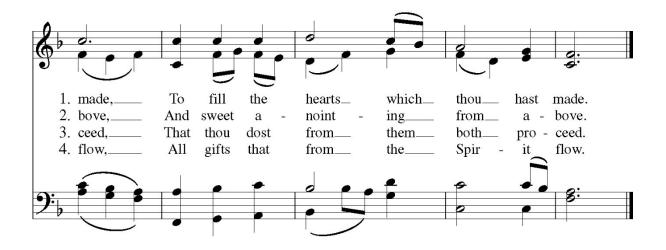






## The Liturgy of the Word





#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Presider Let us pray.

Living God, eternal Holy Spirit, let your bright intoxicating energy which fired those first disciples fall on us to turn the world again. Hear this prayer for your love's sake. **Amen.** 

People

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: `In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

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And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

ReaderHear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.PeopleThanks be to God.

The Second Lesson

Romans 8: 14-17

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

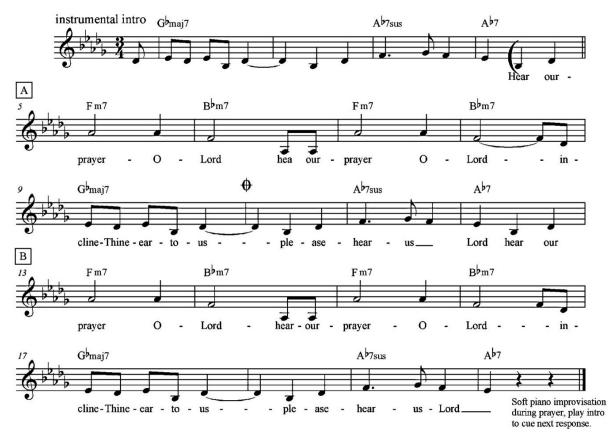
Reader	Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.	
People	Thanks be to God.	
The Gospel	Please stand as able	John 14: 8-17, 25-27
Presider <b>People</b>	The Holy Gospel according to John. <b>Praise and glory to God!</b>	

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, `Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

Presider <b>People</b>	This is the Gospel of Christ. Praise to Christ, the Word.	
		Please be seated
Sermon		The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector
Musical Reflection		We will meditate quietly on God's word to us.

## The Prayers of the People **Response**



- Let us pray for the preservation of the earth. We give thanks for the beauty and abundance of the earth.
- Give us and all peoples grace to live in harmony with your creation, wisdom and generosity in our use of its bounty.
- Let us pray for peace and shared prosperity, and for the end of systemic racism that divides us.
- We pray for leaders to serve the common good: Give wisdom to those who have responsibility and authority in every land, especially Joseph, our president; Kamala, our vice-president; Greg, our governor; Sylvester, our mayor; Lina, our county judge; and for the legislatures and courts, that we may share with justice the resources of the world, and work together in trust.

#### Response

O God our Father, whose beloved Son took children into his arms and blessed them: Give us grace to entrust your beloved children of Uvalde to your everlasting care and love, and bring them fully into your heavenly kingdom. Pour out your grace and loving-kindness on all who grieve; surround them with your love; and restore their trust in your goodness. We lift up to you our weary, wounded souls and ask you to send your Holy Spirit to take away the anger and violence that infects our hearts, and make us instruments of your peace and children of the light. In the Name of Christ who is our hope, we pray.

#### Response



- Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for the Most Reverend Thabo Makgoba and the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. In the diocesan cycle of prayer for All Saints', Crockett; Christ Church, Jefferson; and Christ Church, Nacogdoches. In the ministry cycle of prayer for Norma Cooper and the Prayer Chain ministry. For the peace and unity of the Church of God.
- We give thanks for the good news of salvation for all people. Strengthen us for our work in the world, empower your Church to proclaim the gospel in service, word and sacrament.
- Unite in the truth all who confess your name, that we may live together in love to your glory.
- Let us pray for ourselves and our community. We give thanks for the fellowship of the communities in which we live and work, especially Trinity Church.
- We pray for our bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Hector, Jeff and Kai, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale our clergy.
- We commend to your keeping ourselves and each other, our families, those with whom we work and learn, our neighbors and our friends. Enable us by your Spirit to live in love for you and for one another.

