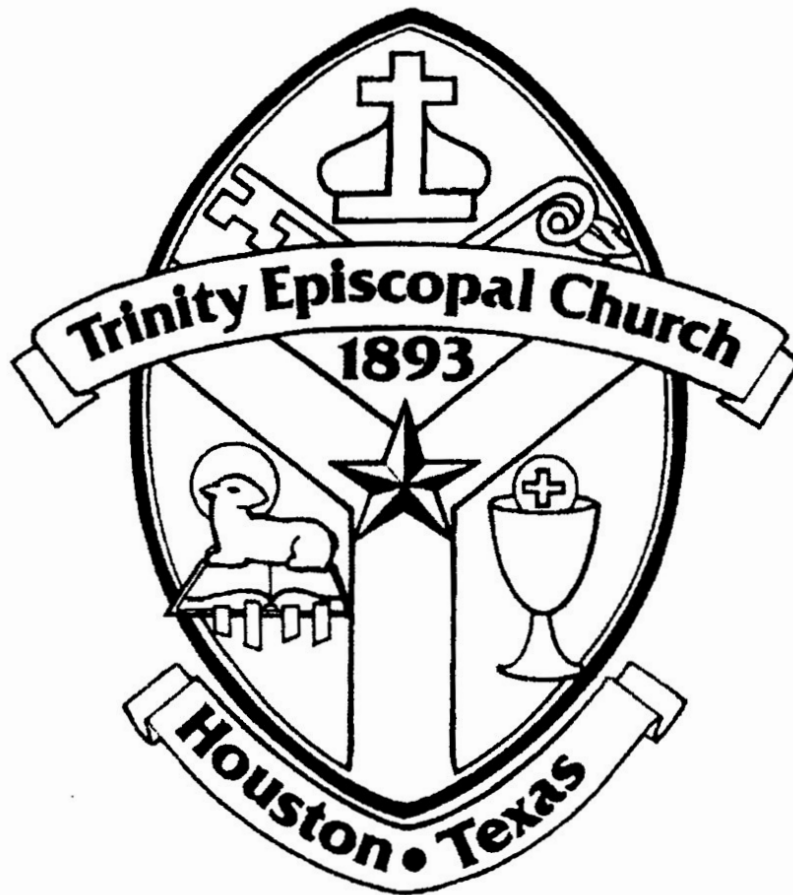


THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 12, 2024
8:00 a.m.



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector
The Reverend Dale Klitzke, Priest Associate
The Reverend Charles Graves, Guest Preacher

Wendy Wentland, Pianist

***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.

Whether you've been attending Trinity your whole life or this is your first time here, we invite you to participate in the service as fully as you feel comfortable doing.

If you're looking for a new church home, know that the Trinity family welcomes you. We would also appreciate your filling out a virtual visitors card, which can be accessed at this link:

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For more information, please visit our website:

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A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

- Your children are welcome here at Trinity! First, please relax and enjoy your time here. We know that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it.
- 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

Samantha Rainman

Jeanne Sommerfeld

Andréa Shiloh

Gladys Vallés

David Villarreal

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Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*

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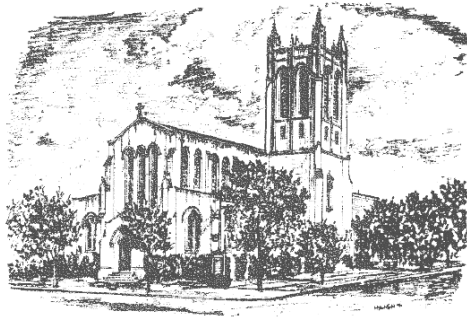
Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*

Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

SERVING TODAY

Lector: Ann McCoy
LEM: Samantha Rainman
Music: Wendy Wentland, piano
Vestry of the Day: Mary Matteucci

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God
and in memory of our mothers, Joan Beam and Kathy Johns
by Eric Beam and Mary Johns



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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand as able.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, page 323

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

People **Amen.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

BCP, page 324

Officiant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

CANTICLE

Gloria in excelsis

Read in unison.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,**

O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1

*Beatus vir qui non abiit
Alternately by whole verse.*

BCP, page 585

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

**4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 5: 9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 17: 6-19

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Reverend Charles Graves, Canterbury Missioner

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Wendy Wentland, piano

Please stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

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**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.

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, and Dale our clergy, [for Charles, our guest preacher](#), and for all who minister in this place, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend Sixbert Macumi, and the Province of the Anglican Church of Burundi](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [St. Luke's in the Meadow, Fort Worth; St. Luke's, Stephenville; and St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Keller](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Ben Blanding and Trinity Episcopal Dads](#).

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, John 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, Daniel, Norma, Steve, Denise](#), 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 Dana, Emilie, Stan, Sammy, Nancy, Kenneth, Julie, and Austin](#) as they celebrate their birthdays.

