THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 18, 2023 10:30 a.m.



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

Alex Jones, Organist and Choirmaster

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

WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! We're glad you chose to worship with us. We follow the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to guide our worship. In this leaflet, you'll find everything you need to follow along printed.

Whether you've been attending Trinity your whole life or this is your first time here, we invite you to participate in the service as fully as you feel comfortable doing.

If you're looking for a new church home, know that the Trinity family welcomes you. We would also appreciate your filling out a virtual visitors card, which can be accessed at this link:

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For more information, please visit our website: www.trinitymidtown.org

Facebook Live Stream. Please be advised that this service is live streamed through our Trinity Facebook Page and YouTube channels. By participating in the service, you are consenting to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your children who participate.

Children 3yrs through 3rd grade We offer Children's Chapel in Room 112 during this service. The children who wish to participate will be led out right before the Gospel, and will return at the passing of the peace so that they can participate in Communion with their families.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

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

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

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LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Lector: Stan Tubbs
Prayers: Norma Cooper

LEMs: Jim Castro, Norma Cooper

Acolytes: Mark Goza, Joanne Starbuck, Barrett Hess, Mary Cloud, David Villarreal

Ushers: Ben Blanding, Lovette Browne, Charles Cooper

Verger: Ron Mailloux Vestry of the Day: John Merullo

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Audio Visual: Brett Stevens

The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God





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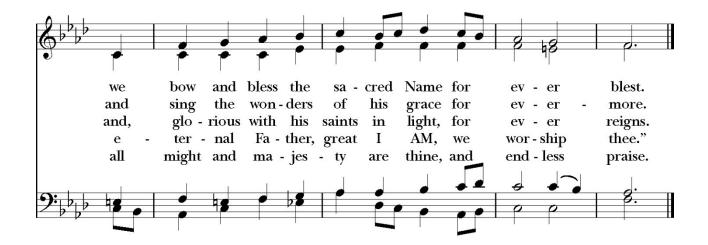
10:30 a.m. Historic Church

Please enter in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.

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The Liturgy of the Word





THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, page 355

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

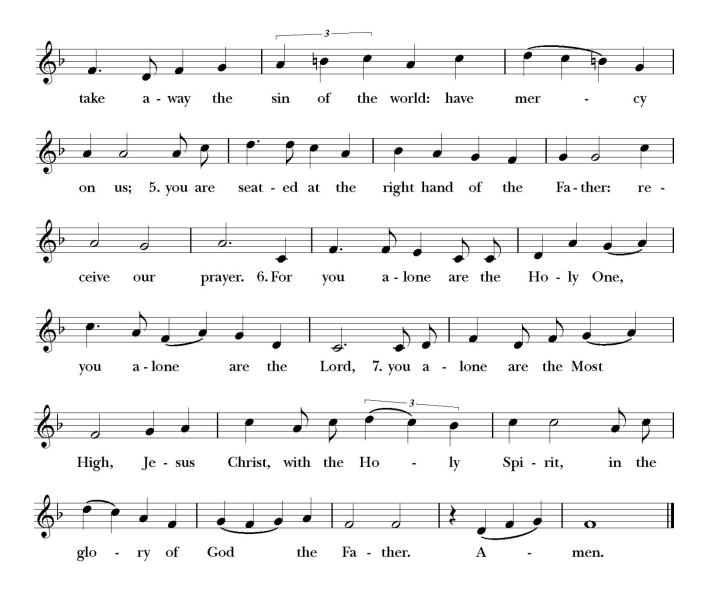
BCP, page 355

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

People Amen.



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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

> Almighty and most loving God, through your Son Jesus, who came among us as a slave choosing rather to serve his disciples than to be served by them; help us in our weakness not to seek to oppress others, nor to make peace with any form of exploitation, but in all things earnestly and of our own free will to seek to serve each other following Christ's good example, this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON Exodus 19: 2-8a

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples.

"Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 100 Jubilate Deo Stainer, #227 Sung by the Choir.