#### Response

We give thanks that you are the God who brings mercy and wholeness.

- Comfort and heal, we pray, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble, especially for those we now name: Bill, Eula, Joyce, Bob, Maribel, Bob, Shelby, Steven, Ada, Jeanette, Stewart, Linda, Mary, Linda, Diane, Hannah, Linda, and Norma.
- Heavenly Father, our neighbor has nowhere to call home: help us be aware. Our neighbor needs love and community: help us be active. Our neighbor is crying out for justice: help us be adamant to see an end to homelessness.
- Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, especially all who have perished by contracting the Coronavirus, victims of shootings in Tulsa, Oklahoma; Uvalde, Texas; Buffalo, New York; and Orange County, California; and all victims of gun violence.

Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfillment of your kingdom.

We give you thanks for your servants in every age, especially for these who are celebrating their birthdays: Carol, Heston, Daniel, and Kerry.

#### Response

- O God, we who come before you this day are many and diverse, with different needs and desires.
- We ask you to accept our thanksgivings, to guide our ways, and to receive our praise. O God, hear the prayers of your people.

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

#### Response

The Peace

Presider	Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.
<b>People</b>	Who breaks down the walls that divide.
Presider	The peace of God be always with you.
<b>People</b>	Praise to Christ who makes us one.

MUSIC AT THE PEACE

Dock of the Bay

Trinity Jazz Ensemble

Please be seated.

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

## 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. Go to www.trinitymidtown.org and click the "Give" button on the top right, or click: <u>https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=156477</u>

**Texting.** Send the message **heartofmidtown** to **73256**. The prompt will ask for a credit card number which can be kept on file for future contributions. THE GREAT THANKSGIVINGPlease stand as able.PresiderThe Lord is here.PeopleGod's Spirit is with us.PresiderLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.PresiderLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.PeopleIt is right to offer thanks and praise.

Presider

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image.

In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit, who came with signs from heaven to lead your Church into all truth. In the power of the Spirit, and made ready with his gifts, we take the joy of the Gospel into all the world.

Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language, with the whole Church on earth and in heaven, joyfully we give you thanks and say:

> 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.

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Therefore heavenly Father, in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son, we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith:

#### Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory.

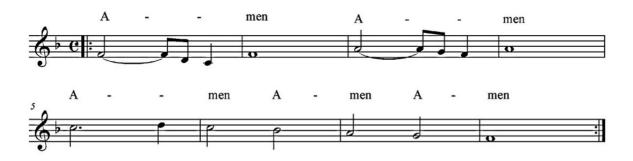
Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness, we were far off until you brought us near and our hands are empty until you fill them. As we eat this bread and drink this wine, through the power of your Holy Spirit feed us with your heavenly food, renew us in your service, unite us in Christ, and bring us to your everlasting kingdom. From you, and through you, and for you are all things. To you be the glory for ever,

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia. We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. **People** We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread. Alleluia.



#### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

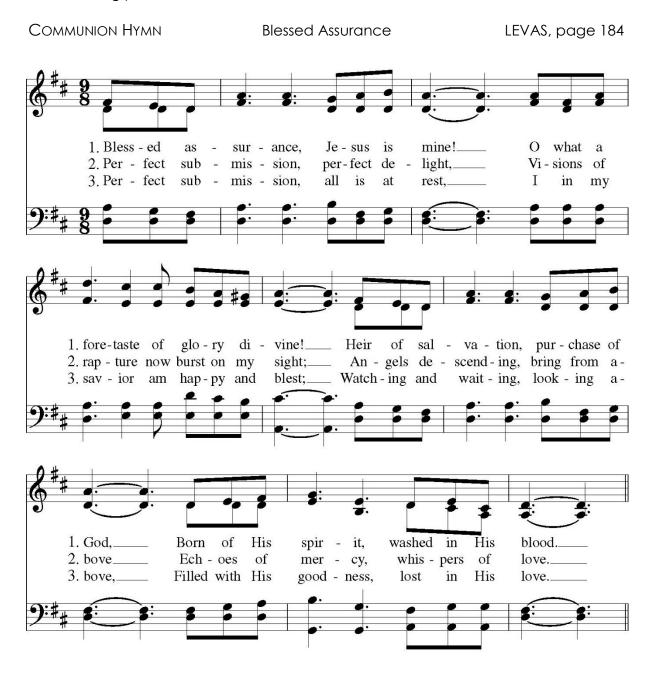
For the duration of the current pandemic we will continue to offer communion in one kind for those who wish to receive the bread only. Please come forward to receive communion from a priest in front of the altar. If you are partaking of the chalice, please use the hand sanitizer at the end of your pew before approaching the clergy and chalice-bearer. 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.

