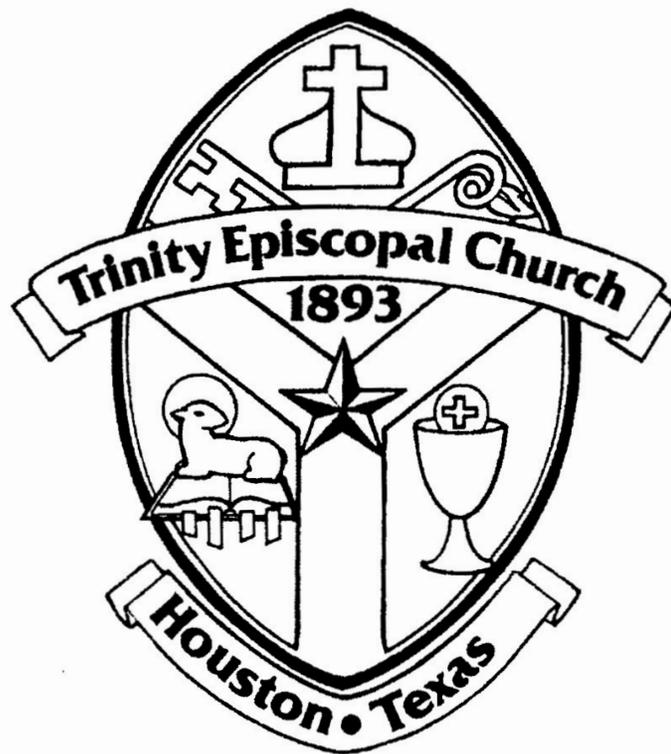


SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 6, 2021
12:30 p.m.



All attending please wear masks and maintain 6 feet social distancing with those not in your household

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector
The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Curate
The Reverend Canon Dr. Henry L. Atkins, Jr., Theologian in Residence

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 this afternoon. 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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For questions about how to connect with us, please email

Collin Boothby, Associate for Connections Ministries at:

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Facebook Live Stream. Please be advised that all services, including this 12:30 p.m. service, are live streamed through our Trinity Facebook and Youtube pages.

Children's activity and worship bulletins are available for download from our website under the "Worship—Bulletins" tab, or following this link:

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



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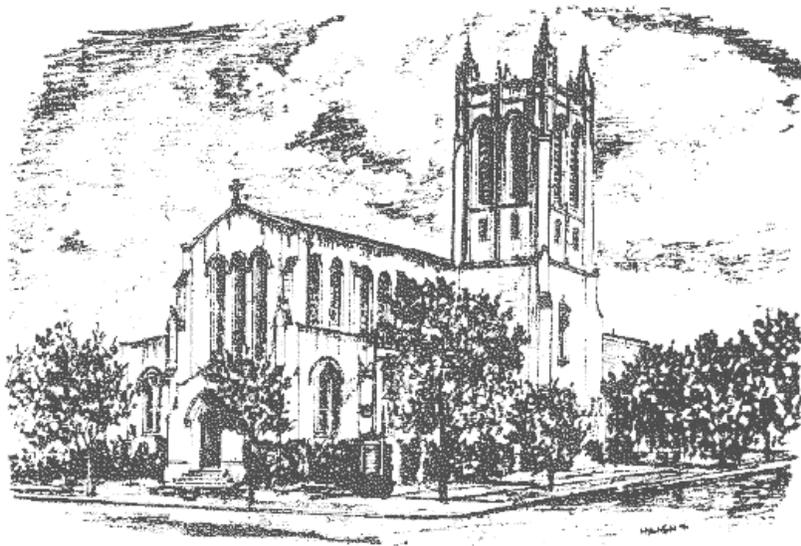
THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Vocals: April Sloan-Hubert
Piano: Pelayo Parlade
Bass: Mike Owen
Flute, Clarinet: Ernesto Vega

SERVING TODAY

Readers: Tim and Pam Lawson
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The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please stand as able.

Presider We know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

Presider Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

Holy Ground



We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground, _____
_____ and I know that there are an - gels all a -
round; _____ let us praise _____
_____ Je - sus now; _____ we are
stand - ing in his pres - ence on ho - ly ground. _____

OPENING PRAYER

Presider God of compassion, deepen and increase our love for you so that we may leave behind the sins from which you have redeemed us, and serve you in perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People Amen.

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day."

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles." Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship." So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the Lord in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the Lord, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.

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

THE GOSPEL

Please stand as able

Mark 3: 20 - 35

Presider The Holy Gospel according to Mark.
People Praise and glory to God!

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come.

But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Presider This is the Gospel of Christ.
People **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.

