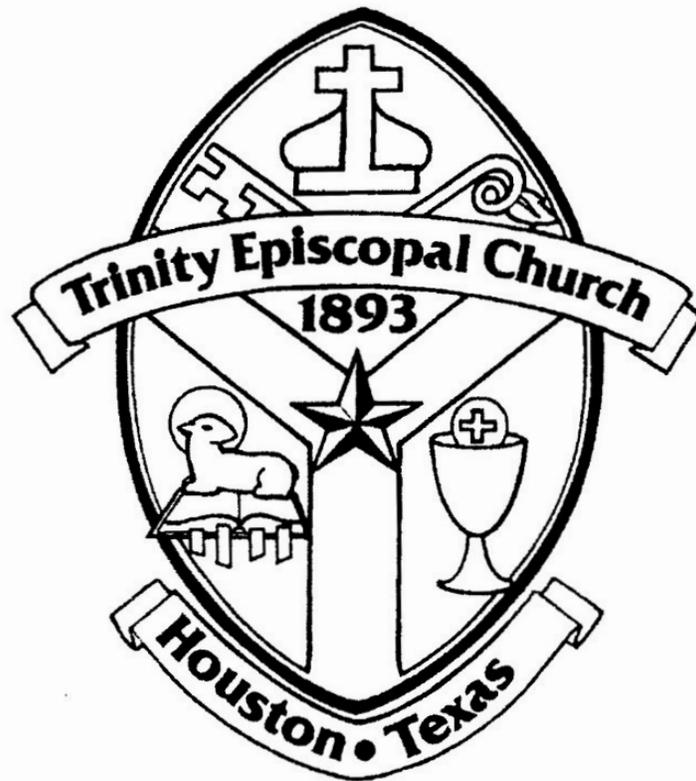


# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 1, 2022  
10:30 a.m.



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector  
The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Curate  
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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### VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*  
John Escoto, *Junior Warden*

Eric Beam  
Ben Blanding  
Jim Castro  
Terri DiRaddo  
Pam Lawson

Mary Matteucci  
Ann McCoy  
John Merullo  
Sheila Wainwright  
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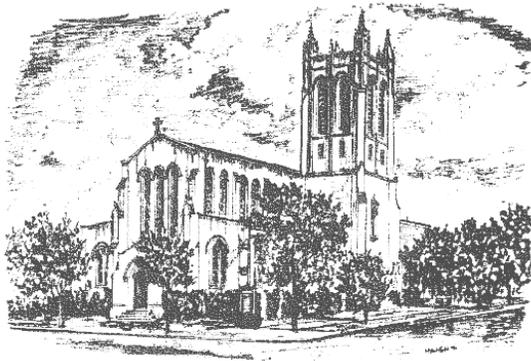
Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*  
Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*  
Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*  
Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*  
Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*  
Jim Castro, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*  
Gayle Davies-Cooley, *Historian and Archivist*

## LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Lector: John Merullo  
Prayers: John Merullo  
LEMs: Larry Laubach, Pat Laubach  
Acolytes: J. Bruton, A. Sennewald, J. Sennewald, B. Walton, L. Blanding  
Ushers: Dana Gannon, Mike Tabert, Elmer Romero  
Vergers: Alex Bruton  
Altar Guild: Carolyn Reyes, Rick Reyes  
Audio Visual: Christian Bearup  
Online Greeter: Miguel Stonecipher

The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for their fifth Wedding Anniversary and for John's twentieth anniversary as a member of Trinity Episcopal Church by John Merullo and George Zemanek

The Side Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and in Celebration and Thanksgiving for the Marriage of Eugenia Legarda and Andrew Durham



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## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

10:30 a.m. Historic Church

*Please enter in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.*

VOLUNTARY

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

*Please stand as able.*

HYMN IN PROCESSION 374

*Come, let us join our cheerful songs*

*Nun danket all und bringet Ehr*



1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;  
2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry "to be ex - alt - ed thus";  
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and power di - vine;  
4 The whole cre - a - tion joins in one to bless the sa - cred Name



ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.  
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply "for he was slain for us."  
may bless - ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for ev - er thine.  
of him that sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*BCP, page 355*

*Officiant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People** **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*BCP, page 355*

