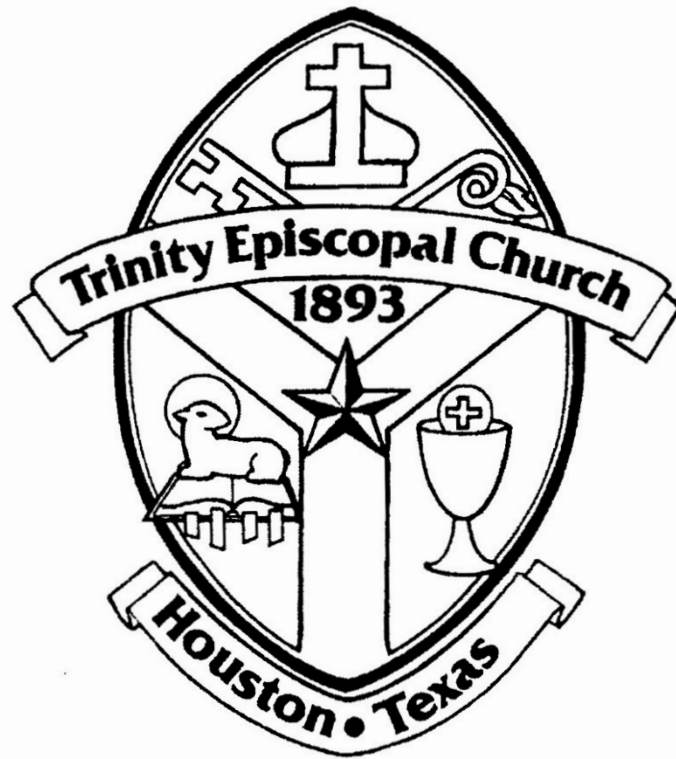


THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 17, 2024
12:30 p.m.



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

April Sloan-Hubert, Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble
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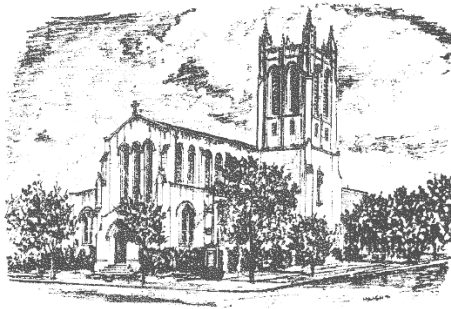
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The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

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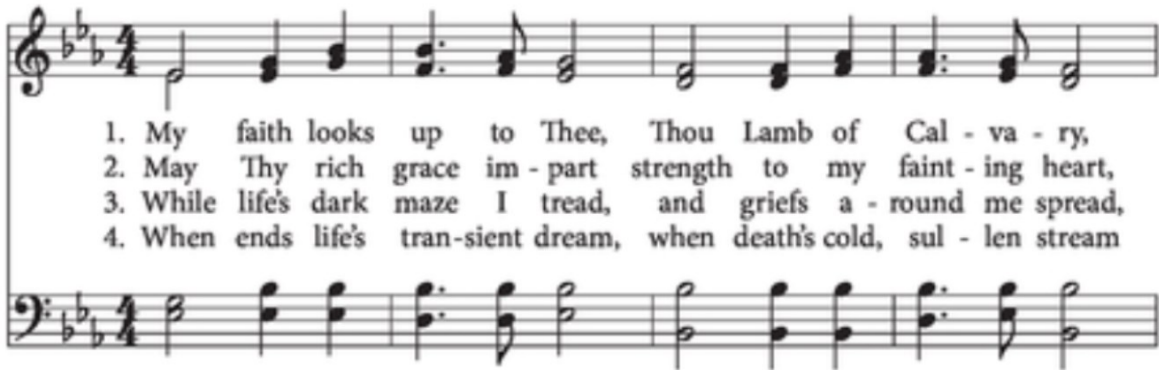
Presider Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me:
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit
from me.

