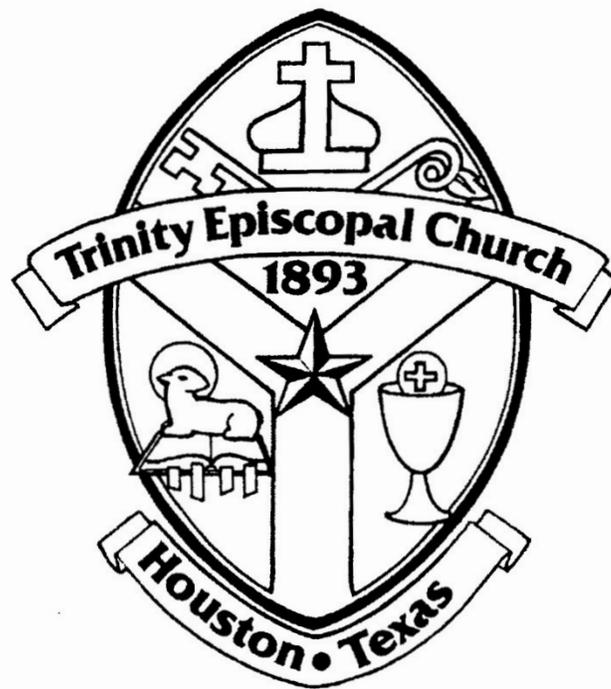


A SERVICE OF HEALING

ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL

JUNE 29, 2022

6:00 p.m.



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

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St. Peter and St. Paul

June 29, 2022

The Word of God

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

After a period of silence, the Minister then says the following Collects.

Gracious God, we commend to your loving care all who suffer, especially those who come here seeking your healing grace for themselves and for others. Give them patience and hope in their distress; strengthen and uphold them in mind and body; and grant, by your intervention, that all your people may be made whole according to your desire, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdom: Grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson

Ezekiel 34: 11-16

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 87

- 1 On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded; *
the Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.
- 2 Glorious things are spoken of you, *
O city of our God.
- 3 I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; *
behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia: in Zion were they born.
- 4 Of Zion it shall be said, "Everyone was born in her, *
and the Most High himself shall sustain her."

5 The Lord will record as he enrolls the peoples, *
"These also were born there."

6 The singers and the dancers will say, *
"All my fresh springs are in you."

Second Lesson

2 Timothy 4: 1-8

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

John 21: 15-19

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A Litany of Healing

The Celebrant introduces the Litany with this bidding

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

The People audibly name those for whom they are interceding. A Person appointed then leads the Litany

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

All you Holy Angels, Archangels, and bodiless powers of heaven;

Stand beside us to guide and guard us on our way.

Holy Mary, Mother of God;

Pray for us and the people of the world.

For all who grieve the death of family, friends, and citizens;

Give them courage and strength to meet the days ahead, O Lord, and the consolation of your love.

Pour out your healing grace on all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are afraid, anxious, or overwhelmed, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Give peace, courage, and hope to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the sick and suffering, keep them safe and healthy, and grant them wisdom and skill, sympathy, and patience;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Open our eyes to see that you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth and that our life and death are with each other;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Give us compassion for those in need, patience in this time of distress in our country, and love for our neighbors;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Let our hearts be not afraid;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does wonders:

You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

And in your light we see light.

Let us pray:

A period of silence follows.

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People:

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

**We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.**

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us

through our Savior Jesus Christ,

that we may abide in your love

and serve only your will. Amen.

The Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

Prayers for Healing

The minister may invite each person to give her or his name and any particular request for prayer. The minister then prays silently, then prays aloud using one of the following forms or similar words.

I lay my hands upon you in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, praying you will be strengthened and filled with God's grace, that you may know the healing power of the Spirit. *Amen.*

After all are anointed

May the God who goes before you through desert places by night and by day be your companion and guide; may your journey be with the saints; may the Holy Spirit be your strength, and Christ your clothing of light, in whose name we pray. *Amen.*

Lord's Prayer

**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.

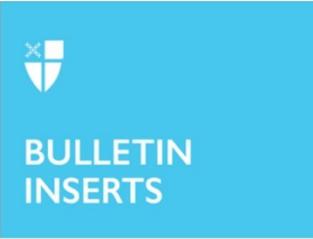
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

May God the Father bless us, God the Son heal us, God the Holy Spirit give us strength.
May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard our bodies, save our souls, and bring us
safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Amen.**



June 26, 2022 – Pentecost 3 (C)
The Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul

On June 29th, the Church will remember the martyrdoms of Sts. Peter and Paul, apostles and martyrs.

