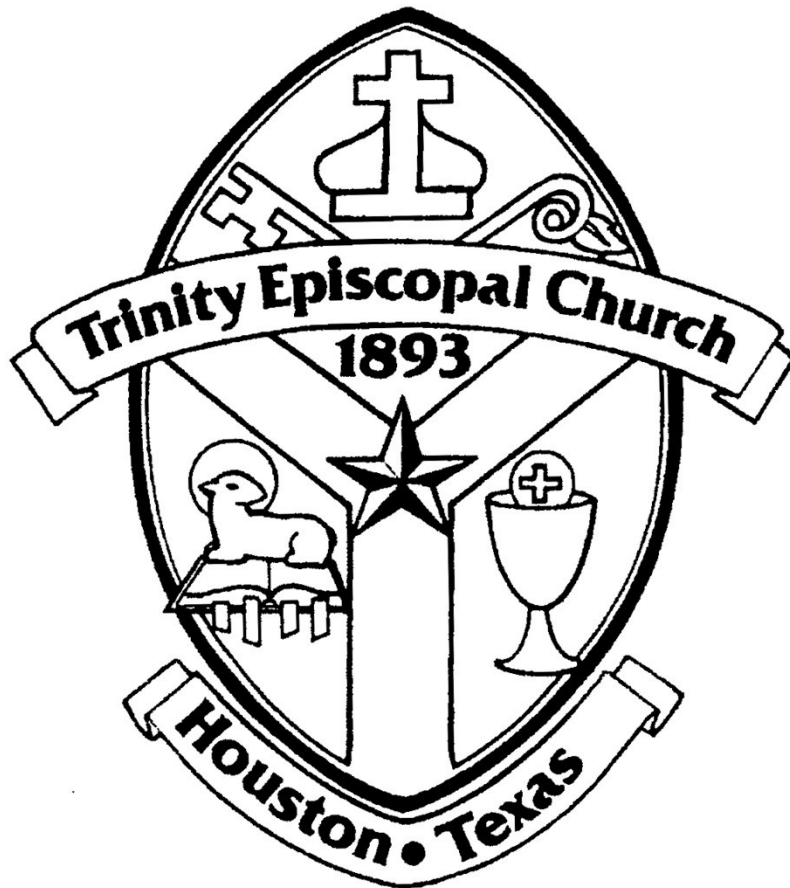


EASTER DAY

MARCH 31, 2024

8:30 A.M.



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, 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 this morning. 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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- 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.



VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*

Eric Beam, *Junior Warden*

Brent Chambers

Tony Huffman

Pam Lawson

Mary Matteucci

John Merullo

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Andréa Shiloh

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Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Lector: Ann McCoy

Altar Guild: Joanne Starbuck, Mark Goza, Shelby Bradley, Samantha Rainman

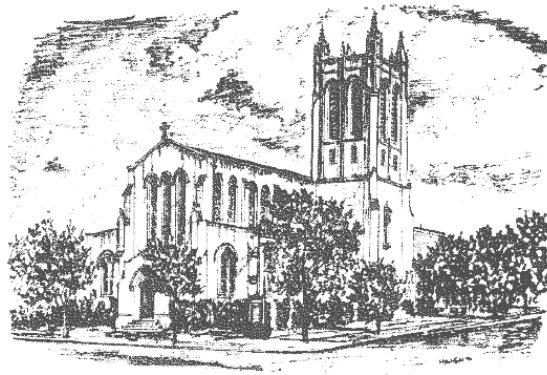
TRINITY CHOIR

Soprano: Andy von Holten
Lindsey von Holten

Tenor: Tony Sessions
Carver Mathis
John Merullo

Alto: Catherine Reed
Meaghan Heath
Summer Price

Bass: Harrison G. Moore, IV
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FESTAL HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

VOLUNTARY

“Mors et resurrectio” Jean Langlais (1907-1991)
from *Trois Paraphrases Gregoriennes*

At the sound of the tower bell, all stand for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.