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

**People** **Amen.**

CANTICLE S280 Glory to God

Robert Powell



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 9: 1-20

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

- 1 I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up \*  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you, \*  
and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; \*  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; \*  
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \*  
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, \*  
but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. \*  
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
- 8 Then you hid your face, \*  
and I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O Lord; \*  
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \*  
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"
- 11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; \*  
O Lord, be my helper."
- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; \*  
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \*  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 5: 11-15

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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



1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,  
 2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to  
 3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -  
 4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's



sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior  
 Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,  
 kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,  
 throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,



let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your  
 bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the  
 Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the  
 till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.  
 gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.  
 full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.  
 newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 21: 1-19

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

**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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

**Officiant**        The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People**            **Praise to you, Lord 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.**

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

*Reader* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.  
For all people in their daily life and work;

**People** **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Reader* We pray for Joseph our president, Kamala, our vice-president, Greg our governor, Lina, our county judge, Sylvester our mayor, for the legislatures and courts, and for this community, the nation, and the world:

**People** **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Reader* For the end of systemic racism that divides us; for the just and proper use of your creation;

**People** **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Reader* For [all women and men, boys and girls who are homeless this day](#), and for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.

**People** **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Reader* In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend Brent Harry Alawas and the Episcopal Church in the Philippines](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [St. Luke the Evangelist, Houston; St. Mark's, Houston; Trinity, Baytown; and Trinity, Houston](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Pat Laubach and the Newcomers ministry](#). For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

**People** **For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Reader* For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Hector and Kai our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale, our clergy; for all who minister in this place; and for all bishops and other ministers.

**People** **For all who serve God in his Church.**

*Reader* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those who are on our prayer list: [Bill, Eula, Kensington, Stewart, Eddie, Emma, Kathryn, Bob, Charles, Mary, Bob, Maribel, Shelby, Margaret, Jon, Glenda, Steven, Austin, Rose, Virginia, and Jeanette](#).

Hear us, Lord;

**People** **For your mercy is great.**

*Reader* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, [especially for Paul, Jacob, Rob, and Saba](#), who celebrate their birthdays this week.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**People** **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Reader* We pray for all who have died, [especially for Charles Martin, all who have perished by contracting the Coronavirus, and all victims of gun violence](#), that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People** **Who put their trust in you.**

*The Celebrant prays the following Collect:*

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would protect them. We pray in the Name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

**People** **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.

### OFFERING

For those worshipping in person, there are offering plates by the doors.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM      *These Are They Which Follow the Lamb*      John Goss (1800-1880)

These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever they goeth.  
These were redeemed from among men,  
being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb.  
And in their mouth was found no guile:  
for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Please stand as able.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 400 stanza 7

Last 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:



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

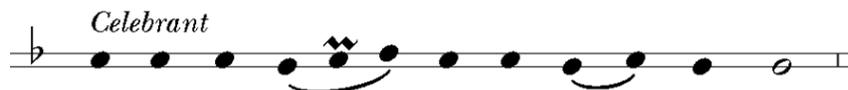
SURSUM CORDA S120



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S128

William Mathias



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*Please stand or kneel, as able.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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 S155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

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

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

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

AGNUS DEI S164

Franz Peter Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

*For the duration of the current pandemic we will continue to offer communion in one kind for those who wish to receive the bread only. Please come forward to receive communion from a priest at the chancel steps. If you are partaking of the chalice, please use the hand sanitizer before approaching the clergy and chalice bearer. Also, 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.*



*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.

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

*If Ye Love Me*

Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may bide with you for ever:  
e'en the spirit of truth, that he may bide with you for ever.

*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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please kneel or stand as able.*

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

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

*Please stand as able.*

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. 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 205

*Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
(on page 18)*

Gelobt sei Gott

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the  
 \*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -  
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
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DISMISSAL

Officiant  
 People

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

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THE WEEKLY  
**WINDOW**  
of TRINITY *The Heart of Midtown*

May 1st, 2022

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**Sunday In-Person Services.**

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

The Third Sunday of Easter – Year C

**Announcements**



**Baptisms**

The next available dates for baptisms will be May 8th and June 5th. If interested please contact Reverend Hannah at [rector@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:rector@trinitymidtown.org)

**A Note of Thanks from  
Mary Johns**

Thanks, Trinity for taking the time to assemble health and hope for the homeless. Our Lenten project delivered more than 220 hygiene bags for the Emergency Aid Coalition to distribute!

