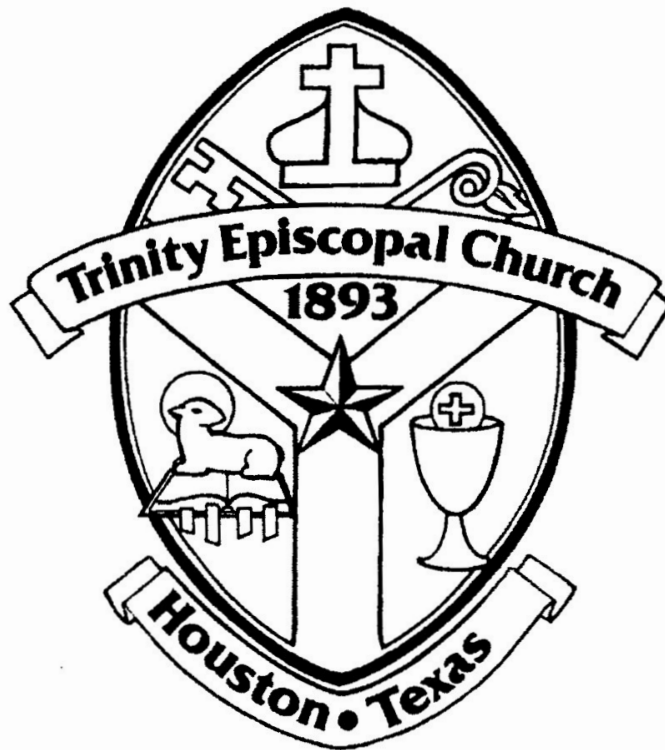


# THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 5, 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.

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- 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:

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### VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*

John Escoto, *Junior Warden*

Eric Beam  
Ben Blanding  
Pam Lawson  
Mary Matteucci  
Ann McCoy

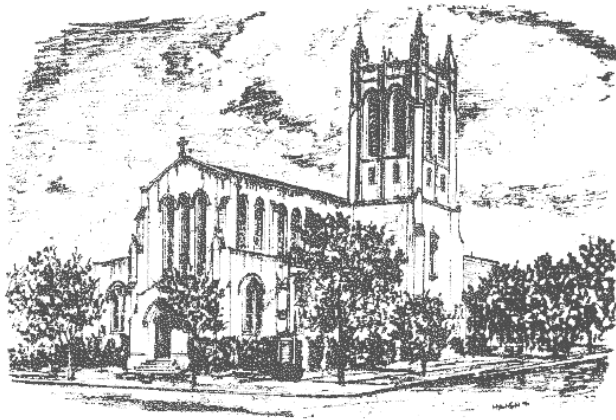
John Merullo  
Samantha Rainman  
Gladys Vallés  
David Villarreal  
Michele White

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Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*  
Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*  
Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*  
Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*  
Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*  
Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

## LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

*Lector:* Dana Gannon  
*Prayers:* John Merullo  
*LEMs:* David Villarreal, Pat Laubach  
*Acolyte:* J. Sennewald, S. Chambers, A. Sennewald, L. Chambers, G. Chambers  
*Ushers:* Dana Gannon, Jason Hruska, Elmer Romero  
*Verger:* Alex Bruton  
*Vestry of the Day:* Ann McCoy  
*Altar Guild:* Carolyn Reyes, Shelby Bradley, Catherine Guthrie  
*Audio Visual:* Christian Bearup  
*Online Greeter:* Miguel Stonecipher



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# HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