Please stand as able.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 179

Welcome happy morning

Fortunatus

1 “Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!” age to age shall say:
*2 Earth her joy con - fess - es, cloth - ing her for spring,
*3 Months in due suc - ces - sion, days of length - ening light,
4 Ma - ker and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,
5 Thou, of life the au - thor, death didst un - der - go,

1 hell to - day is van - quished, heaven is won to - day!
2 all fresh gifts re - turned with her re - turn - ing King;
3 hours and pass - ing mo - ments praise thee in their flight.
4 thou from heaven be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,
5 tread the path of dark - ness, sav - ing strength to show;

1 Lo! the dead is liv - ing, God for ev - er - more!
2 bloom in ev - ery mea - dow, leaves on ev - ery bough,
3 Bright - ness of the morn - ing, sky and fields and sea,
4 of the Fa - ther's God - head true and on - ly Son,
5 come then, true and faith - ful, now ful - fill thy word,

1 Him their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore!
 2 speak his sor - row end - ed, hail his tri - umph now.
 3 Van - quish - er of dark - ness, bring their praise to thee.
 4 man - kind to de - liv - er, man - hood didst put on.
 5 'tis thine own third morn - ing! rise, O bur - ied Lord!

Refrain

“Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!” age to age shall say.

6 Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain;
 all that now is fallen raise to life again;
 show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;
 bring again our daylight: day returns with thee!

Refrain

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!

PASCHA NOSTRUM

Jeffrey Rickard

(on page 6)

Bells are rung by the congregation while singing the Refrain, celebrating the Resurrection!
 Bells are silenced during the singing of the verses.

PASCHA NOSTRUM

Jeffrey Rickard (b. 1944)

Congregational Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o -
 - ver has been sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us
 keep the feast, Al - - le - lu - ia,
 Al - - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Choir

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,
 but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia!

Refrain

Choir

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

Refrain

Choir

Christ being raised from the dead,
 the first-fruits of them who have fallen asleep.
 For since by man came death,
 by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
 For as in Adam all die,
 so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Refrain

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son
 to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us
 from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may
 evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same thy
 Son Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118:1-2,14-24

Confitemini Domino
Sung by the Trinity Choir

George Thalben-Ball

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim,
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!
the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord;
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE 182

Christ is alive!

Truro

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

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

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.

The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.

"Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

NICENE CREED

Please stand as able.

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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, we pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and for [the Most Reverend Howard Gregory and the Church in the Province of the West Indies](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [Christ Church Cathedral, Houston; Grace, Houston; and Holy Family, Houston](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Eric Beam and the Property Committee](#).

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, Edith, Graeme, Christopher, Monica, Dorothy, Daniel, Angela, Velma, Leslie, Samenka, Yolande, Samaica, Nelson, Jamie](#), 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.

We offer you, O Lord, our prayers of thanksgiving, [especially for Ben, Abigail, Marc, Catherine, Elliot, Norma, Chris, Stuart, Ken, and Heather](#) as they celebrate their birthdays, and for [Caydon, Eli, and Damon](#), who received the Sacrament of Baptism yesterday evening.

And we also bless thy Holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [especially for Robert Maybee, the victims of the concert hall attack in Moscow, of the bridge collapse in Baltimore, the war in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine, and all victims of gun violence](#), 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.**

The Celebrant prays the following Collect:

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please stand as able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see our complete announcements and the Weekly Window at the end of this bulletin.

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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Please remain seated.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY *Alleluia! In Your Resurrection* Jacobus Gallus (1550-1591)

Alleluia! In resurrectione tua, Christe, Alleluia!
Alleluia! caelum et terra laetentur. Alleluia!
Alleluia! Surrexit, Dominus, de sepulcro, Alleluia!
Alleluia! Qui pro nobis pependit in ligno, Alleluia!
Alleluia! Gavisunt discipuli; Alleluia!
Alleluia! viso Domino, Alleluia!

