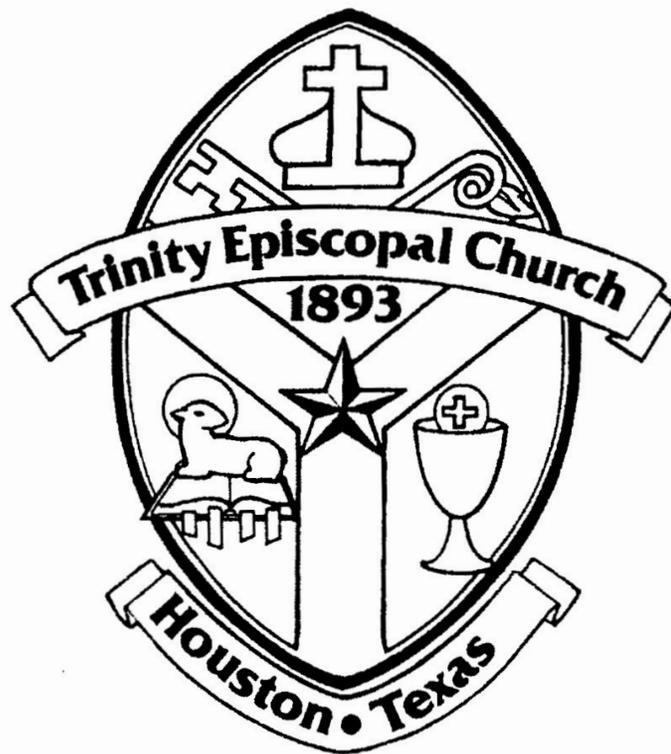


# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 13, 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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Ben Blanding

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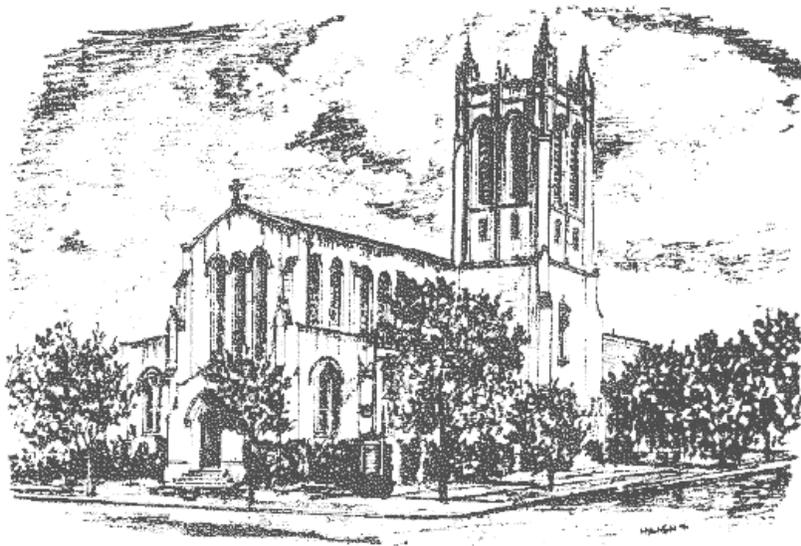
## THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

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

## SERVING TODAY

Readers: Barbara Donovan, Linda Davenport  
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# The Liturgy of the Word

## INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

### WELCOME

*Please stand as able.*

Presider In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

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

Presider Let us worship God.

### OPENING HYMN

We Walk by Faith

LEVAS, page 206

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight;  
2. We may not touch His hands and side,  
3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief;  
4. That, when our life of faith is done;

1. no gra - cious words — we hear — from Him who  
2. nor fol - low where — He trod; — but in His  
3. and may our faith — a - bound, — to call on  
4. in realms of clear - er light. — we may be -

1. spoke as none e'er spoke; but we be -  
2. prom - ise we re - jice, and cry, "My  
3. you when you are near, and seek where  
4. hold you as you are, with full and



The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

THE GOSPEL *Please stand as able* Mark 4: 26-34  
Presider The Holy Gospel according to Mark.  
**People Praise and glory to God!**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Presider This is the Gospel of Christ.  
**People Praise to Christ, the Word.**  
*Please be seated*

SERMON The Reverend Francene Young

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<sup>b</sup>maj7 A<sup>b</sup>7sus A<sup>b</sup>7