10:30 a.m. Historic Church

*Please enter in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.*

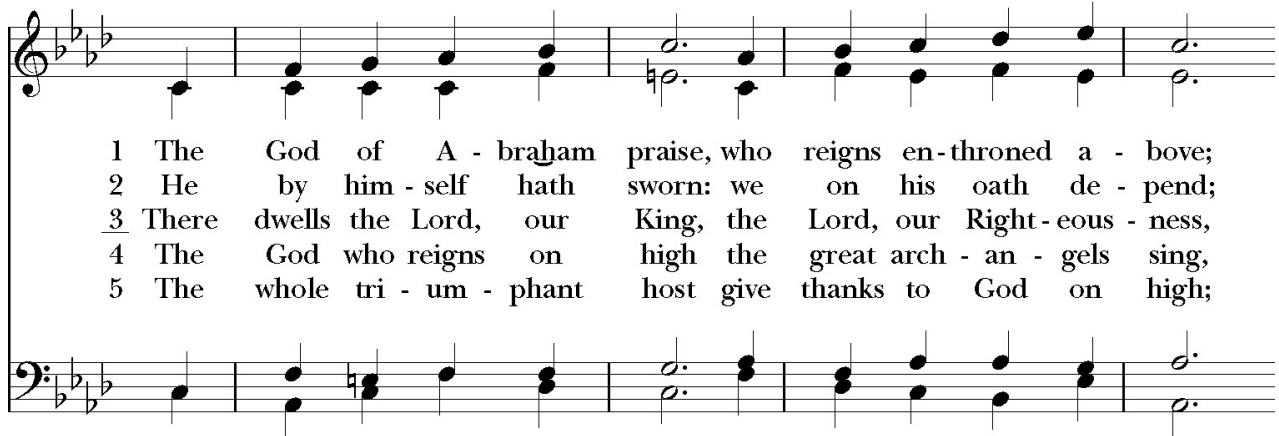
## The Liturgy of the Word

*Please stand as able.*

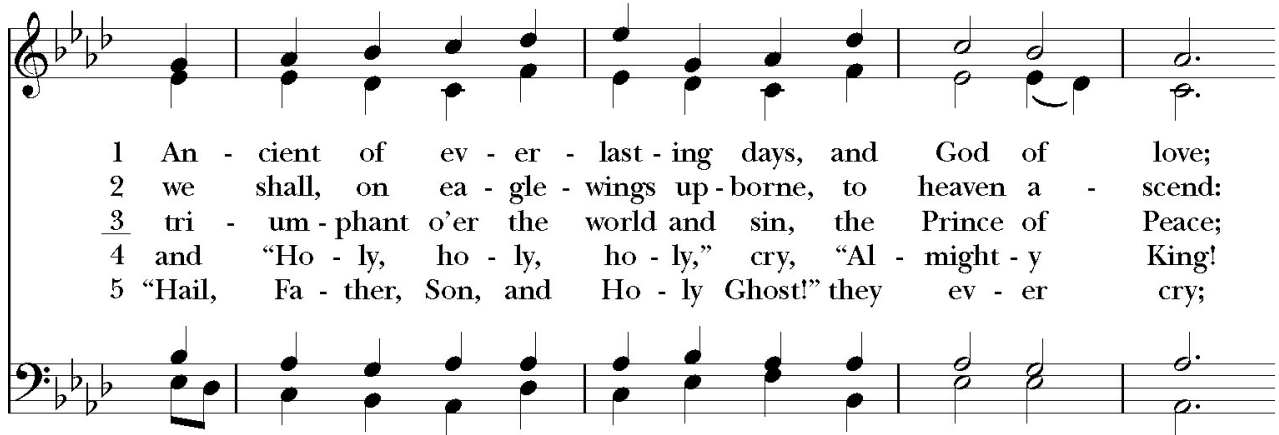
HYMN IN PROCESSION 401

*The God of Abraham praise*

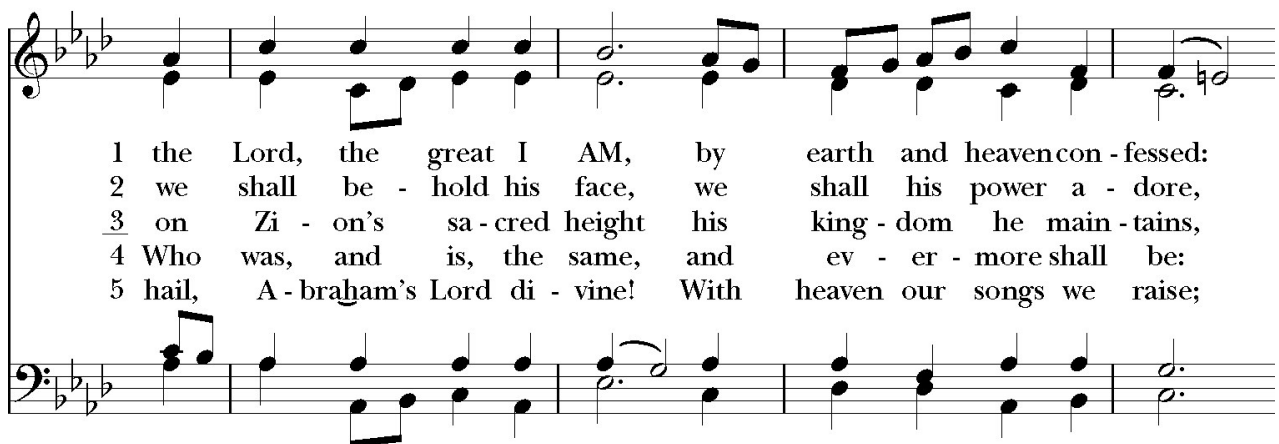
Leoni



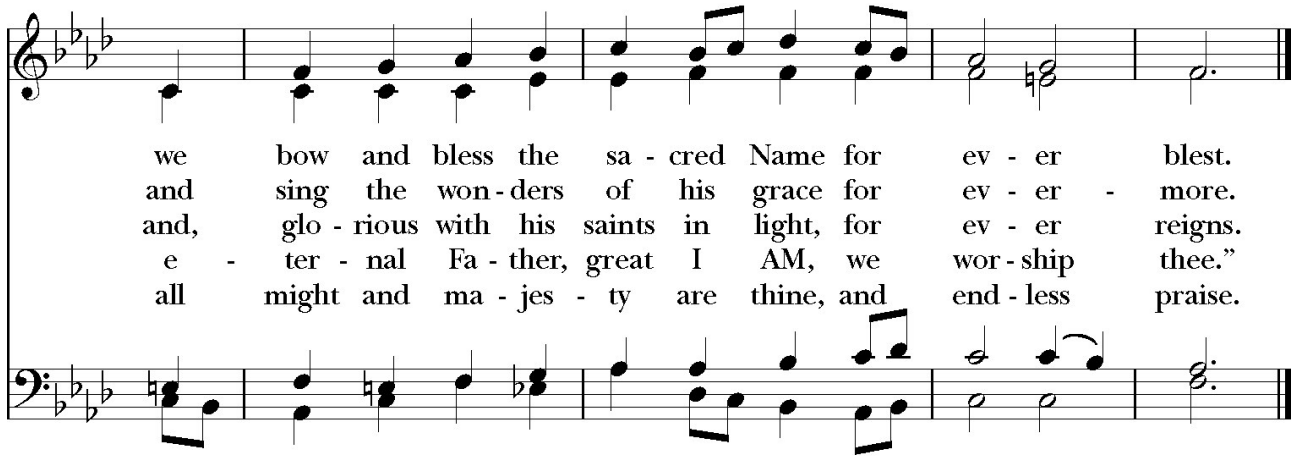
1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,  
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend;  
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,  
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,  
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.  
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.  
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."  
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, page 323

*Officiant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

**People** His mercy endureth forever.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, page 323

*Officiant* Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

**People** Amen.

DECALOGUE

BCP, page 317

*Officiant* God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

**People**



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, and in - cline our hearts to keep this law.