Alleluia! In your resurrection, O Lord Jesus, Alleluia!
Alleluia! Sing for joy, O heav'n and earth. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Today the Lord is risen from the grave, Alleluia!
Alleluia! who for us was crucified, Alleluia!
Alleluia! Then did they all rejoice, Alleluia!
Alleluia! when they saw the Lord, Alleluia!

Please stand as able.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 400 stanza 7

Lasst uns erfreuen



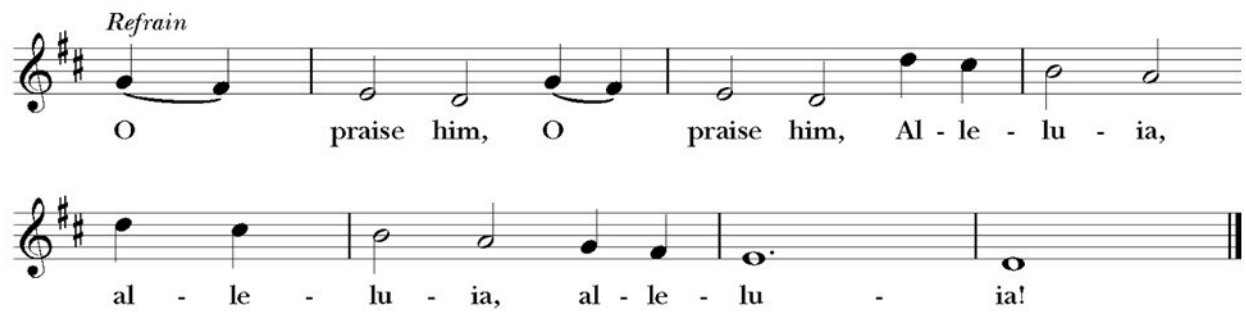
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer II

SURSUM CORDA S112

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People

It is meet and right so to do.

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

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

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 God, 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.

People Amen.

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**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 S155

Gerald R. Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

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sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.

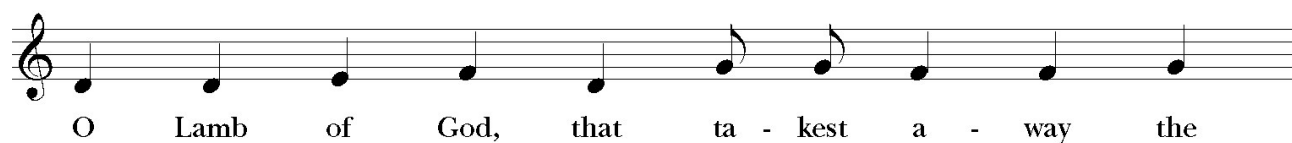
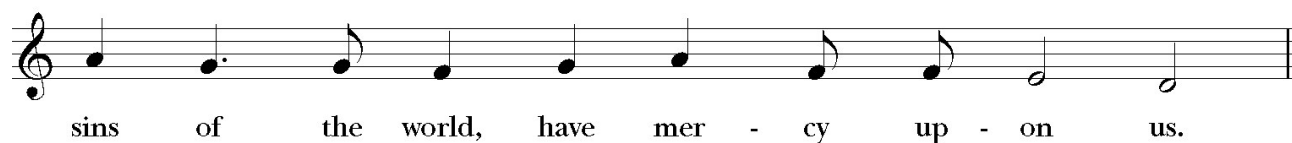
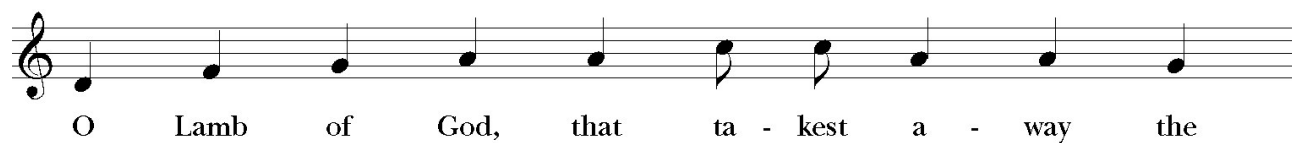
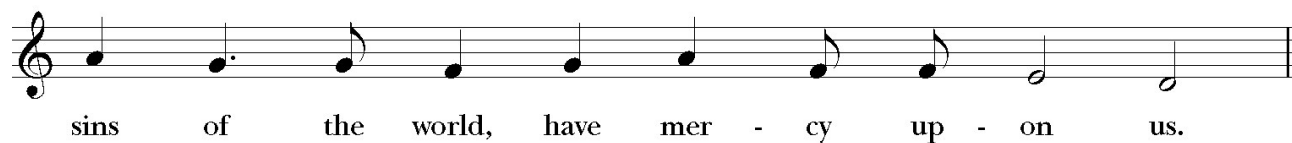
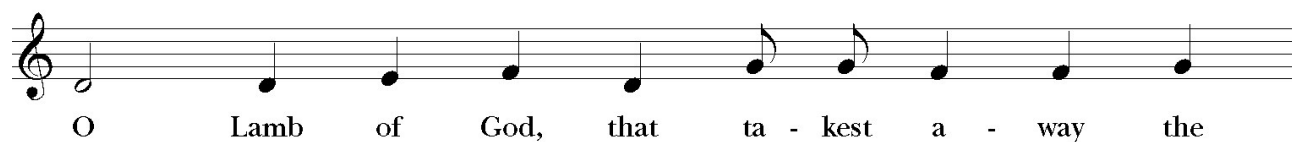
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INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