While there are no explicit testaments to the deaths of St. Peter or St. Paul in Scripture, and though they were not martyred at the same time, tradition has placed the commemoration of their deaths together, as a result of the Neronian persecution of Christians in 64 A.D. Placing the commemoration on June 29th was likely a reference to an event in 258 A.D. when the remains of the martyrs were moved from their resting places to avoid desecration during persecutions ordered by Valerian.

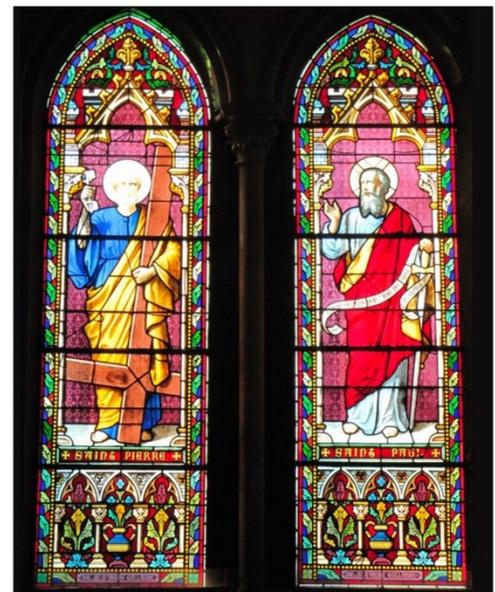
According to *Holy Women, Holy Men*, the martyrdoms of these apostles were markedly different. The book records, “As a Roman citizen, Paul would probably have been beheaded with a sword” (*HWHM*, 446). His death would have been faster and less painful than that of Peter, who, tradition holds, was crucified upside-down at his own request, considering himself unworthy of dying the same way as Jesus.

Images of Sts. Peter and Paul often include the instruments of their martyrdoms. Paul may be depicted holding a sword and holding open a book that reads “*Spiritus Gladius*,” or “sword of the Spirit.” This references both Paul’s beheading with a sword and his letter to the Ephesians, in which he asks the Church to take up “the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” (Eph. 6:17). Peter, along with his traditional symbols of keys to the kingdom of heaven, is regularly depicted with an inverted cross.

The relationship between the two can be instructive to us as modern-day Christians. From *Holy Women, Holy Men*, “Paul, the well-educated and cosmopolitan Jew of the Dispersion, and Peter, the uneducated fisherman from Galilee, had differences of opinion in the early years of the Church concerning the mission to the Gentiles. More than once, Paul speaks of rebuking Peter for his continued insistence on Jewish exclusiveness; yet their common commitment to Christ and the proclamation of the Gospel proved stronger than their differences; and both eventually carried that mission to Rome” (*HWHM*, 446). Where might we within the Church learn to appreciate each other’s differing viewpoints? How can our common commitment to Jesus Christ and the Gospel carry us to the testing ground and beyond?

Collect for St. Peter and St. Paul

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdom: Grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



Stained glass, Sts. Peter and Paul and the instruments of their martyrdoms. Church of St. Thomas, Jersey



THE WEEKLY WINDOW

of TRINITY *The Heart of Midtown*

June 26th, 2022

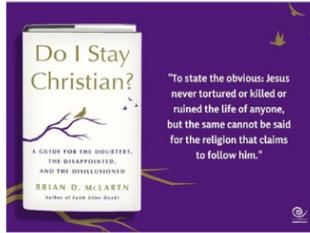
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Sunday In-Person Services.

8:00 am and 12:30 pm are in the Chapel.
10:30 am is held in the Historic Church. Please make sure to continue to mask up and social distance.

The Third Sunday after Pentecost – Year C

Announcements



Do I Stay Christian?: A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned

by BRIAN D. McLaren

Wednesday, June 29 at 7 PM via Zoom
Zoom Meeting Link

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87305536973>
St Margaret's Episcopal, Baton Rouge, will once again gather via Zoom on Wednesday, June 29 at 7 PM with Trinity Episcopal Church in Houston for a book discussion. Brian McLaren will offer a pre-recorded welcome to our group before our discussion begins.

For more information on the book, study follow the link below.

