# THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 11, 2023 12:30 p.m.



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

April Sloan-Hubert, Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble Pelayo Parlade, Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble

> Making God's Presence Real By Sharing Christ's Life-Changing Love

# WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! We're glad you chose to worship with us. We 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:

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

**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.

## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

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

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

## **VESTRY**

Andy Durham, Senior Warden John Escoto, Junior Warden

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Ann McCoy

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Larry Laubach, Treasurer
Steve Lee, Assistant Treasurer
Ben Blanding, Clerk of the Vestry
Samantha Rainman, Assistant Clerk of the Vestry

## THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Vocals: April Sloan-Hubert Piano: Pelayo Parlade

Flute, Clarinet: Ernesto Vega

Bass: Alfred Kennedy

# **SERVING TODAY**

Lector: Pam Lawson
Prayers: Tim Lawson
Acolyte: David Theis
Usher: Mary Matteucci
Audio Visual: Paul Bower
Online Greeter: Pam Lawson
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport
Vestry of the Day: Ann McCoy

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Valentino Misirian and the wedding anniversary of Gianni and Mary Matteucci by Mary Matteucci





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# The Liturgy of the Word

## Instrumental Prelude

Please stand as able.

Presider Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to

the Most High; "Call upon me in the day of trouble," says the Lord. "I

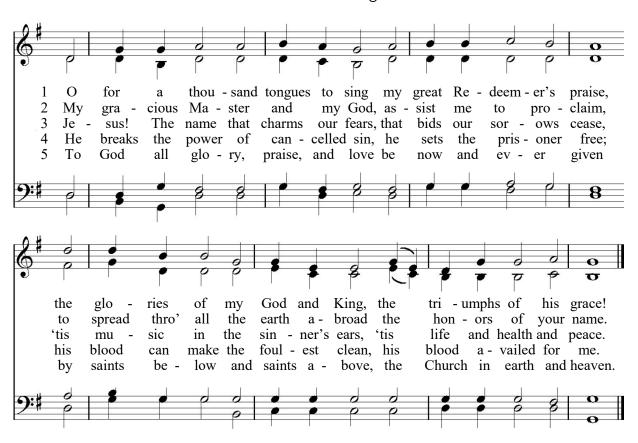
will deliver you, and you shall honor me."

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

Presider Let us worship God.

## **OPENING HYMN**

# O For a Thousand Tongues



# **OPENING PRAYER**

Presider Let us pray.

Lord of the Church, you have called us to witness to every nation. May we do your work and bear your cross, await your time and see your glory. Hear this prayer for your Name's sake.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON Hosea 5: 15-6:6

Thus says the Lord: "I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: 'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the

Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 4: 13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL Please stand as able Mothew 9: 9-13, 18-26

Presider The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

People Praise and glory to God!

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

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While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Presider This is the Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to Christ, the Word.

Please be seated

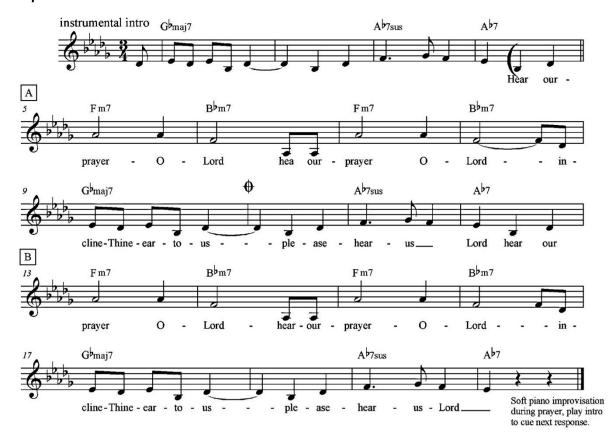
SERMON The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Associate Rector

MUSICAL REFLECTION We will meditate quietly on God's word to us.