AGNUS DEI S157

John Merbecke



INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to come participate in Holy Communion. If for any reason you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms across your chest for a blessing.

Our tradition is to receive both bread and wine, sharing in the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips, or you may intinct by dipping the wafer into the chalice. If you prefer, you may also receive the bread only: After consuming the wafer, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine.

If you do not wish to intinct from the common cup, there will be a third chalice, for intinction only, available in the baptistery. If you wish to partake of this chalice, please proceed to the baptistery after receiving a wafer from the priest.



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 the priest administering the bread approaches you.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Most Glorious Lord of Life William H. Harris(1883-1973)

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day
Didst make Thy triumph over death and sin,
And having harrowed hell, didst bring away
Captivity thence captive, us to win.

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,
And grant that we for whom thou didest die,
Being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin,
May live for ever in felicity:

And that thy love we weighing worthily,
May likewise love thee for the same again;
And for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy,
With love may one another entertain.

So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought;
Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

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.**

THE BLESSING

The priest blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

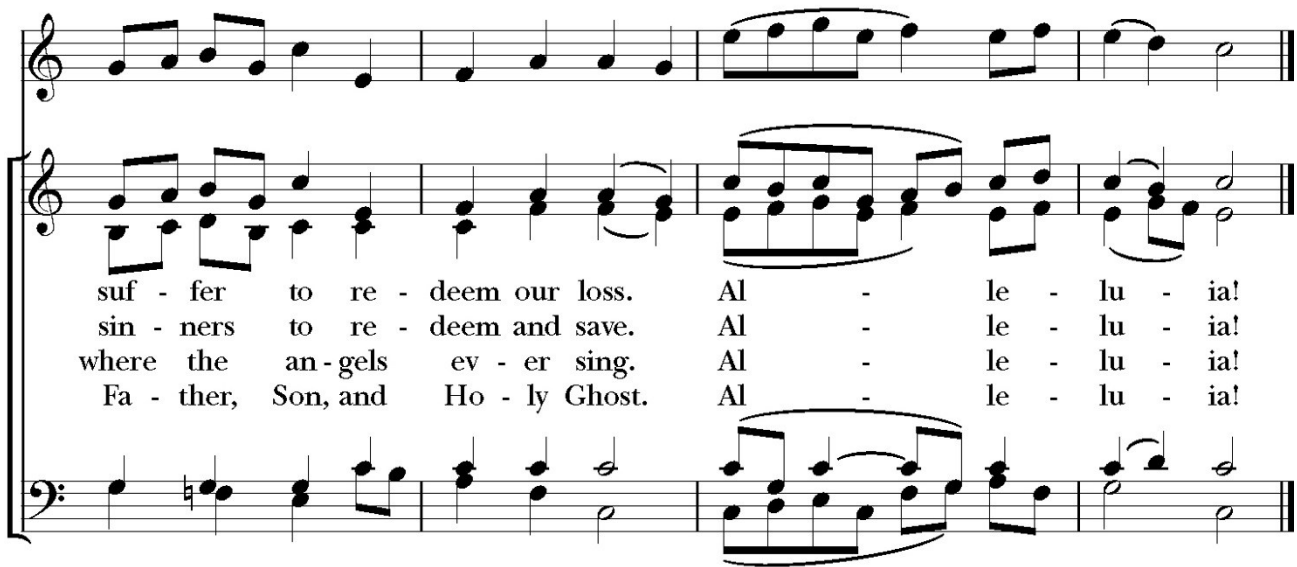
And the blessing of God Almighty, our Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Descant