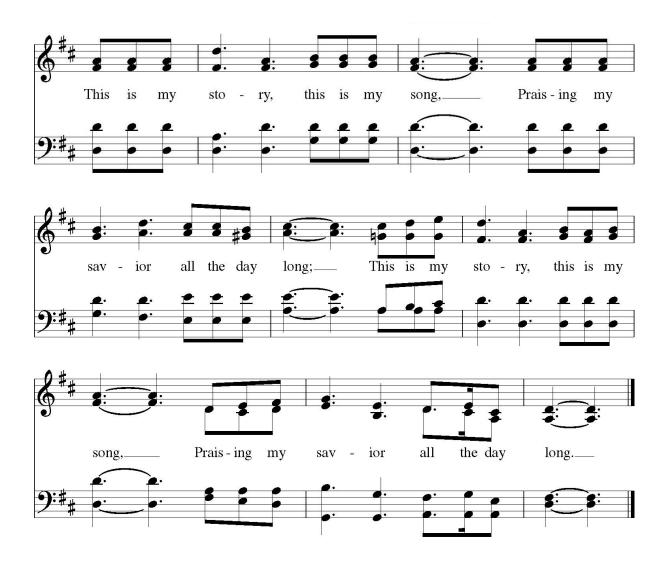


We offer a gluten-free bread option for those with dietary restrictions who wish to receive communion. To receive a gluten free wafer, please clasp your hands with palms facing each other when you come forward for communion. PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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.





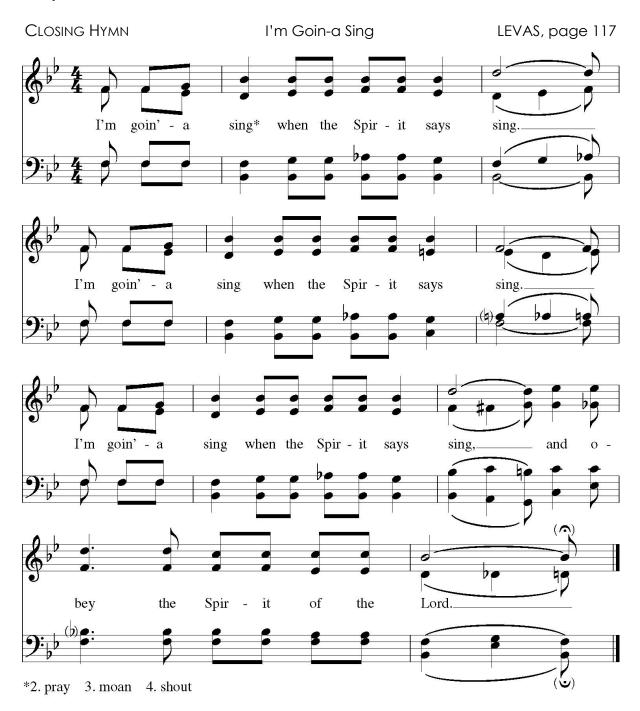
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Please stand as able.