Please stand as able

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response

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



Hear our -

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



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

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

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



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

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



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

Soft piano improvisation during prayer, play intro to cue next 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

Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend Stephen Than Myint Oo and the Church of the Province of Myanmar](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [St. John's, LaPorte](#); [St. Michael's, LaMarque](#); [St. Thomas the Apostle \(Nassau Bay\), Houston](#); and [Trinity, Galveston](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Collin Boothby and the Trinity Choir](#).

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 Henry 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

Let us pray for those in need, and for all teachers and front-line workers who are courageously assisting others during this pandemic.

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, Charles, John, Barbara, Eula, Be, Carol, Phil, Pat, and Gentry](#).

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, [especially John Cloud, Robert Douglas Lyons, Jr., all who have perished by contracting the Coronavirus, 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: [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.

Final Response

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

Hear our -

A

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

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

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

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

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

THE CONFESSION

Presider Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. I will confess my sins to the Lord. I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

God forgives and heals us.

People We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us; some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.

Presider God forgives you.
Forgive others; forgive yourself.

THE PEACE

Presider Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.

People Who breaks down the walls that divide.

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

People Praise to Christ who makes us one.

MUSIC AT THE PEACE

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.

VIRTUAL OFFERING

Online Giving is available through AccessACS.

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THE OFFERTORY

Trinity Jazz Ensemble

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as able.

Presider

The Lord is here.

People

God's Spirit is with us.

Presider

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Presider

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It 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.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit.

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.

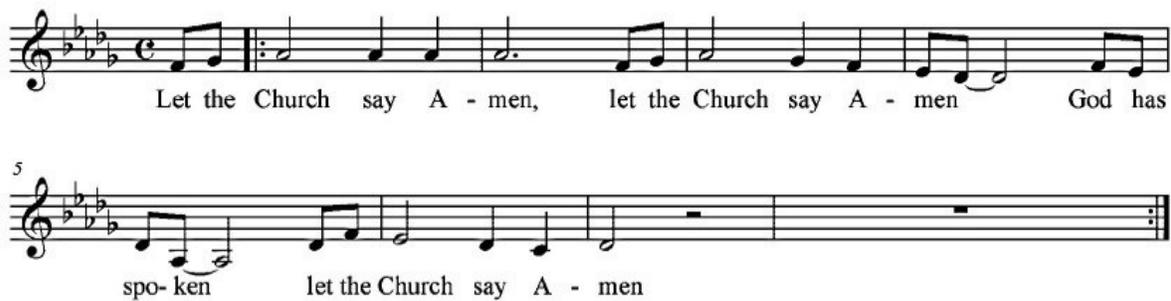
After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

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,



As Christ teaches us, we pray:

**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, 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 offer communion in one kind, the bread only. The priest will bring communion to your seat.



We offer a gluten-free bread option for those with dietary restrictions who wish to receive communion. To receive a gluten free wafer, please clasp your hands with palms facing each other when the priest administering the bread approaches you.

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.

Come by here— Lord, come by here,—

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

come by here,— O Lord, come by here.—

2. Someone needs you Lord, come by here.

3. Send a blessing Lord, come by here.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as able.

Presider Blessed be God who calls us together.
People Praise to God who makes us one people.

Presider Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.
People Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.

Presider Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.
People Praise to God who is revealed as love.

Presider Blessed be God who alone has called us.
People **Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.**

Presider Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.
People **Accept our thanks for all you have done.**

Presider Send us now into the world you love.
People **Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

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

THE BLESSING

Presider The God of all grace who called you to eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
restore establish and strengthen you in the faith, and the blessing of
God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.
People **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN Sent Out in Jesus' Name

Sent out in Je-sus' name, our hands are rea-dy now to
En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá pa - ra

make the earth the place in which the king-dom comes.
cons - tru - ir con El un mun - do fra - ter - nal.

The an-gels can-not change a world of hurt and pain in -
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar un

to a world of love, of jus-tice and of peace. The
mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do de paz. Me

task is ours to do, to set it real - ly free. O
ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad; a -

help us to o - bey and car - ry out your will.
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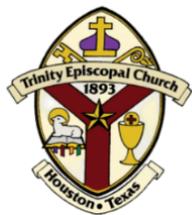
THE DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People We go in the name of Christ.

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

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THE WEEKLY WINDOW

of TRINITY *The Heart of Midtown*

The Second Sunday after Pentecost – Year B

June 6th, 2021

Announcements



In-Person Services have resumed. Seating is limited due to social distancing guidelines. Register now by clicking [here](#).

8:00 am and 12:30 pm will be held in the Chapel, seating per service is limited.

10:30 am will be held in the Historic Church, seating per service is limited.

Please register for your spot today!