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

Officiant
People

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

VOLUNTARY

Fanfare

William Mathias (1934-1992)

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

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*We would like to thank Judith Edgar and Treadwell Atkins for hosting
 this week's coffee hour.*

*Please note that dates are open to host (part/all) coffee hour
 on March 3, 10, and 17.*

*To sign up, please scan the QR code below or contact Jamie Chambers:
jamielynnchambers@hotmail.com or call/text at 832-370-7155
 if you need assistance.*

Thank you





Easter Lilies Dedications



The Easter lilies are given to the Glory of God and

In Memory of

Jeanne Devine by Joanne and Ron Starbuck.
Lucille Dittimore by Joanne and Ron Starbuck.
Gerard Lepore by Joanne and Ron Starbuck.
Mary and Rocco Lepore by Joanne and Ron Starbuck.
Edna and Robert Starbuck by Joanne and Ron Starbuck.
Emily Sumner by Mary Cloud.
John Cloud by Mary Cloud.
Alice and Leb Kemp by Mary Callaway.
Madolyn and Stanley Tubbs by Stan Tubbs and Randy Goswick.
Patricia Moss Braithwaite by Pam and Tim Lawson.
Robert and Jane Vaughan by Yvonne Meyer.
Clint and Alma Tubbs, and Eula Comer, by Stan Tubbs and Randy Goswick.
Leroy and Dorothy Goswick by Stan Tubbs and Randy Goswick.
Shirley and Joseph Rainman by Samantha Rainman.
Muffie Moroney by Madeline Mauk and Jeanne Sommerfeld.
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Anne Wallace by Madeline Mauk and Jeanne Sommerfeld.
Bill Hyer by Madeline Mauk and Jeanne Sommerfeld.
Willie Carl Keeton by Wanda Mullen.
Ann, Jack, and Dennis Roach by Karen Roach.
Alice and Leb Kemp by Mary Callaway.
Ken, Lucille, and Tom Klitzke by Linda and Dale Klitzke.
George and Marion Thorpe by Linda and Dale Klitzke.
Byron Peterson by Mary Matteucci.
Our parents and grandparents by Graeme and Edgar Marston.

In Honor of

Bonnie Claypoole by Karen Roach.
Henrik Escoto by John and Kamisha Escoto.



Easter Lilies Dedications



In Thanksgiving for

The Rev. Hannah Atkins Romero and her family by Mark Goza.

The Rev. Dale Kitzke and his family by Mark Goza.

Alex Jones and the Trinity Choir by Mark Goza.

April Sloan-Hubbert, Pelayo Parlade and the Trinity Jazz Ensemble by Mark Goza.

Trinity Staff and Volunteers by Mark Goza.

The Resurrection of Jesus! by Treadwell and Henry Atkins.

Our Trinity community by Will Sager and Kerry Ward.

Oliva, Ed, Addison, Campbell, and Beckett by Siva and Teddy Adams.

Our Wedding Anniversary, by Bob and Carol Wells.