And we also bless thy Holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [especially for Dorothy Church, Rod Linzman, the victims of 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.**

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see our complete announcements and the Weekly Window at the back 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.

OFFERING

Online Giving is available.

Go to www.trinitymidtown.org and click the "Give" button on the top right, or click:

<https://onrealm.org/TrinityMidtown/-/form/give/now>

Texting. Send the message **heartofmidtown** to **73256**. Be sure to type heartofmidtown with no spaces, or autocorrect may insert information about a different church. The prompt will ask for a credit card number which can be kept on file for future contributions.

VERSE AND RESPONSE AT PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord
People **and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

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Please stand as able.

SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

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

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The celebrant continues

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

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

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

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

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

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

People AMEN.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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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 the priest administering the bread approaches you.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Almighty and everliving 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 has 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.

BLESSING

The priest blesses the people, saying

God the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Jesus the Christ, the Son of God.

Amen.

God the Son, our great high priest, who has passed into the heavens, clothe you with power from on high.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who pours out abundant gifts upon the Church, make you faithful followers of the risen Christ.

Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, our Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life, be with you always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Officiant
People

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

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

Flower dedication dates are available for June 2, 9, and 16.

Please sign up to donate on our website.

*We would like to thank Kathryn Laurence and Laura Brady
for hosting this morning's coffee hour.*

Please note that June 2, 9, and 23 are available to host (part/all) coffee hour.

*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



Our new curate, Maria Teresa Bautista-Berrios



Maria Teresa Bautista-Berrios will be joining the staff of Trinity as our new curate this summer.

Maria Teresa is a recent graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia. She will be ordained to the diaconate on June 15th at Christ Church Cathedral (which was her sending parish).

Although Maria Teresa may not be well-known to our community yet, her husband, Fabian, served as our Youth Missioner from 2019 to 2021. Some may also know her father, the Reverend Canon Simón Bautista Betances, who is on staff at Christ Church Cathedral.

In the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, newly-ordained clergy are usually placed as curates for two years to give them a chance to learn the ins and outs of parish ministry under the guidance of the parish's rector.

Maria Teresa will initially serve as a deacon and then be ordained to the priesthood in early 2025.

Look for Maria Teresa, Fabian, and their little girl, Camila, to join us in July.

2024 TRINITY JAZZ FESTIVAL

JULY 18-21

Set your summer calendar to sizzle in July for a four-day weekend of smooth jazz, Latin jazz, and big-band jazz featuring the Sinatra-style crooner from New York, **Benny Benack III**.

After a four-year hiatus following Covid, Trinity's annual jazz festival is back and hotter than ever, moving from January to July 18-21.

The time change is not the only big news.

With a theme of "**Resurrection**," we have taken on the energy of the Phoenix rising from the ashes, and you will see our branding logo to that effect. This new energy allowed us to re-imagine and expand our venues, collaborate with broader communities, and express the power of the Beloved Community through music and connection.

Starting with our **Thursday night VIP dinner** once held in a hotel, under the magic hands of Bob Davenport, our Trinity fellowship hall will be transformed, featuring a Louisiana-style catered meal from the Ragin Cajun, a live band, and a silent auction. So put on your dancing shoes, get your grub on, and open your wallets to the silent auction featuring fantastic packages for your bidding.

We are collaborating with St. John's United Methodist Church Downtown to produce the Friday night concert featuring smooth jazz saxophonist **Kim Waters at the WeServ Theatre** inside the church at 2019 Crawford Street.

On Saturday afternoon, let your inner creativity loose and learn from the masters in masterclass jazz workshops at Trinity Midtown. The workshops are public and open to everyone.

Saturday night, prepare to be wowed by the magic fingers of trumpeter and velvet-voiced headliner Benny Benack III. But

not before Latin music local favorite Ermelinda Cuellar sets the stage with her sultry sounds.

On Sunday, our signature annual jazz Mass returns featuring the music of Count Basie under the musical direction of master trumpeter James Williams III and the spiritual leadership of our rector, the Rev. Hannah Elizabeth Atkins Romero.

Organizers and Trinity members leading the planning of this four-day festival are co-chairs Michele White and Ann McCoy.