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

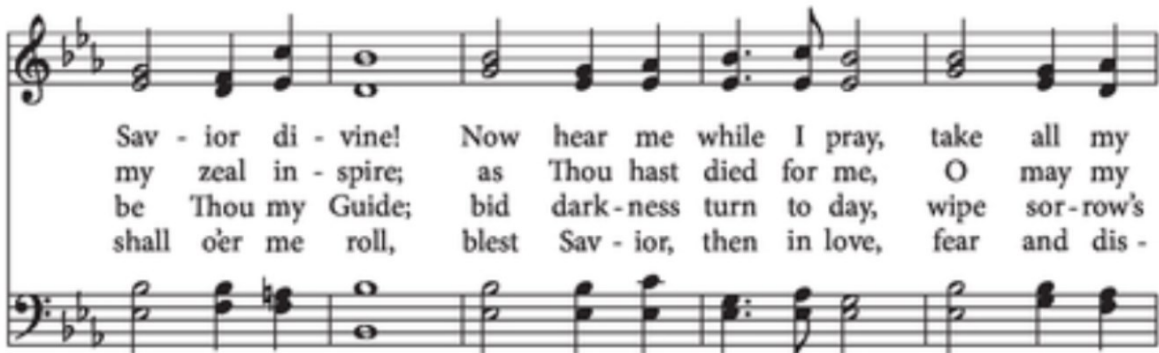
Presider Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

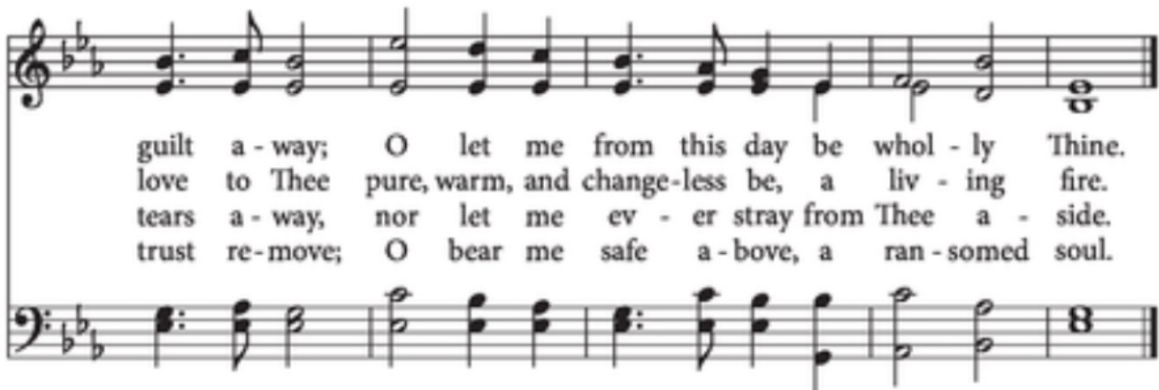
My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2. May Thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,
4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as Thou hast died for me, O may my
be Thou my Guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
shall o'er me roll, blest Sav - ior, then in love, fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly Thine.
love to Thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from Thee a - side.
trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul.

OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.
Almighty and eternal God, you have made of one blood all the nations of the earth and will that they live together in peace and harmony; so order the course of this world that all peoples may be brought together under Christ's most gentle rule; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 5: 5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Please stand as able

John 12: 20-33

Presider The Holy Gospel according to John.

People Praise and glory to God!

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

(Continued on page 6)

“Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Presider This is the Gospel of Christ.
People Praise to Christ, the Word.

Please be seated

SERMON The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

MUSICAL REFLECTION *We will meditate quietly on God's word to us.*

Please stand as able

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

9

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

17

Chri - ste, Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

25

Chri - ste, Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

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;

John, 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 Andy John and the Church in Wales](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [St. John's, Columbus; St. John's, Sealy; St. Mary's, Bellville; and St. Paul's, Navasota](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Elmer Romero and the Photography ministry](#). 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, 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

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, Edith, Graeme, Christopher, Monica, Dorothy, Daniel, Cindy, Angela, Velma, and Leslie](#).

[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 Ross Norwood, Bruce David Hall, the victims of war in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine, 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 [especially for Pat, Bob, Joanne, Bob, Katelyn, Kathleen, Andy, Kathryn, Mary, Pat, and Doug](#), 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.

Final Response

Musical notation for the Final Response, Kyrie eleison. The music is written on a single staff in 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a long note on 'e' in the second phrase.

9
Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

17
e - le - i - son.

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

Say a Little Prayer

Burt Bacharach

Please be seated.

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

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.

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THE OFFERTORY

Trinity Jazz Ensemble

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.

In your Son you suffered with us and for us, offering us the healing riches of salvation and calling us to freedom and holiness. Though tempted in every way as we are, yet he did not sin; through him therefore we may triumph over sin and grow in grace.

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,

The first system of the musical score is for the word "Amen". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody in the treble staff begins with a quarter note 'A', followed by a half note 'men,' with a slur over it. The bass staff provides accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

The second system of the musical score continues the melody for "Amen". It also consists of two staves. The treble staff continues the melody with a slur over the notes for "men," and then "A - men." with a long horizontal line indicating a sustained note. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

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

President 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.

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.

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.

