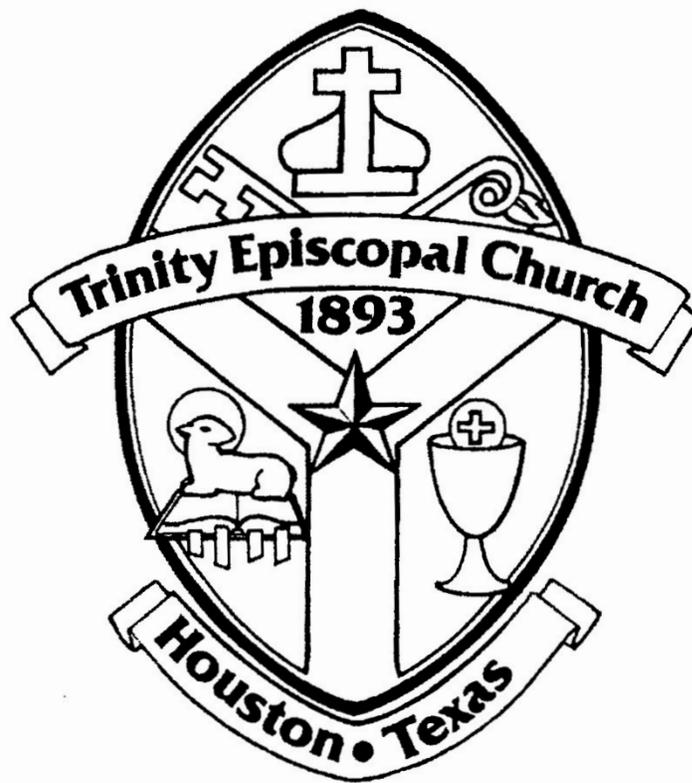


FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MORNING PRAYER, Rite II

JUNE 28, 2020

10:30 a.m.



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

Collin Boothby, Organist and Choirmaster
April Sloan-Hubert, Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble

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

MORNING PRAYER RITE II

10:30 a.m. Historic Church

VOLUNTARY

Give Me Jesus

arr. Marques L. A. Garrett (b. 1984)