- 1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; * serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
 he himself has made us, and we are his;
 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; * give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; * and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 5: 1-8

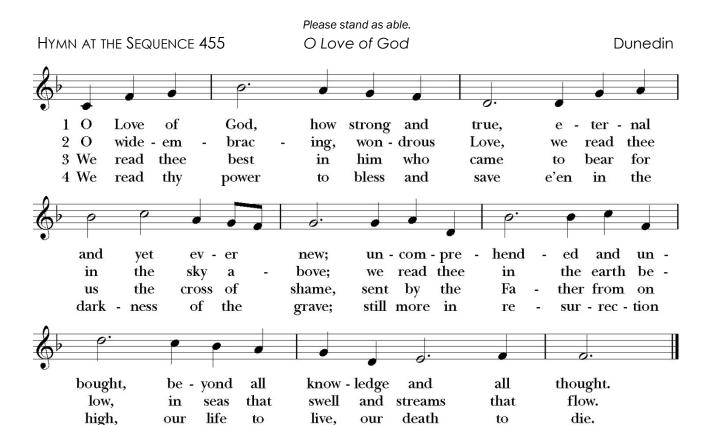
Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Children's Chapel, for children aged three through fifth grade, begins before the reading of the Gospel during the hymn. The children are invited to follow the cross, carried by Ms. Erika on the Baptismal Font side, for a lesson and will return to their parents after the passing of the peace.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 9: 35 - 10:23

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

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People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If any-

one will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Associate Rector

Please stand as able.

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

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Amen.

We invite you to offer any prayers you wish to share in the comment section.

Reader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Reader We pray for Joseph, our president; Kamala, our vice-president; Greg, our

governor; Lina, our county judge; Sylvester, our mayor; and the legislatures,

and courts: For this community, the nation, and the world:

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Reader For the end of systemic racism that divides us; for the just and proper use of

your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Reader For all women and men, boys and airls who are homeless this day, and for

all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Reader In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for the Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith, and

the Anglican Church of Australia. In the diocesan cycle of prayer for St. Andrew's, Pearland; St. Augustine of Hippo, Galveston; St. Christopher's, League City; and St. George's, Texas City. In the ministry cycle of prayer for Dana Gannon and the Trinity Ushers. For the peace and unity of the Church

of God.

People For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Reader For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai (pronounced "Kaye"), and

Hector, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale, our clergy; for all who minister

in this place; and for all bishops and other ministers.

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those

who are on our prayer list: Bill, Nick, Charles, Kathy, Demetrick, Mary, Bob, Dale, Kathy, Harrison, Edith, Rafael, Erma, Steve, Layne, Jane, Mark, Eliana,

and Norma. Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for Carol, Luke,

Drayton, David, Caitlan, Zuru, Greg, and Robert as they celebrate their

birthdays.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader We pray for all who have died, especially for Michele Blackman, Virginia

Robertson, Ada Judge, and all victims of gun violence, that they may have

a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

CONFESSION BCP, page 392

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

People Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION BCP, page 360

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our

Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of

the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People Amen.

Please stand as able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

The children who attended Children's Chapel will return at this point so that they can participate with their families in the Holy Communion.

Please be seated.

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

OFFERING

Online Giving is available through AccessACS.

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

Texting. Send the message **heartofmidtown** to **73256**. Be sure to type heartofmidtown with no spaces, or autocorrect may insert information about a different church. The prompt will ask for a credit card number which can be kept on file for future contributions.



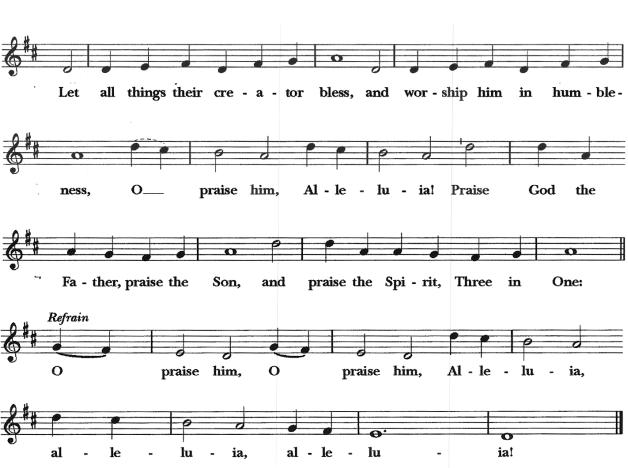
Ave verum Corpus, natum
de Maria Virgine:
Vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine:
Cuius latus perforatum,
unda fluxit et sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.

Jesus, Lamb of God, Redeemer, Born the
Virgin Mary's Son,
Who upon the cross a victim
hast man's salvation won,
From whose side, which man had pierced,
flow'd the water and the blood,
By thy sacred body broken be in life and
in death our food.

Please stand as able.