*Officiant* Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

**People** Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*Officiant* Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

**People** Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*Officiant* Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

**People** Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*Officiant* Honor thy father and thy mother.

**People** Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*Officiant* Thou shalt do no murder.

**People** Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*Officiant* Thou shalt not commit adultery.  
**People** **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Officiant* Thou shalt not steal.  
**People** **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Officiant* Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.  
**People** **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Officiant* Thou shalt not covet.  
**People**

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Lord, have mer-cy up-on us, and write all these Thy laws in our hearts, — we be-seech Thee. —

CANTICLE S91 Kyrie

Healey Willan

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up -  
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People** **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

Levavi oculos  
Sung by the choir

Walford Davies, #303

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able.*

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE 668 *I to the hills will lift mine eyes*

Burford

1 I to the hills will lift mine eyes; from whence shall come my aid?  
2 He will not let thy foot be moved, his own he safe - ly keeps;  
3 Thy faith - ful guard-ian is the Lord, thy shelt - er and thy shade;  
4 From e - vil he shall keep thee safe and shall thy strength re - store

My help is from the Lord a - bove who heaven and earth hath made.  
with watch - ful and un - tir - ing eye he slum - bers not, nor sleeps.  
nor sun by day, nor moon by night, need make thy soul a - fraid.  
and guard thy go - ing out and in, both now and ev - er - more.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 3: 1-17

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

**People Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of



Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

*Officiant*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People**         **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

*Please stand as able.*

NICENE CREED

**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. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*BCP, page 328*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and ever-living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all 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, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend Melter Tais and the Church of the Province of South East Asia](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [Epiphany, Calvert; Holy Innocents, Madisonville; and St. Andrew's, Bryan](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [the Dorothy Hogan Memorial Library](#).

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and 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 they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [Bill, Nick, Eugenia, Byron, Theresa, Florence, Charles](#), and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Almighty God, thou lovest all thy children and art a home to those who are in any need or trouble; inspire thy Church with the Spirit of Christ's love, empower us to battle the root causes of homelessness, and help us to live as one with one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever.

We offer you, O Lord, our prayers of thanksgiving, [especially for Toni, Brian, Cindy, Judith, and Kason](#) as they celebrate their birthdays.

And we also bless thy Holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [especially for John Stempien, Vinod Hopson, Cintra Todd, Thomas Leone, Patricia Feuerborn, victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, all victims of gun violence, and all who have perished from contracting the Coronavirus](#), beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

*Please kneel or stand as able.*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, page 330

*Officiant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,**

by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

*Officiant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand as able.*

#### THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**

*Please pass the peace in a socially distanced manner.*

#### 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.

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#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Lord, Increase My Faith

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Now attributed to Henry Loosemore (1600-1670)

O Lord, increase my faith  
strengthen me and confirm me in thy true faith,  
endue me with wisdom, charity, chastity and patience  
in all my adversity.  
Sweet Jesus, say Amen.



*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S115

Missa Marialis

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord  
God of Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full  
of thy glo - ry. Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

**Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.**

FRACTION ANTHEM S153

Celebrant

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People

There-fore let us keep the feast.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

AGNUS DEI S159

Missa Marialis

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way  
the sins of the world, have mer - cy  
up - on us. O Lamb of God,  
that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of  
the world, grant us thy peace.

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.

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION

ANTHEM

*I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes*

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.  
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:  
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.  
Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.  
I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.  
The Lord is thy keeper; thy shade upon thy right hand.  
The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.  
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil,  
He shall preserve thy soul.  
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in  
from this time forth, and even for ever more. Amen.

*The Celebrant distributes a communion kit saying,*

*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.

*Please stand or kneel as able.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.**  
**Amen.**



Please stand as able.