**If you have any building concerns please remember to email [frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org) about them. Thanks!**

**This Week at Trinity**

Sunday, May 1st, 2022

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
9:30 am Sunday Meditations (via Zoom)

9:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in Atrium rm 112  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
11:50 am Usher Meeting in Masterson room  
12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III

Monday, May 2nd, 2022

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022

10:00 am Sandwich Makers Ministry  
4:00 pm Trinity Endowment  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday, May 4th, 2022

8:15 am Lifeline Screening – Fellowship Hall  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer  
6:00 pm Healing Service (Zoom)  
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, May 5th, 2022

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday, May 6th, 2022

10:00 am Trinity Garden Club Meeting  
12:00 pm Listening Post  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer



**Altar Flower Dedications for this week**

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for their fifth Wedding Anniversary and for John's twentieth anniversary as a member of Trinity Episcopal Church by John Merullo and George Zemanek

The Side Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and in Celebration and Thanksgiving for the Marriage of Eugenia Legarda and Andrew Durham

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

**Coffee Hour Sign-up**

Back by popular demand, Coffee Hour after the 10:30 am Service has resumed. If you would like to host a coffee hour please sign up in the Fellowship Hall, Online sign up will soon be available

Dates still available for sign-up for this month are May 15th, May 22nd, and May 29th.

## Prayers

Our custom is to read aloud each week the names of those who request our prayers. We also remember in our Prayer Chain and Bulletin those who desire prayers. Please email to keep us informed. For information or comments about prayer names, please contact the Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero. If you would like to participate as a member of the prayer chain, please contact Norma Cooper.

Allegra, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Jill, Stephen, Emily, Van, Vivian Jane, Bob, Theresa, Marvin, Sue, Tom, Nick, Ric, Margaret, Livia, Joyce, Gus, Joshua, Sandi, Barbara, Larry, Monica, Carolyn, Sylvia, Daniel, Lynelle, Mary, Leonard, Jim, Elise, Be, Norma, Jeanne, Karen, Susan, Charlee, Ileda, Austin, Steven, Alice, Barbara, Jeanette, and Margaret.

For the faithful departed

All who have perished by contracting the coronavirus and victims of gun violence.

For our Iona Seminarian

Carrie Hirdes

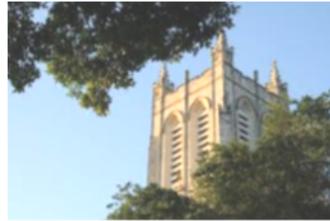


- 01 – Paul Bower
- 03 – Jacob Davidson
- 04 – Rob Christie
- 04 – Saba Blanding



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The Trinity Garden club invites you to stroll through the Bishops garden. New azaleas have been planted plus newly planted herbs Surround the St Francis fountain.

Also please walk through the Abbot garden. There are newly planted Easter lilies, spider lilies, papyrus and Elephant ears.

Liatris bulbs –and marigold seeds have been planted.

The last TGC meeting of the year will be Friday May 6th at 11:45am in the Smith room. All are welcome.



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## Readings for the Week

Acts 9:1–20

Psalms 30

Revelation 5: 11–15

John 21: 1–19

## **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.

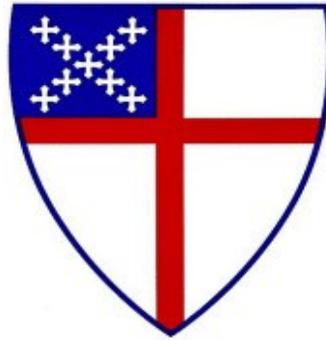
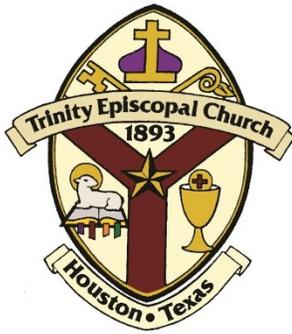
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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