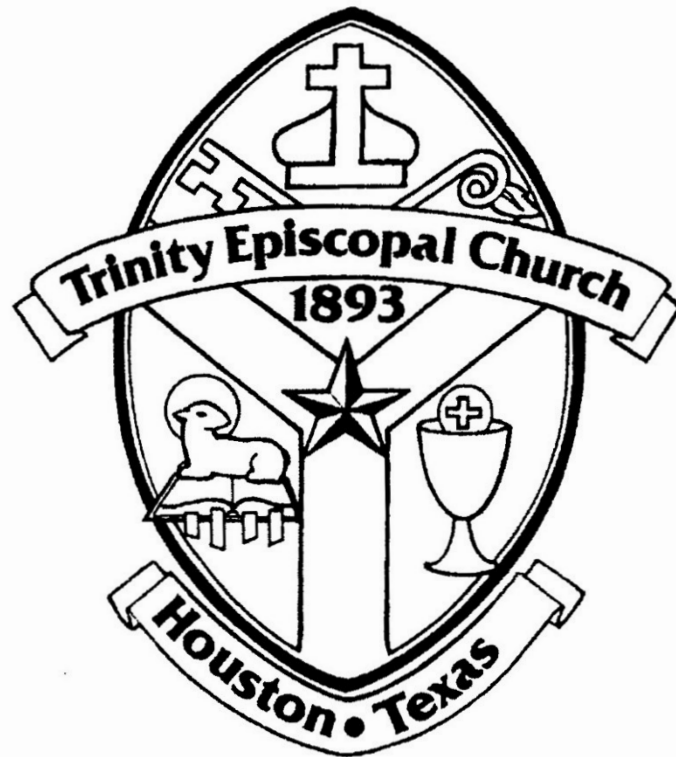


# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 25, 2023  
12:30 p.m.



The Reverend Marcea Paul, Guest Preacher  
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:

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## 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:

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## VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*

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Pam Lawson  
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John Merullo  
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David Villarreal  
Michele White

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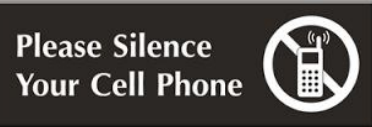
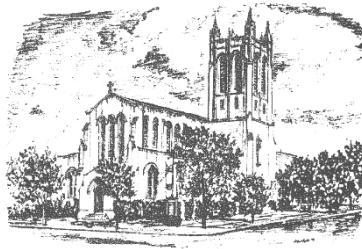
## THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

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

## SERVING TODAY

Lector: Pam Lawson  
Prayers: Marcella Marino  
Acolyte: Barrett Hess  
Usher: Lovette Browne  
Audio Visual: Paul Bower  
Online Greeter: Pam Lawson  
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport  
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# The Liturgy of the Word

## INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

*Please stand as able.*

*Presider* Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song: Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise.

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

*Presider* Let us worship God.

## OPENING HYMN

He Has Made Me Glad



I will en-ter his gates with thanks-giv-ing in my heart, I will



en - ter his courts with praise. I will



say, "This is the day that the Lord has made." I



will re - joice, for he has made me glad.

### *Refrain*



He has made me glad, he has made me glad. I



will re - joice, for he has made me glad.



He has made me glad, he has made me glad. I



will re - joice, for he has made me glad.

## OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.  
Holy God, grant us the beginning of wisdom and love to cast out every fear: that we may grow more brave, more ready to hear, more ready to obey; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer .

**People Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 20:7-13

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 6: 1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

*Please stand as able*

Matthew 10: 24-39

Presider

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**People**

**Praise and glory to God!**

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

Presider

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**People**

**Praise to Christ, the Word.**

*Please be seated*

SERMON

The Reverend Marcea Paul, Chief of Staff to the Bishop of Texas

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; 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 Samuel Mankhin, and the Church of Bangladesh](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [St. John's, LaPorte](#); [St. Michael's, LaMarque](#); [St. Thomas the Apostle \(Nassau Bay\), Houston](#); and [Trinity, Galveston](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Alex Bruton and the Trinity Vergers](#). 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**

instrumental intro  $G^b\text{maj}7$   $A^b7\text{sus}$   $A^b7$   
Hear our -

**A**  
5  $F\text{m}7$   $B^b\text{m}7$   $F\text{m}7$   $B^b\text{m}7$   
prayer - O - Lord hea our - prayer O - Lord - - in -

9  $G^b\text{maj}7$   $A^b7\text{sus}$   $A^b7$   
cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our

**B**  
13  $F\text{m}7$   $B^b\text{m}7$   $F\text{m}7$   $B^b\text{m}7$   
prayer O - Lord - hear - our - prayer - O - Lord - - in -

17  $G^b\text{maj}7$   $A^b7\text{sus}$   $A^b7$   
cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord \_\_\_\_\_  
Soft piano improvisation during prayer, play intro to cue next response.

21  $G^b\text{maj}7$   $A^b7\text{sus}$   $A^b7$   $D^b\text{maj}7$   
A - nd Gra - nt - us Thy - Pe - ace \_\_\_\_\_

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, Kathy, Demetrick, Mary, Bob, Dale, Kathy, Harrison, Edith, Erma, Steve, Layne, Jane, Mark, Eliana, Norma, Bill, Graeme, and Phil.**

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 **Rafael Goecke, Michele Blackman, Virginia Robertson, 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 [Helen, Carey, Alex, Oni, and James](#), 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 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

Today

Richard Smallwood

*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

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THE OFFERTORY

Today

Richard Smallwood

## 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 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,

A - men, A - men,  
A - men, A - men,  
A - men, A - men, A - men.