Stan Tubbs and Randy Cross by Madeline Mauk and Jeanne Sommerfeld.

Hannah Atkins Romero, Dale Klitzke, and the Trinity family
by Madeline Mauk and Jeanne Sommerfeld.

Our Family: Lisa, Nate, Madi, Olivia, Amy, Hannah, Lexi, Cole, Bill, and David
by Pat and Larry Laubach.

Our Clergy: Hannah Atkins Romero, Dale Klitzke, and Brad Sullivan
by Pat and Larry Laubach.

Our Staff: Ryan, Joanne, Carol, Mark, John, Ken, Sam, Andy, Eric, Steve, Ricardo, Rosa,
Erica, Alex, April, Pelayo, Ernesto, Alfred, and Wendy by Pat and Larry Laubach.



Easter Flower Dedications



The crosses on the doors are given to the Glory of God by

Hannah Atkins Romero and Elmer Romero in Thanksgiving for Joanne Starbuck, Mark Goza, and the Trinity Altar Guild.

Andy Durham and Susan Gallagher in Thanksgiving of Annmarie Margaret Bosslier.

Andy Durham and Susan Gallagher in Thanksgiving of Andrew, Margaret, Dan and Genie.

Richard Rathburn in Thanksgiving of All of life's joys!

Robert Feltenberger and David Marsh in Memory of Helen Carrick Lueders.

Robert Feltenberger and David Marsh in Memory of Lois Feltenberger Wright.

High Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by

Liz and Pat Golmon in Memory of our Mothers and Mother Figures.

John Merullo and George Zemanek In Honor of Caydon Joseph Heckert's adoption into our family and into the church family in Holy Baptism.

R. Daniel Conlon in Memory of John David Conlon, Elizabeth Snyder Conlon, Maximiliano Villagómez Silva, and Rosita Jáuregui de Villagómez.

Caroline, Sebastian and Conrad in loving Memory of Charles Grunewald.

The Vestry in Thanksgiving of our Rector Hannah Atkins Romero.

Mary Matteucci in Thanksgiving of my Family.

Siva and Teddy Adams in Thanksgiving for Oliva, Ed, Addison, Campbell, and Beckett.

Side Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by

Libby and Kenzo Tsubai in Honor of Linda and Bob Davenport.

Madeline Mauk and Jeanne Sommerfeld in Memory of our parents.

Baptistery Flowers are given to the Glory of God by

Norma and Charles Cooper in Memory of Evelyn and Nathaniel Gilmore, Sr., and Ruby Cooper .

Andréa Shiloh in Memory of my mother Edna Lee Brown.

Columbarium Flowers by

Linnet Deily in Memory of Mike Deily.



THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN

March 31, 2024 – The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day, Year B

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Sunday In-Person Services

Easter Day only:

8:30, 10:30, 12:30

(Historic Church)

Other Sundays 8:00 am and 12:30 pm (Chapel)
10:30 am (Historic Church)

Happy Easter!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Welcome to Trinity on this wonderful Easter Day! We are so happy you have joined us as we celebrate the Resurrection.

Parish Easter Photo – 12 noon on Holman Street

For over 100 years, Trinity parishioners have posed for a picture on Easter Day. Originally, it was a portrait of the Sunday School students only, but eventually it was the entire parish. Only twice has it been taken inside due to weather.

Gather on Holman Street for your place in parish history at 12 noon.

Easter Egg Hunt – 12:15 p.m. in Abbott Garden

Another longstanding parish tradition is the Easter egg hunt in Abbott Garden. Plastic eggs filled with candy are hidden for the littlest ones to find. After the parish portrait, proceed to the Abbott Garden with very young children to join in the hunt. Special thanks to the youth for hiding the eggs.

Parish Family Picnic – April 7th, 3 p.m.

You are invited to join us for our annual family picnic.

We will gather on the Francis Street Lawn for fun, fellowship, and food! Please bring a dish to share. Trinity has some great cooks, so we'll have some great treats.