WELCOME

THE OPENING SENTENCE

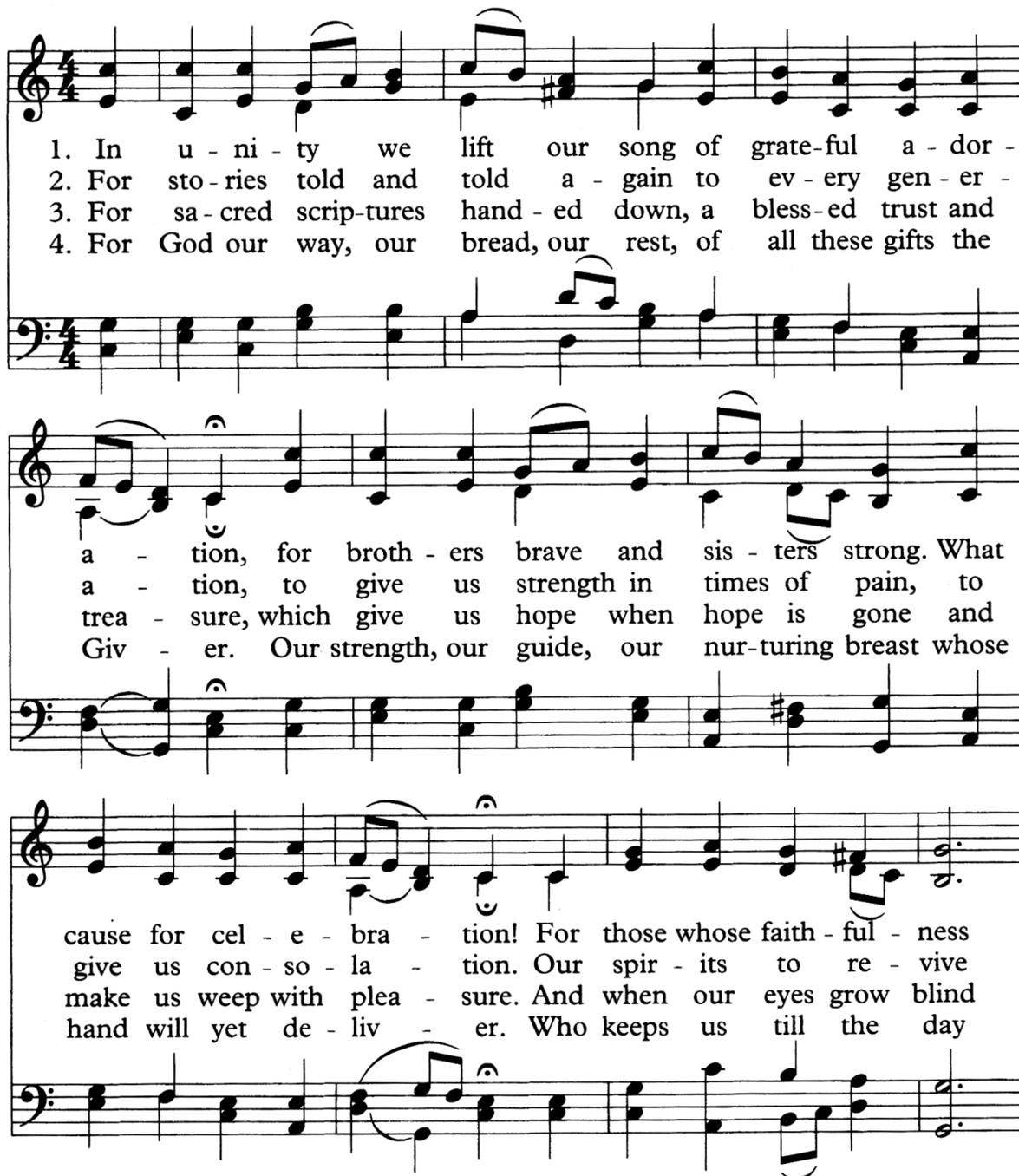
BCP, page 78

Officiant Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

OPENING HYMN

In unity we lift our song

Ein feste Burg



1. In u - ni - ty we lift our song of grate - ful a - dor -
2. For sto - ries told and told a - gain to ev - ery gen - er -
3. For sa - cred scrip - tures hand - ed down, a bless - ed trust and
4. For God our way, our bread, our rest, of all these gifts the

a - tion, for broth - ers brave and sis - ters strong. What
a - tion, to give us strength in times of pain, to
treasure, which give us hope when hope is gone and
Giv - er. Our strength, our guide, our nur - turing breast whose

cause for cel - e - bra - tion! For those whose faith - ful - ness
give us con - so - la - tion. Our spir - its to re - vive
make us weep with plea - sure. And when our eyes grow blind
hand will yet de - liv - er. Who keeps us till the day

has kept us through dis - tress, who've shared with us our plight,
to keep our dreams a - live, when we are far from home
and death is close be - hind, we shall re - cite them still
when night shall pass a - way, when hate and fear are gone

who've held us in the night, the bless - ed con - gre - ga - tion.
and e - vil sea - sons come; how firm is our foun - da - tion.
whose words our hearts can fill with hope be - yond all mea - sure.
and all our work is done, and we shall sing for - ev - er.

CONFESION OF SIN

BCP, page 79

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
People **Most merciful God,**
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought word and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that
we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.
Amen.

ABSOLUTION

BCP, page 80

Officiant 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.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

BCP, page 80

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the
beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Officiant The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

- 1 How long, O Lord? will you forget me for ever? *
how long will you hide your face from me?
 - 2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? ***
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?
 - 3 Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; *
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
 - 4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," ***
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.
 - 5 But I put my trust in your mercy; *
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.
 - 6 I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly; *
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: ***
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but

where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SONG OF MARY

Magnificat
Read in unison.

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**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 6: 12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once

presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Officiant The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

YOU ARE GOD

Te Deum laudamus
Read in unison.