Presider	Blessed be God who calls us together.	
<b>People</b>	<b>Praise to God who makes us one people.</b>	
Presider	Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.	
<b>People</b>	Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.	
Presider	Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.	
<b>People</b>	Praise to God who is revealed as love.	
Presider	Blessed be God who alone has called us.	
<b>People</b>	Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.	
Presider	Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.	
<b>People</b>	Accept our thanks for all you have done.	
Presider <b>People</b>	Send us now into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit. Amen.	

#### The Blessing

Presider May Christ's holy, healing, enabling Spirit be with you every step of the way, and be your guide as your road changes and turns, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

People Amen



The Dismissal

PresiderGo in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.PeopleWe go in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thank you for worshipping with us this afternoon. Please remember to maintain social distancing as you depart.

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June 5th, 2022

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## **Announcements**

Pentecost Sunday, June 5th, 2022 after 10:30 am Service in Fellowship Hall.

Celebrate Pentecost by sharing some red food with fellow parishioners during Coffee Hour this Sunday. Email Pat at <u>volunteer@trinitymidtown.org</u> if you will be bringing a savory or sweet this Sunday.



Trinity Choir presents "Choral Evensong" Trinity Sunday, June 12th, 2022 At 5:30 pm in the Historic Church

## Episcopal Night at Minute Maid Park

Let's join other fellow Episcopalians for a night of fun at Minute Maid Park. Please contact Larry at finance@trinitymidtown.org to purchase your tickets! Event will begin at 5 pm. with a pre-game cookout at the Bishop's Courtyard @ Christ Church Cathedral.



The deadline for ordering tickets through Trinity will be on Trinity Sunday, June 12th, 2022 Day of Pentecost - Year C

## This Week at Trinity

Sunday, June 5th, 2022 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Sunday Meditations (Hybrid via Zoom and in-person Smith room) 9:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in Atrium rm 112 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:45 am Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall 12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III 8:00 pm Compline

> Monday, June 6th, 2022 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday, June 7th, 2022 10:00 am Yoga with Saba (Zoom) 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday, June 8th, 2022 10:00 am Sandwich Makers (Fellowship Hall) 10:30 am Staff Meeting 12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting (Youth Room) 5:30 pm Evening Prayer 6:00 pm Healing Service (Zoom) 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

> Thursday, June 9th, 2022 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday, June 10th, 2022 12:00 pm Listening Post 12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting (Youth room) 5:30 pm Evening Prayer 7:30 pm Alex Jones Recital at Christ Church Cathedral

## Altar Flower Dedications for this week

The Altar flowers are dedicated to Glory of God and in loving memory of Ana Hillier by her family

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up for a flower dedication by going to <u>https://www.trinitymidtown.org/flower</u> <u>-ministry/</u> Sunday In-Person Services.

8:00 am and 12:30 pm are in the Chapel. 10:30 am is held in the Historic Church. Please make sure to continue to mask up and social distance.

wear orange

Gun Violence Prevention, Wear Orange June 3rd, 2022

On January 21, 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, a high school student from the south side of Chicago, marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade. One week later, Hadiya was shot and killed on a playground in Chicago. Soon after this tragedy, Hadiya's childhood friends decided to commemorate her life by wearing orange, the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others.

Wear Orange originated on June 2, 2015 what would have been Hadiya's 18th birthday. Now, it is observed nationally on the first Friday in June and the following weekend each year. In 2022, the 8th National Gun Violence Awareness Day will fall on June 3, the first Friday of the month.

That will kick off Wear Orange Weekend on June 4–5, which will feature virtual and inperson events across the nation.

Trinity Episcopal Church, Midtown Houston will light up the church in orange on June 3rd. This is to raise awareness about the costs of gun violence. Clergy will also wear orange stoles along with the red ones on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th, 2022 and pray for victims of gun violence. Here are some links for more information on how you can help end gun violence. <u>https://www.everytown.org/</u> <u>https://wearorange.org/</u>





Make plans now to attend our Annual Father's Day Sunday, June 19th, 2022 Ice cream social with a healthy fruit alternative in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 am service.