Please stand as able

## 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; Lina, our county judge; Sylvester, our mayor; and 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 Don Tamihere, the Most Reverend Philip Richardson, the Most Reverend Sione Ulu'ilakepa, and the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. In the diocesan cycle of prayer for Grace, Galveston; Holy Trinity, Dickinson; Mosaic, Pearland; and Santo Niño Church Plant, Pearland. In the ministry cycle of prayer for April Sloan Hubert, Pelayo Parlade, and the Trinity Jazz Ensemble. 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, Jeff, Kai (pronounced "Kaye"), and Hector, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale our clergy; and for all who minister in this place.
- 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

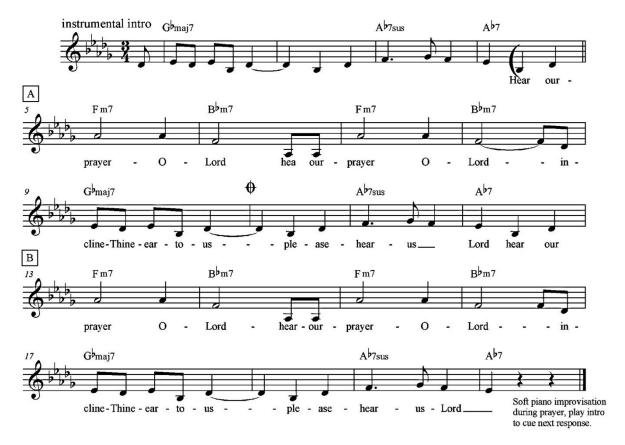
- We give thanks that you are the God who brings mercy and wholeness. Comfort and heal, we pray, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble, especially for those we now name: Bill, Nick, Charles, Kathy, Demetrick, Mary, Bob, Dale, Kathy, Harrison, Edith, Rafael, Erma, Steve, and Layne.
- 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 for Ada Judge, and all victims of gun violence, especially the victims at Huguenot High School in Richmond, Virginia.
  - 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 Kerry, Carlos, Mary Jane, Elaine, and Caroline, who are celebrating their birthdays

## 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 CONFESSION

Presider Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are par-

doned. I will confess my sins to the Lord. I will not conceal my wrong-

doings.

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

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Otis Redding

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, click: <a href="https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=156477">https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=156477</a>

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Trinity Jazz Ensemble

THE OFFERTORY

Please stand as able.

Presider The Lord is here.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving 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.

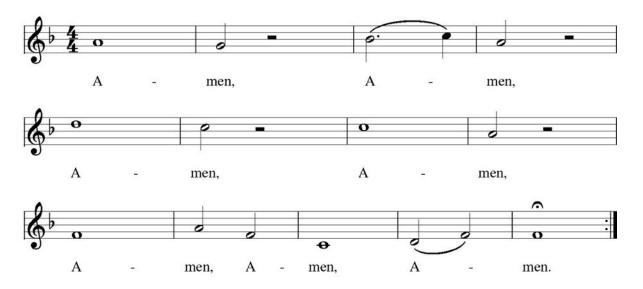
After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

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,



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, alleluia.

Invitation to Holy Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Please come forward to receive communion from a priest in front of the altar. 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.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Please stand as able.

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

Presider Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

People Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.

Presider Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

People Praise to God who is revealed as love.

Presider Blessed be God who alone has called us.

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

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

Presider Send us now into the world you love.

People Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage

in the power of your Spirit. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

Presider The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts

and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and

Giver of life be with you always. Amen.



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.

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We would like to thank Don and Kathleen Goodell for hosting 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.



# Explore the Way of Love: PRAY

Our day to day lives can be hurried and busy. We have so many things to do and so little time to do them. With devices and media asking for our time, so much to do and hear and say – it can make us feel overwhelmed and isolated. It can make our relationships challenging, as we struggle to connect.

The practice of the Way of Love, following in the footsteps of Jesus, tells us that God wants to break through the noise and busy-ness of the world and be able to have a relationship with us – with you. Not as a distant god in a far-off sky, or as a theory or an ideal or a metaphor, but a presence, dwelling with us, here and now. And the way to make that connection is to Pray.

As the Psalmist tells us: "The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth." Jesus taught us that it is nourishing and strengthening to intentionally take time to pray. The daily practice of making time and space to speak with God, to listen to God, or to simply be with God, clears a pathway for God to enter our lives.