BCP, page 95

**You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you and all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.**

THE THIRD LESSON

Matthew 10: 40-42

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Officiant The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

1. God made from one blood all the fam - ilies of earth,
 2. We turn to you, God, with our thanks and our tears
 3. We learn through our fam - ilies how close - ness and trust
 4. Give, Lord, to each fam - ily in con - flict and storm
 5. Then wid - en that wis - dom and grace to in - clude

the cir - cles of nur - ture that raised us from birth,
 for all of the fam - ilies we've known through the years,
 in - crease when our ac - tions are lov - ing and just.
 a sense of your wis - dom and grace that trans - form
 the rac - es and view - points our fam - ilies ex - clude

com - pan - ions who join us to walk through each stage
 the in - ti - mate net - works on whom we de - pend
 Yet fam - ilies have al - so dis - tort - ed their roles,
 sharp an - ger to in - sight which strength - ens the heart
 till peace in each home bears and nur - tures the bud

of child - hood and youth and a - dult - hood and age.
 of par - ent and part - ner and room - mate and friend.
 mis - treat - ing their mem - bers and bruising their souls.
 and makes clear the place where re - build - ing can start.
 of peace shared by all you have made from one blood.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BCP, page 96

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, page 97

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.
**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.**

THE SUFFRAGES

BCP, page 97

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;
People **And grant us your salvation.**
Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People **Let your people sing with joy.**
Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People **For only in you can we live in safety.**
Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;
People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;
People **Your saving health among all nations.**
Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, page 230

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST COLLECT FOR MISSION

BCP, page 100

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

VIRTUAL OFFERING

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

There Is a Balm in Gilead

LEVAS, p. 203

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound - ed

whole; There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul. **Fine**

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, And think my work's in vain, But...
 2. If you can - not preach like Pet - er, If you can - not preach like Paul, You can
 3. Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged For Je - sus is your friend, And...

1. then the ho - ly spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain.
 2. tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all.
 3. if you lack for know - ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend. **D.C.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

Give wisdom to those who have responsibility and authority in every land, that we may share with justice the resources of the world, and work together in trust.

Comfort and heal, we pray, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble, especially for those we now name: Vivian, Myron, Theresa, Jeannette, Alfredo, Emilia, Stewart, Jacqueline, Nathan, Allison, Livia, Carla, Marcia, Beryl, Samike, Maxine, Andrew, Margaret and Katie.

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, especially all who have perished by contracting the coronavirus. 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: Alex, April, James, and Justin.

We give you thanks for your servant Luz Montes, who was ordained to the diaconate yesterday and will begin her curacy at Trinity on July 1.

Please note—today's service was pre-recorded.

Luz's ordination has been postponed, but she will still begin at Trinity this week.

Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

A PRAYER FOR DISMANTLING RACISM

Dear God, in our efforts to dismantle racism, we understand that we struggle not merely against flesh and blood but against powers and principalities - those institutions and systems that keep racism alive by perpetuating the lie that some members of the family are inferior and others superior.

Create in us a new mind and heart that will enable us to see brothers and sisters in the faces of those divided by racial categories.

Give us the grace and strength to rid ourselves of racial stereotypes that oppress some of us while providing entitlements to others.

Help us to create a Church and nation that embraces the hopes and fears of oppressed People of Color where we live, as well as those around the world.

Heal your family God, and make us one with you, in union with our brother Jesus, and empowered by your Holy Spirit.

In your mercy, benevolent God,

People Hear our prayer.

VIRTUAL PRAYER SHARING

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

Officiant Almighty God, to you we lift up all the prayers of the Trinity community, especially those which have been shared today. We ask you to receive also the prayers which remain unspoken in our hearts. This we ask in the name of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Almighty God, **Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

People Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 602

Jesu, Jesu

Chereponi

Chorus

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

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| 1 | Kneels at the feet of his friends, | si - lent - ly wash - es their |
| 2 | Neigh - bors are rich and poor, | neigh-bors are black and |
| 3 | These are the ones we should serve, | these are the ones we should |
| 4 | Lov - ing puts us on our knees, | serv - ing as though we were |

Repeat Chorus

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 white, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
 love. All are neigh-bors to us and you.
 slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

DISMISSAL

BCP, page 102

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

VOLUNTARY

Impromptu Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912)

There is no Virtual Coffee Hour this morning.

We invite everyone to join the **Zoom Check-In** at 12:30 pm.
(yes, it's really going to happen at 12:30 pm)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82044505630>

Meeting ID: 820 4450 5630



THE WEEKLY WINDOW

of TRINITY *The Heart of Midtown*

June 28, 2020

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – Year A

Announcements

Guest Preacher

July 5, 2020



The Rev. Charles Graves, IV will preach next Sunday!