We are entering a new and exciting season in the life of our church! As we begin to increase the number of in-person gatherings, we recognize this as an important moment to utilize both physical and digital spaces to support and serve this community.

Click [here](#) to find out how you can help

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, June 6th, 2021

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (live in-person)
- 9:00 am Youth Group (via Zoom)
- 9:30 am Parenting with Grace (via Zoom)
- 9:30 am Sunday Meditations (via Zoom)
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (live in-person and on Facebook)
- 11:30 am Collin's farewell Reception
- 12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (live in-person and on Facebook)
- 8:00 pm Compline (In Spanish via Zoom)

Monday, June 7th, 2021

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook
- 6:00 pm Trinity Lots Ministry Smith Room

Tuesday, June 8th, 2021

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm Pastoral Care Team meeting
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook
- 6:00 pm Property Committee (via Zoom)
- 7:00 pm Finance Committee (via Zoom)

Wednesday, June 9th, 2021

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook
- 6:00 pm Healing Service (via Zoom)
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 10th, 2021

- 1:00 pm TLC (Masterson Room)
- 5:00 pm TLC (Masterson Room)
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday, June 11th, 2021

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Saturday, June 12th, 2021

Ongoing



Trinity Listening and Caring Support Group

lead by Libby Tsubai is now meeting every Thursday at 1 pm and 5 pm in the Masterson room here at Trinity. If you would like to attend a session, registration is required.

Click [Here](#) for more information.



THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in Thanksgiving for Collin Boothby's ministry by the Trinity Choir

If you would like to make a flower dedication we have the following Sundays available June 20th, June 27th, July 4th, and July 11th.

You can sign up for a flower dedication by clicking [here](#)

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.

Myron, Caroline, Bryan, Allegra, Diana, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Jill, Stephen, Emily, Van, Vivian Jane, Anita, Bob, Theresa, Marvin, Sue, Joe, Ester, Tom, Nick, Ric, Lauren, Margaret, Charles, Gwen, Catalina, Nelda, Christine, Livia, Mike, Daniel, Mark, Victoria, Theresa, Tim, Reagan, Joey, Fred, Cindy, Ron, Joshua, Sandi, Betty, Barbara, Sara, Jonathan, Emily, Cherie, June, Sharon, Stan, Larry, Monica, Gianni, Carolyn, Randy, Van, Andrea, Sylvia, Diana, Aristo, Bob, Danielle, Lynelle, Darren, Buddy, Letha, Mary, Glenda, Richard, Tina, Peyton, Leonard, Jim, Elise, Jocelyn, Gentry, Reiss, Minnie, and Kensington.

For those in our armed services

Will Dahlstrom, Martin Cabello, and Christopher Krenshaw

For the faithful departed

John Cloud, Robert Douglas Lyons Jr., victims of gun violence, and all who have perished by contracting the coronavirus

For our Iona Seminarian

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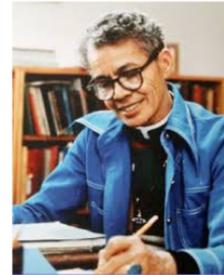
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The Rev. Pauli Murray Feast Day **June 27th**

Bishop Doyle has encouraged all Churches in the diocese to celebrate the day!

The Rev. Pauli Murray is one of the Church’s contemporary saints. She is the first African American woman ordained priest. She was also a renowned civil rights lawyer and helped to strategize some of the most important civil rights cases.

She worked with Ruth Bader Ginsberg, then an attorney, to successfully devise a constitutional test to protect women against discrimination. In Fall 2018, St. James’ Episcopal Church in Austin and Seminary of the Southwest began a collaboration to create the Texas Pauli Murray Scholarship. If you would like more information on how to support this scholarship click [here](#)

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Readings this Sunday

1 Samuel 8: 4-20, 11: 14-15

Psalm 138

2 Corinthians 4: 13 - 5:1

Mark 3: 20 - 35

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.

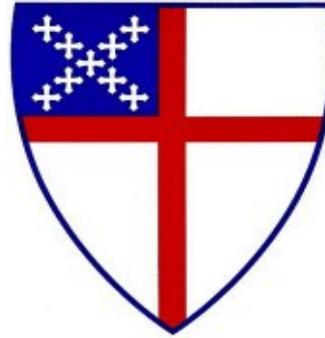
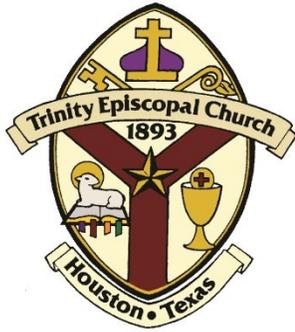
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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