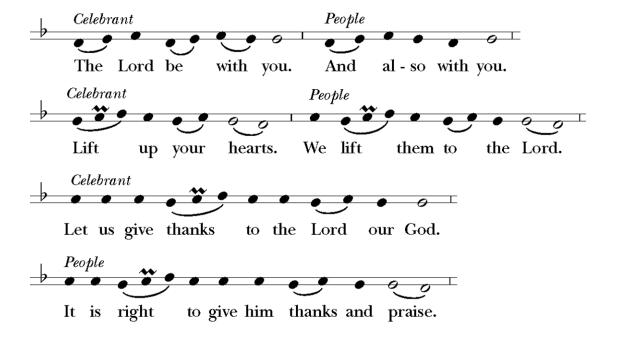
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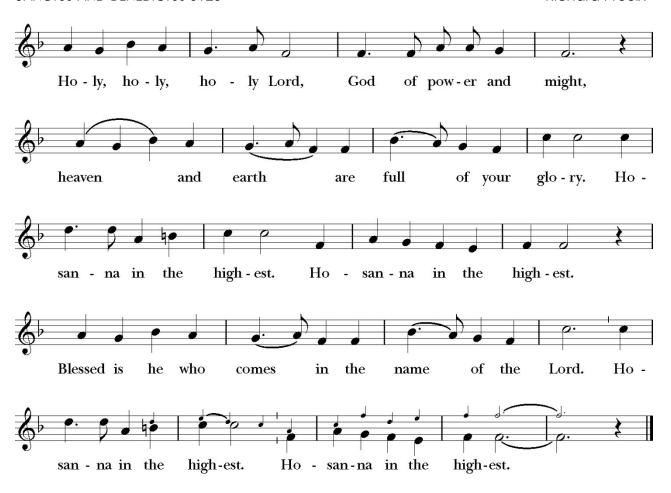


The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Please stand or kneel, as able.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

AMEN.

The Celebrant then continues

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

Celebrant and People

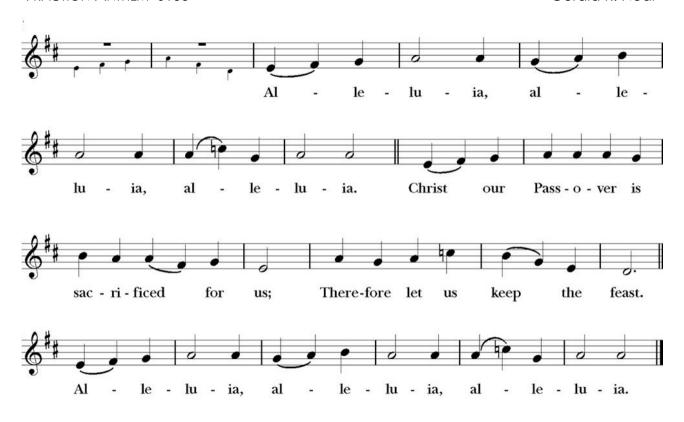
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.



INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.



Instructions for Holy Communion

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



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

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

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



Celebrant On behalf of God and Trinity Parish, we send forth these holy gifts

that those who will be visited may share with us in the communion of

Christ's Body and Blood.

People Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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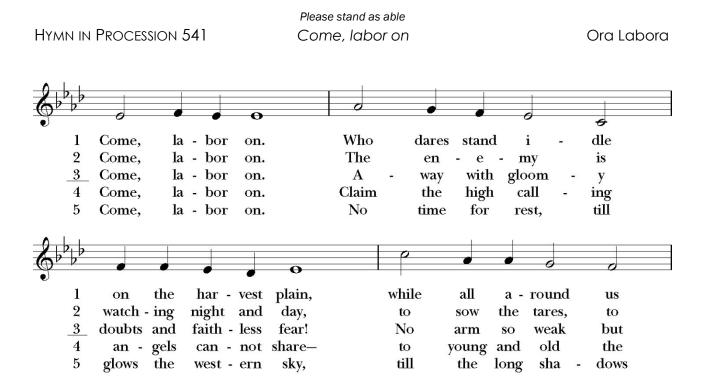
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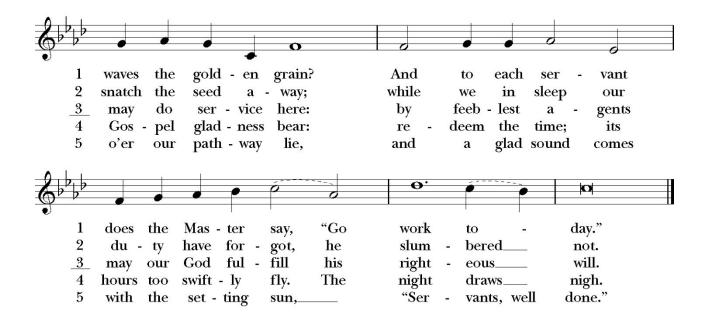
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness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

THE BLESSING

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.**





DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

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

Happy Father's Day to all joining us for coffee hour today.

Please note that August 13 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.