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.*

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

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. 1 2, 3 *Refrain*

Feast on Je - sus here. here. In this bread  
 Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

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.**

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.**

CLOSING HYMN

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

LEVAS, page 136

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,  
2. Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,  
3. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

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2. \_ Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,  
3. \_ The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

\_ No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back!  
(no turn - ing back,)

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.  
We would like to thank the Trinity LOTS cook team for hosting  
this morning's coffee hour.*

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*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.*





# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN  
June 25, 2023 – Fourth Sunday After Pentecost, Year A

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**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!

## Juice Box Challenge- WE NEED 700 MORE BOXES!

We only have ONE month left to collect Juice boxes and we have 700 more to go! Please donate your juice boxes at the church or donate directly at the link below – help us deliver on our promise to Kids Meals!! You can leave your juice box donations at the back of the church during July. Thank you!

Or donate directly:

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## Pride Parade: June 24th

Trinity will participate with welcoming Episcopalian churches in the annual Pride Houston parade on June 24th with the theme Queerly Beloved. The float will be prepared in the Trinity parking lot beginning at 8am, join us! We will gather in the evening for the parade. For more details and info check our website [here](#) or contact Andy Durham at [andy.durham.321@gmail.com](mailto:andy.durham.321@gmail.com).

## 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](mailto:volunteer@trinitymidtown.org) with any questions or for more information.

## Church Closed: July 3rd and 4th

Please note that the church will be closed on July 3rd and 4th for the holiday. We will reopen on July 5th at 9am.

## Guest Preacher – The Rev. Cannon Marcea Paul: June 25th

Trinity Episcopal welcomes our upcoming guest preacher, The Rev. Canon Marcea Paul who serves in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas as the bishop diocesan’s chief of staff and previously was the priest for pastoral care at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Austin, Texas. Prior to attending seminary, Marcea had a career in accounting and served on several committees in the Diocese of Southeast Florida. We hope to see you Sunday!



## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

### Sunday, June 25th, 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 26th, 2023

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

### Tuesday, June 27th, 2023

10:00 am Sandwich Makers (Smith Rm)  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer  
6:30 pm Vestry Meeting (Zoom)

### Wednesday, June 28th, 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 29th, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer  
6:30 pm Listening Heart (Masterson Rm)

### Friday, June 30th, 2023

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

### Saturday, July 1st, 2023

Our Weekly Zoom links can be found at <https://www.trinitymidtown.org/zoom-with-us/>





### 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, Dana, Samantha, Eugenia, Emilia, Gaby, Evan, Paul, Florence, Rick, and Charles.

#### For the faithful departed:

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

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### Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up at [www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/](http://www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/).  
The next available date: June 18th, July 2nd, and July 9th.



Sign-ups for coffee hour hosts are available, please signup online to volunteer [here](#).  
Next available dates: August 13th and 27th.



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#### Office Hours

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## Explore the Way of Love: BLESS

The Christian tradition calls us not just to believe, but also to bless the world with the Good News that we have learned.

As the writer of Mark’s Gospel tells us, Jesus said, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.” When we incorporate the practice of Blessing others into our lives, we are putting our love *into* action by becoming the Good News for others.

As part of the Way of Love, Blessing gives us a way to follow the example of Jesus. Just as Jesus was a leader and a teacher, he also was a son, a friend, a servant. Jesus understood the need to know and be known by those in his community and beyond. He understood that being seen, invited, and welcomed are ways of sharing blessing.



Likewise, we are called to know and be known, in the name of love. We are called to see, invite, and welcome as living examples of Good News. Just as the apostles were called to give and teach and heal, we are called to give the gifts we have to bless, as God has given so much to us. To seek, name, and celebrate the presence of God’s love in our lives and the lives of others is part of being good news.

We are called to work together as we share this love so that we are not alone in our work, but acting together as the Body of Christ, being his hands and feet in this world, we bring the Good News to life for people here and now.

Being part of a worshipping and serving community is part of the Good News. As the writer of Hebrews tells us: “Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” We are called to give freely of our resources, our stories and experiences, our time and our attention. And we are called to invite others into this Way of Love. We blessed *ourselves* in the process. *Others* will be blessed in the process.

This is how the world will come to know who we are and what we believe: Through the way we bless them.

Will you commit to the practice of blessing others? Are there others you know who are blessing others, who you can join with to multiply those blessings?

Learn more about the Way of Love at [episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove](http://episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove). You can find suggestions on getting started and going deeper with Blessing at [iam.ec/evol](http://iam.ec/evol).

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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.

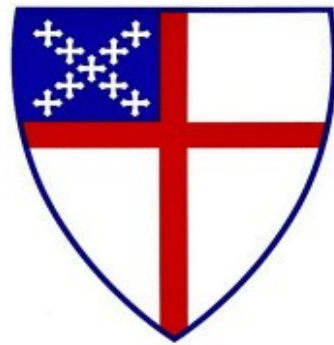
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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