Hear our -

**A**

5 F m7 B<sup>b</sup>m7 F m7 B<sup>b</sup>m7

prayer - O - Lord hea our - prayer O - Lord - - in -

9 G<sup>b</sup>maj7 A<sup>b</sup>7sus A<sup>b</sup>7

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

**B**

13 F m7 B<sup>b</sup>m7 F m7 B<sup>b</sup>m7

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

17 G<sup>b</sup>maj7 A<sup>b</sup>7sus A<sup>b</sup>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 Henry Ndukuba and the Church of Nigeria](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [All Saints'](#), [Crockett](#); [Christ Church, Jefferson](#); and [Christ Church, Nacogdoches](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Pat Laubach and the Volunteer 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 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

instrumental intro  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $A^{\flat}7_{sus}$   $A^{\flat}7$   
Hear our -

**A**  
5  $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$   $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$   
prayer - O - Lord hear our - prayer O - Lord - - in -

9  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $\emptyset$   $A^{\flat}7_{sus}$   $A^{\flat}7$   
cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our

**B**  
13  $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$   $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$   
prayer O - Lord - - hear - our - prayer - O - Lord - - - in -

17  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $A^{\flat}7_{sus}$   $A^{\flat}7$   
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 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](#), [Gentry](#), [Greg](#), and [Pat](#).

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, [especially 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: [Mollie](#), [Carlos](#), [Mark](#), [Elaine](#), [Caroline](#), [Carol](#), [Luke](#), and [Edward](#).

### 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  $G^b_{maj7}$   $A^b_{7sus}$   $A^b_7$

Hear our -

**A**

5  $Fm7$   $B^b_{m7}$   $Fm7$   $B^b_{m7}$

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

9  $G^b_{maj7}$   $A^b_{7sus}$   $A^b_7$

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

**B**

13  $Fm7$   $B^b_{m7}$   $Fm7$   $B^b_{m7}$

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

17  $G^b_{maj7}$   $A^b_{7sus}$   $A^b_7$

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

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

21  $G^b_{maj7}$   $A^b_{7sus}$   $A^b_7$   $D^b_{maj7}$

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.

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

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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.

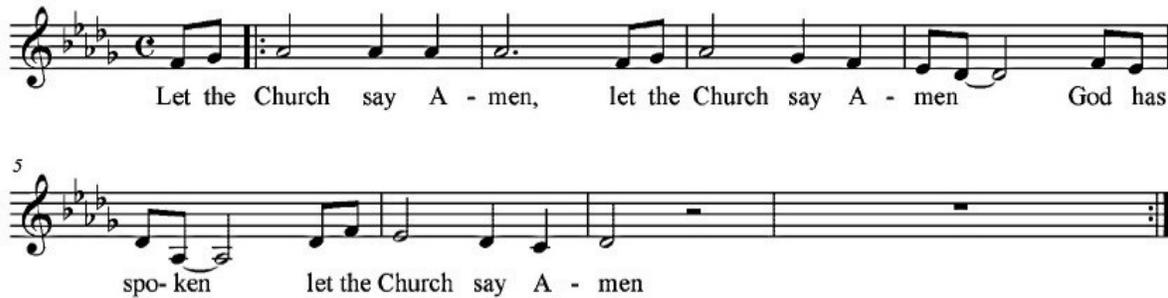
After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

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*

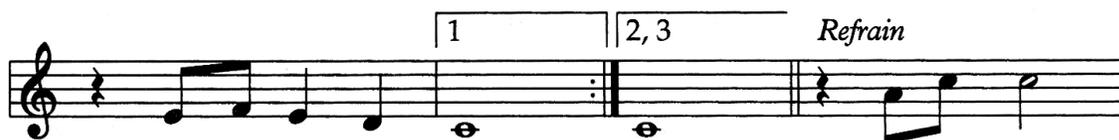
In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, 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.



1. Here is bread, here is wine: } Christ is with us:  
 2. Here is grace, here is peace: }  
 3. Here we are, joined in one: }



He is with us. { Break the bread; taste the wine:  
 Know his grace; find his peace:  
 We'll pro-claim till he comes



Christ is with us here. here. In this bread  
 Feast on Je - sus here. fied.  
 Je - sus cru - ci -



there is heal - ing; in this cup there's life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment by the Spir - it Christ is with us 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.*