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what
 2. When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
 3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down; when I was sink-ing
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm

this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 down be-neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown for my
 Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme, I will
 free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul!
 sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as able.

Presider
People

Blessed be God who calls us together.
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

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people, that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. And may the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

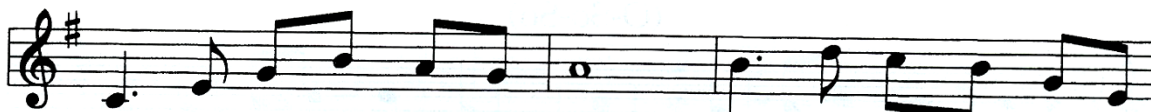
People Amen

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, We Come to Ask Your Blessing



1. Lord, we come to ask your bless - ing
 2. God of love, un - less you bless us
 3. May our lov - ing be a shar - ing
 4. Lord, we come to ask your bless - ing



on the love that makes us one; here, as Chris-tians, to ac -
 how can we each oth - er bless? On - ly as you live with-
 of the gifts we each pos - sess; may no fail - ure of for -
 in the pres-ence of our friends: Grant us joy that bless-es



knowl - edge you are Lord, and you a - lone.
 in us is there depth of hap - pi - ness.
 bear - ance turn our love to bit - ter - ness.
 oth - ers, grant us love that nev - er ends.

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.

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We would like to thank Pat Laubach, Mary Cloud, Linda Davenport, and Joanne Starbuck for hosting this week's coffee hour.

*Please note that dates are open to host (part/all) coffee hour
on April 7, 14, 21, and 28.*

*To sign up, please scan the QR code below or contact Jamie Chambers:
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if you need assistance.*

Thank you





BULLETIN INSERTS

March 17, 2024 – Lent 5 (B)

Week 5: Life Transformed – The Way of Love in Lent

The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. We are baptized into his life, self-giving, and death; then, we rise in hope to life transformed. This Lent, communities are invited to walk with Jesus in his Way of Love and into the experience of transformed life. Together, we will reflect anew on the loving actions of God as recounted in the Easter Vigil readings. Together, we will walk through the depths of salvation history into the fullness of redemption. Throughout Lent, come along with us as we explore Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent, produced by Hillary Raining and Jenifer Gamber. You can find resources mentioned below at iam.ec/lifetransformed or by scanning the QR code to the right.



Week 5

Sunday, March 17

Today's Practice: Watch the Rev. Dr. Hillary Raining's video at iam.ec/lifetransformed for Week 5. The topic is based on the practice "Rest" and is titled, "The Valley of Dry Bones".

Read: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Monday, March 18

Today's Prompt: When you reflect on financial giving, are your palms open?

Read: "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions looking for a resting place, but it finds none. Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' When it returns, it finds it empty, swept, and put in order." – Matthew 12:43-44

Tuesday, March 19

Today's Prompt: Who might you have a conversation with to learn about God?

Read: "Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path." – Psalm 119:105

Wednesday, March 20

Today's Prompt: What are you thankful for?

Read: "For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope." – 1 Chronicles 29:15

Thursday, March 21

Today's Prompt: Where do you see the seven practices of the Way of Love in this story?

Read: "Finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down on the

stretcher through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus." – Luke 5:19

Friday, March 22

Today's Prompt: How do your creative outlets impact on taking rest?

Read: Genesis 1:1-24

Saturday, March 23

Today's Prompt: Practice lectio divina with this scripture:

Read: "But when he came to his senses he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate." – Luke 15:17-24

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THE WEEKLY WINDOW

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

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, March 17th, 2024

7:30am – 1:30pm Nursery Open
8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)
9:00 am Sunday Meditations (Zoom)
9:30 am Education Hour
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Church)
11:45 am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
12:00 pm Meet and Greet (Rector's Office)
12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Chapel)
8:00 pm Compline (Facebook)

Monday, March 18th, 2024

12 pm Yoga (In Atrium)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)
6:30 pm Vestry (Smith/Zoom)

Tuesday, March 19th, 2024

12:00pm The Listening Post
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

Wednesday, March 20th, 2024

10:30am Staff Meeting
12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)
6:00 pm Healing Service (Zoom)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Pub Theology (Mucky Duck)

Thursday, March 21st, 2024

12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)
6:30 pm Listening Heart (Masterson)

Friday, March 22nd, 2024

12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

Saturday, March 23rd, 2024

11:00 am Baptism Class (Smith)

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

Manna Bags– March 17th, 11:45am

Be a blessing for the homeless this Lent. Let's help the Emergency Aid Coalition (EAC) by assembling hygiene (toiletry) or manna (snack) bags for the homeless. Materials and instructions to be distributed during coffee hour to assemble at church, or at home.