<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/blog/do-i-stay-christian-zoom-book-study-starts-on-wednesday-june-29th-at-700-pm/>

**Please join us this Sunday
June 26th, immediately
after our 10:30 am
service for a special
coffee hour celebrating
our newly ordained
Deacon Carrie Hirdes**

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, June 26th, 2022

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:30 am Sunday Meditations (Hybrid via Zoom and in-person Smith room)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:45 am Coffee Hour Fellowship Hall
12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III
8:00 pm Compline

Monday, June 27th, 2022

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday, June 28th, 2022

10:00 am Yoga with Saba (Zoom)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday, June 29th, 2022

10:30 am Staff Meeting
12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting (Youth Room)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer
6:00 pm Healing Service (Zoom)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 30th, 2022

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday, July 1st, 2022

12:00 pm Listening Post
12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting (Youth room)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Community Outreach

Trinity is participating in Kids' Meals Inc., 2022 Summer Juice Box Challenge. The youth will help us with creating a collection area in the church so that families can donate in person, but donations can also be made online!

Please follow the link for more information.

<https://yougivegoods.com/drive/view/22593>

Please add to our Gun Violence Memorial! Everyone is encouraged to visit, pray and add to our Gun Violence Memorial here at Trinity. Please add your prayers using any orange ribbon. You could tie a knot or include the names of specific cities affected by mass shootings or the names of victims of gun violence.

Our Evening Prayer Ministry is in need of greeters. Greeters help assemble the sandwich bags, welcome our congregation as they enter, offer service leaflets and masks as appropriate, help to lead the responses in the service, and assist the officiant with distributing food and water. If you have a heart to serve and are available, especially on Monday or Tuesday evenings from 5 to 6, please contact John Merullo at rockhopperlad@gmail.com or 713-818-6355.

On Sunday, July 3rd we will have a community potluck during coffee hour to celebrate the holiday. If you would like to bring something please contact Pat at volunteer@trinitymidtown.org



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, Vivian Kensington, Bob, Theresa, Marvin, Tom, Nick, Ric, Margaret, Livia, Joyce, Gus, Joshua, Sandi, Barbara, Larry, Monica, Susan, Carolyn, Sylvia, Danielle, Lynelle, Mary, Leonard, Jim, Elise, Be, Norma, Jeanne, Karen, Charlee, Linda, Shelby, Stewart, Austin, Steven, Alice, Barbara, Daniel, Minnie, Jeanette, Eddie, Emma, Phil, and Hannah.

For the faithful departed

Elva Velasquez Gomez and all who have perished by contracting the coronavirus and victims of shootings in Tulsa, Ok, Uvalde, Tx, Buffalo, NY, Orange County California, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, and all victims of gun violence.

For our newly ordained Deacon
Carrie Hirdes

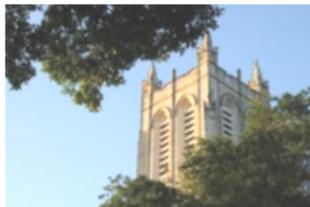


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Altar Flower Dedications for this week

The Altar flowers are dedicated to
Glory of God
and in loving memory of Dick and
Peggy Gauthier
By Libby and Kenzo Tsubai

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up for a flower dedication by going to <https://www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/>

Please remember the church offices will be closed on Monday, July 4th, 2022. We will return to the office on the following Tuesday.

New office hours for the Summer will be the following
Monday-Thursday 7 am - 3 pm
Friday 7 am - 12 pm

If you have any building concerns please remember to email frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org about them. Thanks!



For More Information On Our Annual Giving Click [Here](#)

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.

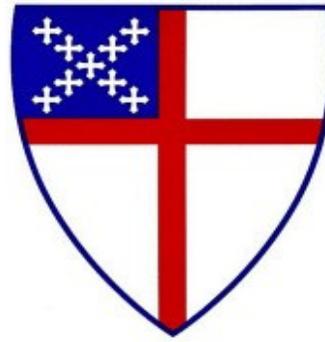
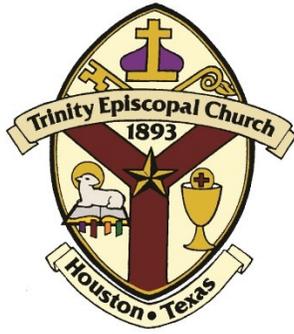
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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