Jesus told us how we can talk with God: We can praise God and thank God for all that has been done. We can tell God about our troubles, and God will listen. We can ask God for healing and forgiveness, and God will help restore us. We can ask God for protection, and face the world with courage. Or we can simply receive God's spirit, in faith that when we make space to pray, God is with us.

We can pray alone and know that we are not alone in this world. We can pray together, whether just two or three of us or a whole community, and find a whole new level of connection with those who are on the journey with us. As Jesus tells us in the Gospel of Matthew: "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."



The Way of Love is not a static practice, in which we read a book of rules and perform the exercises to become improved people. It is a dynamic practice, and part of the active process of transforming our lives is opening up the channels of communication with God, giving and taking, talking and listening, like electricity flowing through a cable or streams that connect a river to the sea. We create a connective flow with a God who loves and cares about us, who and where we are on a daily basis, and wants to know how you are doing today.

Are you making a commitment to incorporate the regular practice of prayer into your life? Is there a place where you can gather with others in the presence of the divine?

Learn more about the Way of Love at *episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove*. You can find suggestions on getting started and going deeper with Praying at *iam.ec/ewol*.

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# THE WEEKLY WINDOW



# 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!

## Sandwich Makers: Volunteers Needed

We are experiencing an increase in visitors at evening prayer and we need to make additional sandwiches. For June we will gather this Sunday June 11th at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall and on Tuesday, June 27th at 10:00am in the Smith Room. Please join us to help meet the need of our neighbors. Everyone is invited to volunteer! Please contact Pat at volunteer@trinitymidtown.org with any questions or for more information.

# Taste of Trinity Brunch: Saturday June 17th, 11am

Please join us on Saturday at 11am for a brunch 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. The group welcomes new members.

# Father's Day Coffee Hour - June 18th, Volunteers Needed!

We are excited to celebrate our awesome dads here at Trinity on June 18th! We need youth to volunteer to help prepare and serve the root beer floats during coffee hour. Please contact Rev. Luz at associaterector@trinitymidtown.org.to help!

# 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 beginning at 8am and volunteers are needed. For more information please contact Andy Durham at andy.durham.321@gmail.com. To Volunteer RSVP Here.

# Juice Box Challenge- 1,000 Juice Boxes!

Kid's Meals Inc. delivers thousands of healthy meals a day to preschool kids in Houston.

Join Trinity's 2023 Summer JUICE BOX challenge! Our goal is to donate 1000 Juice Boxes to Kid's Meals Inc. (100% Juice please) Drop off the juice boxes at the back of the Church in May, June, or July.

Or donate directly:

https://yougivegoods.com/trinityepiscopal

## 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.

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

## Sunday, June 11th, 2023

7:30am - 1:30pm Nursery Open 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel) 9:00 am Sunday Meditations (Zoom) 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church) 10:45 am Children's Chapel 11:30 am Sandwich Makers 12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Chapel) 8:00 pm Compline (Facebook)

## Monday, June 12th, 2023

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

## Tuesday, June 13th, 2023

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

## Wednesday, June 14th, 2023

10:00 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 15th, 2023

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

## Friday, June 16th, 2023

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

## Saturday, June 17th, 2023

11:00 am Taste of Trinity Brunch, Fellowship Hall

## Our Weekly Zoom links can be found at

https://www.trinitymidtown.org/zoom-withus/



## **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:

For Ada Judge and all victims of gun violence, especially the victims at Huguenot High School in Richmond, VA.

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

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





2023 Stewardship Campaign.

# Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up at www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/.

The next available dates: 18th and 25th.

Sign-ups for coffee hour hosts are available, please signup online to volunteer here.

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



Kerry Ward, Carlos Caballero, Mary Jane Stevens, Elaine Olawaiye, Caroline Garner



# 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.

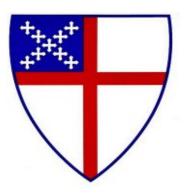
During the late 1910s and 1920s, Trinity entered an era of explosive growth, paralleling that of the city, and became an important center of the Episcopal faith. The congregation's many youth and adult activities were community events that attracted wide attention among the general populace. An integral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