Baptism Class – March 23rd, 11am

We celebrate Holy Baptism during the Easter Vigil, March 30th, at 7:30pm. All people of any age are welcome to be baptized. In baptism we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever.

Baptism Class will be held Saturday, March 23rd, at 11:00am in the Smith Room. Please contact the Rector for more information at rector@trinitymidtown.org.

Easter Flowers – Due March 24th

Help make our church more beautiful to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord by donating flowers. These can be a memorial to a departed loved one or to honor a living person. The deadline is Sunday, March 24th at 5 pm. For more information, click [here](#).

Candy for Easter Eggs – Due March 24th

Candy donations are needed to fill eggs for the Easter egg hunt by March 24th. Please contact Pat at volunteer@trinitymidtown.org for more details.

The Watch – Overnight March 28th to March 29th

Our Lord asked his disciples to watch one hour with him. We watch with him from the Stripping of the Altar on Maundy Thursday until the Good Friday Liturgy at noon. We especially need coverage between 1 am and 5 am. Please sign up for your hour [here!](#)

Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday, March 24th: 8 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm

Wednesday, March 27th: 6 pm (Tenebrae)

Maundy Thursday, March 28th: 7:30 pm

Good Friday, March 29th: 11:30 am (children's program),
12 noon (liturgy), 1:15 pm (Stations of the Cross)

Holy Saturday, March 30th: 7:30 p.m. (Great Vigil of Easter)

Easter Day, March 31st: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm

All Parish Retreat! Register Now!

Camp Allen Retreat Center

April 12–14th – [SIGN UP HERE](#)

All are welcome!

\$60 adults/\$30 children plus \$15 each for Saturday night meal.

We will enjoy fellowship, prayer, games, and more!



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.

Bill, Nick, Edith, Graeme, Christopher, Monica, Dorothy, Daniel, Cindy, Angela, Velma, Leslie, Allegra, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Stephen, Emily, Van, Dick, Victims of Violence, Ric, Barbara, Sylvia, Joyce, Bob, David, Robert, Susan, Patty, Dana, Emilia, Gaby, Florence, Carolyn, Rick, Charles, Harrison, Kathy, Erma, Mary, Chris, Guillermo, Holly, Ray, Barbara, Howard, Claudie, Romy, Bryce, Rose, Bart, Marie, Josh, Christina, Collette, Sybil, Charlotte, Bob, Pamela, James, Jason, Meredith, Nikki, Annalise, Ella, Julie

For the faithful departed:

Ross Norwood, Bruce David Hall, the victims of war in Israel, Palestine and Ukraine and all victims of gun violence.

Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up at www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/. The next available dates: April 14th.

Sign-ups for coffee hour hosts are available, please signup online to volunteer [here](#) or scan QR code below. For questions or further information please contact Jamie Chambers: jamielynchambers@hotmail.com or call/text at 832-370-7155 if you need assistance.

Next available dates: April 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th.



Pat Laubach, Joanne Starbuck, Bob Davenport, Katelyn Fielder, Kathleen Goodell, Andy Durham, Kathryn Herman, Mary Cloud, Pat Golmon, Doug Caddy



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*Please note we will never ask you for money or gifts via email. Scams are circulating again, so please be aware and cautious.

Office Hours

Monday–Thursday 9 am – 3 pm
Friday 9 am – 1 pm

If you have building concerns please email parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org.



For more information on annual giving visit www.trinitymidtown.org/give.



EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: (____) _____
Email: _____

High Altar: \$150.00*
Side Altar: \$150.00*
Baptistery: \$125.00*

Lilies: \$35.00 each x _____ = \$ _____

Crosses for Doors* (2 needed): \$125.00 each x _____ = _____

Total: \$ _____

Dedication: (Check one)

- In memory of In honor of In thanksgiving for

Please Print:

Payment options:

- Check made payable to Trinity Church (note Easter Flowers 2024 on the memo line) and mail to the church (1015 Holman, Houston, TX 77004)
- Pay Online at <https://secure.accessacs.com/>

Deadline is Sunday, March 24th

*Location may have multiple dedications.

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.

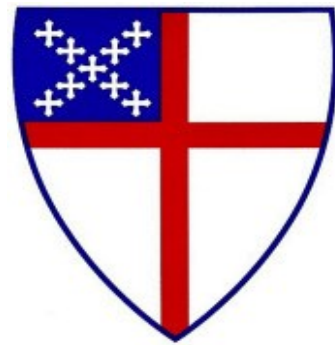
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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