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#### June 5th, 2022

#### **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, Vivian Kensington, Bob, Theresa, Marvin, Tom, Nick, Ric, Margaret, Livia, Joyce, Gus, Joshua, Sandi, Barbara, Larry, Monica, Carolyn, Sylvia, Danielle, Lynelle, Mary, Leonard, Jim, Elise, Be, Norma, Jeanne, Karen, Charlee, Austin, Steven, Alice, Barbara, Daniel, Minnie, Jeanette, Eddie, and Emma.

For the faithful departed Pa'Trise Chennel Worlds, All who have perished by contracting the coronavirus and victims of shootings in Tulsa, Ok, Uvalde, Tx, Buffalo, NY, and Orange County California, and all victims of gun violence. For our Iona Seminarian

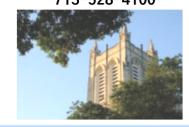
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## **Community Outreach**

Trinity is participating in Kids' Meals Inc., 2022 Summer Juice Box Challenge. The youth will help us with creating a collection area in the church so that families can donate in person, but donations can also be made online!

Kids' Meals Inc. projects to deliver more than 588,000 free, healthy meals to hungry children between June 1 – August 31. Please help us ensure each meal has a 100% juice box by making an online or

in-person donation. Visit our personalized page and help us reach our goal.

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Join us for "Unity is Our Strength" June 9, 2022, 6 pm to 7 pm Watch on IM's Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/Interfaith Ministries

. New office hours for the Summer will be the following Monday-Thursday 7 am - 3 pm Friday 7am - 12 pm

If you have any building concerns please remember to email <u>frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org</u> about them. Thanks!

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For More Information On Our Annual Giving Click <u>Here</u>

#### Why is there no General Confession on the Day of Pentecost? Explanation by St. George's Church in Ontario, Canada

You may have noticed that the Confession – the part of the service where we collectively acknowledge that we make mistakes, that we hurt others, that we carry around guilt and doubt and regret, and then we receive God's forgiveness and assurance of healing – is absent during the Easter season, which ends on the Day of Pentecost. For some, this will feel like a major omission. Human beings are adept at weighing down our lives with feelings of powerlessness and inadequacy, anxiety for our shortcomings, gaping wounds of anger and hurt for how our relationships have been broken. This time in our worship to take stock, to lay down those burdens before God and to be reminded of God's faithfulness to, and love for, us can help many to feel lighter, freer, refreshed.

However, it is the tradition of the ancient church that the Confession is omitted during the season of Easter. It is not that Christians miraculously become perfect people during the seven weeks of Easter and therefore have no need of repentance and absolution. Instead, it is perhaps more appropriate to think of Easter as a rehearsal, a practicing of what a right relationship with God and one another actually looks like.

Whereas Lent is a time for honest and probing self-reflection, intentionality and care in how we use our time and resources, sparseness and restraint, Easter is a time for celebration, celebration of the fullness of God's kingdom, of a reality in which each of us lives in the light and love of God and reflects that light and love in our relationships with one another. In the fullness of God's Kingdom, we are free from the past brokenness and pain of our lives and our relationships are whole and life-giving. In the fullness of God's Kingdom, talk of sin and forgiveness no longer have a place, because we are healed.

We are not there yet. Brokenness and fragility are part of our story. We still look forward to the time when the promises of new life and healing offered on that first Easter morning will be fully realized. And some of us might continue to bring heavy hearts to worship through Easter. Individuals are encouraged to offer before God in prayer any confessions, any needs, any worries, regardless of whether it is Easter or not. However, our collective prayer changes at Easter in order that we might, as a community, tell this part of our story: *Christ is risen!* And we have glimpsed the Kingdom of God, where every tear is wiped away, where all hearts are mended, where we join with all of creation in receiving and sharing the good gifts God gives us.

#### 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.

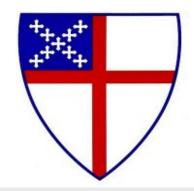
During the late 1910s and 1920s, Trinity entered an era of explosive growth, paralleling that of the city, and became an important center of the Episcopal faith. The congregation's many youth and adult activities were community events that attracted wide attention among the general populace. An integral 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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