### THE BLESSING

Grant, Almighty God, that thy people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in thy strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of thy loving providence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. And may the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

**Amen.**

Please stand as able.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 489

*The great Creator of the worlds*

Tallis' Ordinal

1 The great Cre - a - tor of the worlds, the sov - ereign God of heaven,  
 2 He sent no an - gel of his host to bear this might - y word,  
 3 He sent him not in wrath and power, but grace and peace to bring;  
 4 He sent him down as send - ing God; in flesh to us he came;  
 5 He came as Sa - vior to his own, the way of love he trod;

1 his ho - ly and im - mor - tal truth to all on earth hath given.  
 2 but him through whom the worlds were made, the ev - er - last - ing Lord.  
 3 in kind - ness, as a king might send his son, him - self a king.  
 4 as one with us he dwelt with us, and bore a hu - man name.  
 5 he came to win us by good will, for force is not of God.

6 Not to oppress, but summon all  
 their truest life to find,  
 in love God sent his Son to save,  
 not to condemn mankind.

### DISMISSAL

*Officiant*  
**People**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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

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*We would like to thank the Chambers family for this week's coffee hour.  
Please note the following dates are open to host (part/all) coffee hour  
on March 26, and April 19.*

*Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or online.*

*We also have flower dedication dates available for  
April 9 (Easter Sunday), April 16, and April 23.  
Please sign up to donate on our website.*





## THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN

March 5, 2023 – Second Sunday of Lent Year A

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**Sunday In-Person Services**  
8:00 am and 12:30 pm (Chapel)  
10:30 am (Historic Church)

### Stations of the Cross:

March 3rd: Outdoor Installation by Adam Kufeld begins.

Indoor Installation, Contemporary Stations of the Cross by Esael Araujo on display in the Holman St. Gallery.

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Friday Stations of the cross will be livestreamed at 12pm.

We invite you to take time to meditate on the Stations of the Cross as you reflect during the Lenten season. Thank you to those who have contributed this year.

### International Women's Day:

Reflect on women's social, economic, cultural, and political achievements with a call to collective action for accelerating gender equity. This year's global theme set by the United Nations is "Embrace Equity." Event held at Rothko Chapel Wednesday March 8th at 6pm. To register please click [here](#).

### Fill the Trailer: Outreach Opportunity

Here is how you can help! Fill a new or gently used tote bag with any or all of the following items: Shampoo, Body Wash, Deodorant, Hand Sanitizer (preferably travel/sample-sizes); Soap bars; Razors; Toothbrushes, Toothpaste; Personal Cleansing Wipes; Men's Underwear, Women's Underwear (all sizes); Towels, Washcloths. All items must be new (except for towels and washcloths, which may be gently used/clean; unused hotel shampoo, etc. is acceptable). Bring your bags to the Holman Street Entrance on Sundays or by appointment any other time. We'll deliver the bags to LOTS, where the contents will be distributed as needed. This is a great project for families!

### Women's Retreat/Quiet Half Day:

The Women's ministry will sponsor a quiet retreat time on Mar. 25, 9:30am-1pm. Our schedule includes Morning Prayer; Labryinth Walk; Intro to Wil Gafney's Women's Lectionary; Writing/Journaling; Sharing; Stretching and Meditation; Midday Prayer and Lunch. We hope to see you there. You can RSVP [here](#).

### Lent Brochure and Parish Life Guide:

For a complete guide to all our offerings during Lent at Trinity Episcopal, please click [here](#).

For our Spring 2023 Parish Life Guide please click [here](#).

### More Upcoming Events:

3/26: Manna Bags, during coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall

3/26: Family Picnic, 3pm Francis St. Lawn (RSVP [here](#))

3/29: Pub Theology, 7pm The Brass Tap with Guest Brad Sullivan author of [For the Hurt, the Blessed, and the Damned](#)

4/1: Baptism Class, 10am in the Smith Room. To register email Rev. Luz [here](#).

### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

#### Sunday, March 5th, 2023

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I Chapel

9:00 am Sunday Meditations (Zoom)

9:30 am Education Hr for All – Adults in Smith Rm, Tweens in Fellowship Hall, Kids in Atrium

10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II Church

12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III Chapel

8:00 pm Compline

#### Monday, March 6th, 2023

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

#### Tuesday, March 7th, 2023

10:00 am Sandwich Makers (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

#### Wednesday, March 8th, 2023

10:30 am Staff Meeting

12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

6:00 pm Healing Service –Zoom

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, March 9th, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

#### Friday, March 10th, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

#### Saturday, March 11th, 2023

Our Weekly Zoom links can be found at

<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/zoom-with-us/>



**Thank you to everyone who  
donated blood last week!  
We had a record 16 donations!!**



### 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, Teresa Victims of Violence, Ric, Barbara, Livia, Carolyn, Sylvia Daniel, Kensington, Theorphilis, Lynn, Joyce, Bob, Cindy, Christine, David, Robert, Phil, Richard, Patty, Jose, Julie, Callie, Billie, Be, Graham, Debbie, Dana, Edgar, Gary, Maryanne, Sam, Samantha, Jarrett, Harrison.

#### For the faithful departed

Vinod Hopson, Cintra Todd, Thomas Leone, Patricia Feuerborn, John Stempien, victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, all victims of gun violence and all who have perished from contracting the Coronavirus.

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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 dates: April 9th (Easter Sunday), 16th, and 23rd.



For Easter Flower ordering click [HERE](#).

Sign-ups for coffee hour hosts are available, please signup online to volunteer [here](#).

Next available dates: March 26th, March 26th, April 9th.

*Happy Birthday!*

Toni Longino, Brian Reed, Cindy Crum, Judith Edgar, Kason Edwards



#### Office Hours

Monday–Thursday 9 am – 4 pm  
Friday 9 am – 1 pm

If you have building concerns please email [frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org). Thanks!



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For more information on annual giving visit [2023 Stewardship Campaign](#).

## THE SEASON OF LENT

Early Christians observed "a season of penitence and fasting" in preparation for the Paschal feast, or Pascha (BCP, pp. 264-265). The season now known as Lent (from an Old English word meaning "spring," the time of lengthening days) has a long history. Originally, in places where Pascha was celebrated on a Sunday, the Paschal feast followed a fast of up to two days. In the third century this fast was lengthened to six days. Eventually this fast became attached to, or overlapped, another fast of forty days, in imitation of Christ's fasting in the wilderness. The forty-day fast was especially important for converts to the faith who were preparing for baptism, and for those guilty of notorious sins who were being restored to the Christian assembly.

In the western church the forty days of Lent extend from Ash Wednesday through the Saturday before Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, and the last three days of Holy Week are the sacred Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

Purple is the traditional color of Lent, as it represents for us both repentance and royalty. Jesus was dressed in a purple robe during his Passion as a mockery of his being "the king of the Jews"; since long before his time, purple had been a symbol of royalty. For example, in Exodus, we can read how Moses ordered the tabernacle to be made of "ten sheets woven of fine linen twine and of violet, purple, and scarlet yarn" (Exodus 26:1) and in 2 Chronicles 3:14 we read that Solomon ordered the temple in Jerusalem to be decorated with fabric of the same colors. The Church decided to keep the color purple as a symbol, not just of penance and mourning (in anticipation of the crucifixion, and with reference to Jesus), but also as a reminder of the need to confront our own sins, to prepare ourselves spiritually, and to help our neighbors to draw closer to God and his kingdom (conserving in this way the solemn character traditionally assigned to purple).

All Christians are invited "to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word" (BCP, p. 265).

In accordance with ancient custom the Book of Common Prayer provides that in Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during Easter season (BCP, p. 337).

## 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.

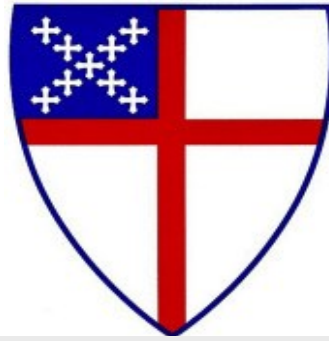
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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