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THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN June 18, 2023 - Third Sunday After Pentecost, Year A Trinity Episcopal Church | www.trinitymidtown.org 1015 Holman @ Main | 713-528-4100

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!

Church Closed - June 19th, Juneteenth

Please note the church will be closed Monday, June 19th in observance of Juneteenth. Regular business hours and evening prayer will resume, Tuesday, June 20th. Thank you.

Summer Jazz Workshop - Begins June 20th

The Summer Jazz Workshop (SJW) is an exciting and challenging four week intensive summer youth camp, which focuses on the fundamentals of music and its associated business aspects, for young musicians. The SJW has trained over 15,000 students since 1972, and is open to middle and high school students, for those who have two years or more of formal music training. We are excited to host the workshop again this year at Trinity.

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 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.

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 18th, 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 12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Chapel) 8:00 pm Compline (Facebook)

Monday, June 19th, 2023

Church Closed - Juneteenth

Tuesday, June 20th, 2023

5:30 pm Evening Prayer 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting (Zoom) 9:00 am Summer Jazz Workshop Begins

Wednesday, June 21st, 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 22nd, 2023

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

Friday, June 23rd, 2023

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

Saturday, June 24th, 2023

8:00 am Pride Parade Float Assembly (Trinity Parking Lot)

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:

Virginia Robinson, Ada Judge and all victims of gun violence.

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 date: June 18th.

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

Feltenberger

Next available dates: August 13th and 27th.





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Explore the Way of Love: WORSHIP

Throughout the Scriptures, the people of God are called to worship.

As the Psalmist writes, "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name." Just as God wants to enter into our lives and meet us where we are, so God desires for us to enter into God's space together and be present there.

Worship is an important part of the Way of Love, the practice that followers of Jesus have traditionally followed. Worship brings us out of our own space to walk on sacred ground. Worship brings us out of our loneliness into communion with fellow worshippers, as we become one Body of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Worship reminds us who we are, in light of the God who creates, saves, and sustains us.

In worship, we can bring all of our selves before God, as a kind of offering. We can bring our hopes, our dreams, our joys and sorrows, our thanks and our praise. We can boldly proclaim ourselves to be who we are, and give public voice to what we believe, without reservation.

By coming to the table together, we have the opportunity to break bread together, and in doing so, share a common experience to which all are welcome.



Gathering together challenges us to leave our loneliness behind, and risk relationship with God and with those on our journey who also gather to seek God's presence. As we join in worship together, we are experiencing the presence and glory and beauty of showing up boldly before God and sharing in the communal life of the multitude of followers of Jesus who have gathered here before us.

And we are one body.

Are you ready to make a commitment to regularly gather to worship?

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

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A HISTORY OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Trinity Episcopal Church of Houston has existed as a house of worship and a center of its community for over a century. As such, it has adapted to the changing nature of the city, as Houston grew from a regional town of approximately 40,000 souls to a dynamic metropolitan giant, the fourth largest city in the United States. With a congregation that grew from a few founding members in the 1890s to several thousand parishioners at its peak, Trinity Church is an example of how spiritual people have contended with the challenges presented during a city's most crucial period of urban development.

Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street and Holman Avenue. That structure, designed by Ralph Adams Cram of Boston and William Ward Watkin of Houston became an architectural landmark constructed in the neo-Gothic style with Texas limestone and a 97 foot bell tower.

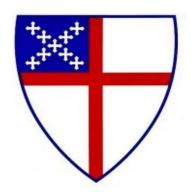
During the late 1910s and 1920s, Trinity entered an era of explosive growth, paralleling that of the city, and became an important center of the Episcopal faith. The congregation's many youth and adult activities were community events that attracted wide attention among the general populace. An integral part of its city, Trinity likewise maintained special relationships with Houstonians of other faiths. With a membership numbering 1,900 parishioners in 1930, Trinity emerged as the largest Episcopal parish in the Diocese of Texas and one of the largest in the nation.

After World War II, Houston's growth presented Trinity with perhaps its greatest challenge. As the city physically expanded into the new postwar suburbs, Trinity's membership began to decline. Rather than abandon its historic location, the congregation showed itself to be steadfast. Resurrecting itself from this period, Trinity reaffirmed its mission, this time as a beacon in the inner city where it has become a leading institution in the heart of Houston, determined to enhance the quality of urban life for everyone.

While our neighborhood has gone through many changes, the parish has remained steadfast, and actively ministers to a diverse congregation and to the poor in its midst. As the Midtown Houston neighborhood began redeveloping, starting in the early 2000s, Trinity Church has rededicated itself to its spiritual mission, and has become an active part of the Midtown area for music and other creative art expressions.







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