MUSIC OF THE CHURCH

Virtual Adult Forum



Collin Boothby
Organist/Choirmaster
Trinity Episcopal Church

Thursdays at 4 pm
June 25 - July 30
Discussion on Zoom

Sign-up:

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This Week at Trinity

Sunday, June 28, 2020

9:30 am Youth Bible Study (via Zoom)
9:30 am Parenting with Grace (via Zoom)
9:30 am Sunday Meditations (via Zoom)
10:30 am Morning Prayer service
(live on Facebook and YouTube)
12:30 pm—Zoom Check in

Monday, June 29, 2020

5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

11:00 am Yoga with Saba (via Zoom)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

11:00 am Yoga with Saba (via Zoom)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook
7:00 pm Pub Theology (via Zoom)
7:30 pm Choir Social (via Zoom)

Thursday, July 2, 2020

11:00 am Yoga with Saba (via Zoom)
4:00 pm Music of the Church (via Zoom)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

Friday, July 3, 2020

11:00 am Yoga with Saba (via Zoom)
12:00 pm Midday Music in Midtown –
Trinity Facebook and YouTube
12:00 pm Youth Group (via Zoom)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

Saturday, July 4, 2020

Happy Independence Day!

Ongoing

Daily Scripture and Prayer

Sent by email Monday through Saturday at 9:30 am.

If you are not receiving this, contact Collin Boothby at connections@trinitymidtown.org

Pub Theology

Meets via Zoom at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays.

different brews  *different views*

PUB THEOLOGY

— BEER, CONVERSATION & GOD —

For the link, contact

frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org

Luz Montes begins as Curate



Luz Montes will begin her curacy on July 1. As an ordination gift, Trinity will be purchasing a cassock for Luz.

To donate, please write "Curate Ordination Gift" on the memo line.



MIDDAY MUSIC IN MIDTOWN
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Virtual Summer Recital Series
Fridays at Noon
Featuring music of black and other lesser-known composers

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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 ongoing prayers.

Please email to keep us informed. For information or comments about prayer names, please contact the Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero, Rector, at rector@trinitymidtown.org

If you would like to participate as a member of the prayer chain, please contact Norma Cooper at normajcoop@aol.com

Bob, Myron, Marvin, Caroline, Allegra, Gareth, Jimmie, Tom, Jill, Stephen, Christopher, Barbara, Aurora, Kazi, Emily, Anita, Margaret, Barbara, Penn, Norman, Vivian, Theresa, Jeannette, Alfredo, Stewart, Jacqueline, Nathan, Allison, Emilia, Livia, Carla, Marcia, Beryl, Samike, Maxine, Andrew, Margaret, Katie, Jacques, Mary, Michele, Maria, Marcus, Brian, all affected by the coronavirus

For those in our armed services:

Will Dahlstrom, Martin Cabello and Christopher Krenshaw

For the faithful departed:

All who have perished by contracting the coronavirus



Alex Sennewald
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Is posted most weeks on Friday at noon. Listen on our website:

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NEXT EPISODE

JULY 10



Yoga with Saba

These are stressful times. Give your mind and body a break!

Classes are held via Zoom

Tuesday- Friday at 11 am

For Zoom link, contact

frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org

Readings this Sunday

Genesis 23:1-14

Psalms 13

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

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.

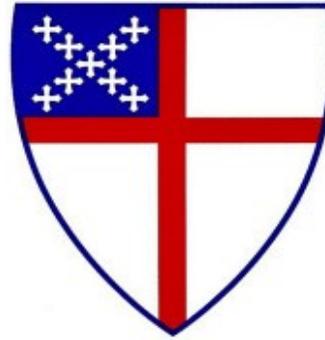
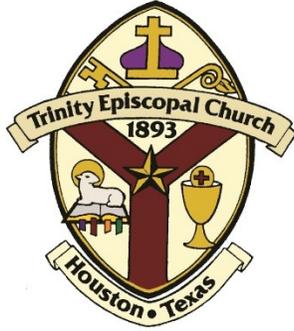
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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