Here are ways you can help: Of course, buy tickets. We have more than a dozen committee members for this massive undertaking and plenty of room for your help on committees such as fundraising and hospitality. Consider making donations for our silent auction or contacting your friends in business, entertainment, or service to donate packages for bidding, including timeshares, season tickets, artwork, massages, etc. If you have a business, consider buying an ad in our program guide featuring information on the four-day festival and the artists. For more information, contact **Theresa D. McClellan at 616-389-7142** or Theresa@theresawriter.com





THE WEEKLY WINDOW
 OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MIDTOWN
 May 12, 2024 – The Seventh Sunday of Easter, Year B
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Sunday In-Person Services

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

Adult Forum on Creation Care, May 12th and 19th

The Reverend Canon Dr. Henry Atkins will lead a discussion at Adult Sunday Forum on May 12th and 19th at 9:30 a.m. on Creation care and the principle that we are the last generation that can save our planet. Creation care is a cause very dear to Canon Atkins’ heart. Please come for a discussion about what we can all do to be better stewards of the good earth God has given us. Please also visit genzeroaction.com .

Multilingual Pentecost Reading – May 19th

It is our custom on the Day of Pentecost to have the lesson from Acts where the Apostles are heard to be speaking in multiple languages to be read in many languages simultaneously.
 If you can read in a language other than English and would like to participate, please let Pat Laubach know at volunteer@trinitymidtown.org. We can supply the text if you need it. We would like to have as many people participate as possible and welcome new readers.

Choral Evensong for Trinity Sunday – May 26th

Celebrate our parish feast day with a special service of Choral Evensong, on Trinity Sunday, May 26th, at 5:30 p.m.
 Organist/Choirmaster Alex Jones and the Trinity Choir will present this sung liturgy. The music for this service includes Evening Service (Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis) in B Flat by Charles Villiers Stanford; Bernard Rose’s Preces and Responses, and, as the anthem, Benjamin Britten’s beloved “Jubilate Deo,” a setting of the 100th Psalm, which was commissioned in 1961 by the late Duke of Edinburgh for the Choir of St. George’s Chapel, Windsor. A reception will follow.

Vidas Robadas gun violence memorial

Trinity will host an installation of T-shirts with the names of victims of gun violence as part of the Vidas Robadas (stolen lives) project.
 There will be two opportunities to write victims’ names on the T-shirts, during coffee hour on May 19th and 26th. Installation will be June 2nd.
 Gun Violence Awareness Weekend is June 7th to 9th.

Honoring Sam Jones

Our longtime security guard Sam Jones recently retired after over 30 years of service to Trinity. Donations to a purse in honor of his three decades as part of the Trinity community will be accepted through May and will presented to him in June. Please note that these contributions are non tax-deductible. Please contact Larry Laubach at finance@trinitymidtown.org for more details.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, May 12th, 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 II (Church)
- 11:45 am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Chapel)
- 8:00 pm Completas (Facebook)

Monday, May 13th, 2024

- 12:00 pm Yoga (Atrium)
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)
- 6:30 pm Asset Mapping (Zoom)

Tuesday, May 14th, 2024

- 11:00 am Women’s Circle (Masterson)
- 12:00 pm The Listening Post
- 5:00 pm Pastoral Care Team (Zoom)
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)
- 6:00 pm Property Committee (Zoom)
- 6:30 pm Finance Committee (Zoom)

Wednesday, May 15th, 2024

- 12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)
- 6:00 pm Healing Service (Zoom)
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Room 218)

Thursday, May 16th, 2024

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

Friday, May 17th, 2024

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

Saturday, May 18th, 2024

- 12:00 pm Cindy Brimberry Memorial (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, Daniel, Norma, Steve, Brad, 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, Anneliese, Ella, Julie, Leslie, David, Robert, All victims of violence

For the faithful departed:

Dorothy Church, Cindy Brimberry, the victims of war in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine and all victims of gun violence.

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Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up at www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/.
Next available dates: June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd



Sign-ups for coffee hour hosts are available, please sign up 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.



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BULLETIN INSERTS

May 12, 2024 – Easter 7 (B) Ascension Day

The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ is celebrated 40 days after Easter Day, marking the conclusion of Jesus' postresurrection appearances and his ascension into heaven. This year, Ascension Day fell last Thursday, May 9.

Celebration of this holy day dates back at least to the late fourth century, and scriptural references to Jesus' ascension occur in both The Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel of Mark:

“So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven’” (Acts 1: 6-11, NRSV).

“So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God” (Mark 16:19, NRSV).

The Ascension of Jesus is also professed in the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed: “He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father” (Book of Common Prayer, pp.120, 358).

Collect for Ascension Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen (Book of Common Prayer, p. 226).



The Ascension. Hans Süss von Kulmbach, 1513. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, N.Y.

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.

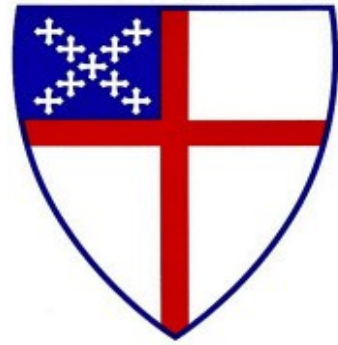
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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