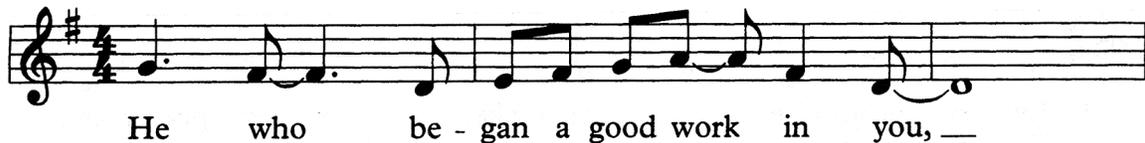
THE BLESSING

Presider The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

**People Amen**

CLOSING HYMN

He Who Began a Good Work in You



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 Third Sunday after Pentecost – Year B

June 13th, 2021

## Announcements



**In-Person Services have resumed. Seating is limited. 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.**



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



To find out more info about WRD click [here](#)

## This Week at Trinity

### Sunday, June 13th, 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)
- 12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (live in-person and on Facebook)
- 8:00 pm Compline (In Spanish via Zoom)

### Monday, June 14th, 2021

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook
- 5:30 pm Curate Committee

### Tuesday, June 15th, 2021

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm Endowment meeting (via Zoom)
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook
- 6:30 pm Vestry meeting (via Zoom)

### Wednesday, June 16th, 2021

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

### Thursday, June 17th, 2021

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

### Friday, June 18th, 2021

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

### Saturday, June 19th, 2021



*You're Invited!*

**JUNE 20TH FATHER'S DAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Will be held directly after the 10:30 am Service in the Fellowship Hall.

## 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 by the Trinity Endowment Board

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, Ester, Tom, Nick, Ric, Lauren, Margaret, Gwen, Livia, Theresa, Reagan, Joshua, Sandi, Barbara, Emily, Cherie, June, Sharon, Larry, Monica, Carolyn, Randy, Van, Andrea, Sylvia, Danielle, Lynelle, MinnieLetha, Mary, Glenda, Richard, Leonard, Jim, Elise, Be, Reiss

### For the faithful departed

Victims of gun violence and all who have perished by contracting the coronavirus

### For our Iona Seminarian

Carrie Hirdes



**YOU'RE INVITED!**  
**JULY 4TH PICNIC**

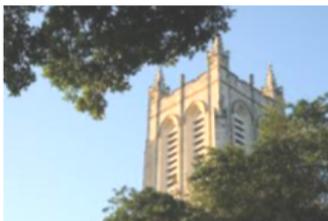
We will be having a 4th of July picnic in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30 am Service. Please email Pat if you would like to help out with food or drinks at [volunteer@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:volunteer@trinitymidtown.org)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Mollie Weber  
Carlos Caballero  
Mark Jaeger  
Elaine Olawaiye  
Caroline Garner  
Carol Turley  
Luke Junkunc  
Edward Buchanan

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Debbie Owens, David Theis, Michele White

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phone: (713) 528-4100.



### Welcome Hank Carrillo, our new interim Organist/Choirmaster

Trinity has hired a new interim organist and choirmaster Hank Carrillo. He will be taking over for Collin Boothby starting on June 7th.

Hank Carrillo was born in Corpus Christi, Texas, and began studying music at an early age, beginning piano lessons at the age of six. While attending a summer camp at Baylor University, he was introduced to the wonders of the pipe organ, and shortly after he began taking lessons with Les Peart, organist at First Christian Church in Corpus Christi. Throughout much of his early life, he was involved in singing with church choirs. For almost ten years, he sang with and accompanied the choirs of Corpus Christi Cathedral under the Direction of Lee Gwozdz.

He earned his Bachelor of Music in organ performance from Baylor University in Waco, Texas, where he studied with Dr. Isabelle Demers. Currently, he is pursuing his Masters of Music in Organ performance from Rice University, where he studies with Ken Cowan. Previously, He has served in positions as both Organist and Director of Music at churches throughout Texas.

### Readings this Sunday

1 Samuel 15: 34 – 16:13  
Psalm 20  
2 Corinthians 5: 6-17  
Mark 4: 26-34

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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.

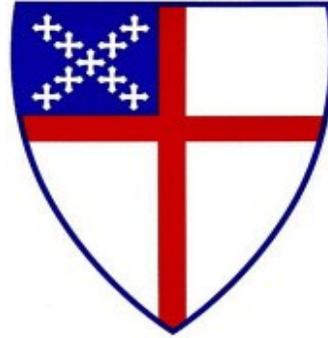
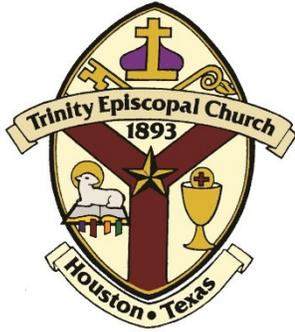
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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