This is a great time to meet new friends and make new connections. NO RSVP Needed.

All Parish Retreat! Register Now!

Camp Allen Retreat Center

April 12 – 14

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

All are welcome to join us at beautiful Camp Allen for our parish retreat.

An annual all-parish retreat has been a feature missing from our community for several years now, but it has returned.

The cost is \$60 for adults and \$30 children plus \$15 each for the Saturday evening meal.

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

The deadline for registration and payment is Sunday, April 7th.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, March 31st, 2024

7:30am – 1:30pm Nursery Open
8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Church)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)
12:00 pm Parish Photo (Holman Street)
12:15 Easter Egg Hunt (Abbott Garden)
12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Church)
8:00 pm Compline (Facebook)

Monday, April 1st, 2024

Church offices closed
No Evening Prayer

Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024

10:00am Sandwich Makers (Fellowship Hall)
12:00 pm The Listening Post
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024

12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)
6:00 pm Healing Service (Zoom)

Thursday, April 4th, 2024

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

Friday, April 5th, 2024

10:00 am Garden Club (Fellowship Hall)
12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

Saturday, April 6th, 2024

10:00 am Bruce Hall service (Church)

Our Weekly Zoom links can be found at

<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/zoom-withus>



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, Angela, Velma, Leslie, Samenka, Yolande, Nelson, Jamie, Allegra, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Stephen, Emily, Van, Dick, 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, Cindy, Leland, Victims of Violence

For the faithful departed:

Robert Maybee, 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/.

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

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.



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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

This Week: Closed Monday

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.

Why is there no General Confession in Easter? **Explanation by St. George's Church in Ontario, Canada**

You may have noticed that the Confession – the part of the service where we collectively acknowledge that we make mistakes, that we hurt others, that we carry around guilt and doubt and regret, and then we receive God's forgiveness and assurance of healing – is absent during the Easter season. For some, this will feel like a major omission. Human beings are adept at weighing down our lives with feelings of powerlessness and inadequacy, anxiety for our shortcomings, gaping wounds of anger and hurt for how our relationships have been broken. This time in our worship to take stock, to lay down those burdens before God and to be reminded of God's faithfulness to, and love for, us can help many to feel lighter, freer, refreshed.

However, it is the tradition of the ancient church that the Confession is omitted during the season of Easter. It is not that Christians miraculously become perfect people during the seven weeks of Easter and therefore have no need of repentance and absolution. Instead, it is perhaps more appropriate to think of Easter as a rehearsal, a practicing of what a right relationship with God and one another actually looks like.

Whereas Lent is a time for honest and probing self-reflection, intentionality and care in how we use our time and resources, sparseness and restraint, Easter is a time for celebration, celebration of the fullness of God's kingdom, of a reality in which each of us lives in the light and love of God and reflects that light and love in our relationships with one another. In the fullness of God's Kingdom, we are free from the past brokenness and pain of our lives and our relationships are whole and life-giving. In the fullness of God's Kingdom, talk of sin and forgiveness no longer have a place, because we are healed.

We are not there yet. Brokenness and fragility are part of our story. We still look forward to the time when the promises of new life and healing offered on that first Easter morning will be fully realized. And some of us might continue to bring heavy hearts to worship through Easter. Individuals are encouraged to offer before God in prayer any confessions, any needs, any worries, regardless of whether it is Easter or not. However, our *collective* prayer changes at Easter in order that we might, as a community, tell this part of our story: *Christ is risen!* And we have glimpsed the Kingdom of God, where every tear is wiped away, where all hearts are mended, where we join with all of creation in receiving and sharing the good gifts God gives us.

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.

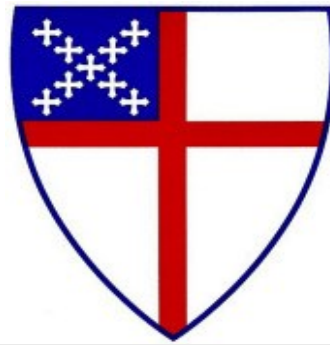
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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