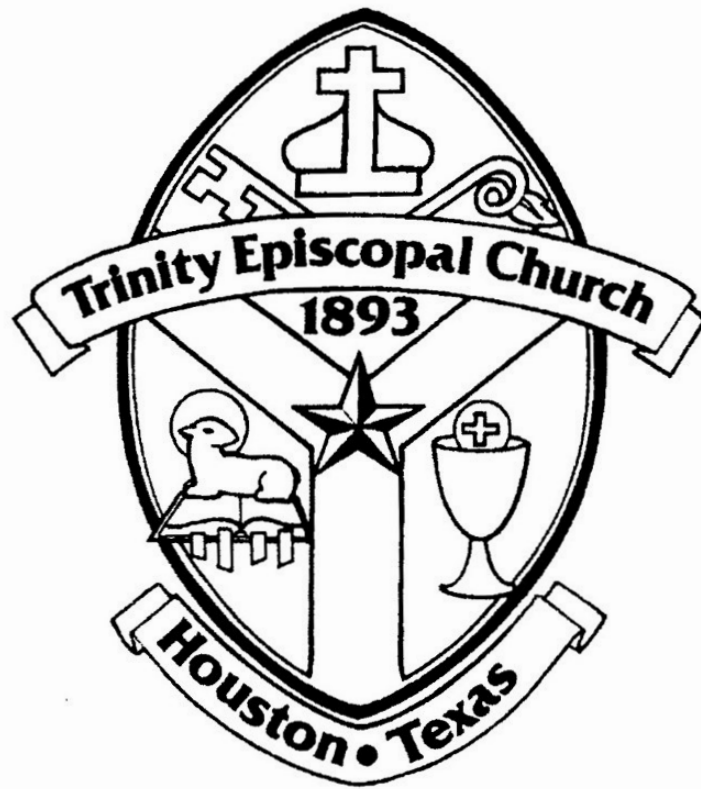


# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 14, 2023  
10:30 a.m.



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

Alex Jones, Organist and Choirmaster

***Making God's Presence Real  
By Sharing Christ's Life-Changing Love***

# WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! We're glad you chose to worship with us. We follow the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to guide our worship. In this leaflet, you'll find everything you need to follow along printed.

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.

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**Children 3yrs through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade** *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* Meets in room 112 at 9:30 a.m. and the children return to their parents at the passing of the peace.

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- 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.
- Each Sunday, your child may pick up a pew activity in the back of the church.
- To make things easier for your family, dare to sit closer to the front where your child can see what's going on at the altar. Guide them in the liturgy and be models for them. Help them sing the hymns and encourage them to stand/sit when appropriate, say "Amen" and "Thanks be to God," and generally help them be a part of the service. The liturgy belongs to them too.
- If you have to leave, hurry back! Jesus wants the children here, and we do too. If you need help, just ask. There are many here who are willing to lend you a hand.
- Children's activity and worship bulletins are available for download from our website under the "Worship—Bulletins" tab, or following this link:

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## VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*  
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Eric Beam  
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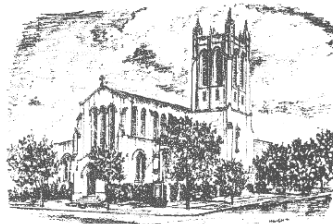
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Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*  
Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*  
Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*  
Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*  
Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

## LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

*Lector:* David Marsh  
*Prayers:*  
*LEMs:* Pat Laubach, Stan Tubbs  
*Acolytes:* J. Sennewald, S. Chambers, L. Chambers, H. Hensman, A. Sennewald  
*Ushers:* Randy Goswick, David Villarreal  
*Verger:* Steve Lee  
*Vestry of the Day:* Mary Matteucci  
*Altar Guild:* Mark Goza, Catherine Guthrie, David Villarreal  
*Audio Visual:* Jeremy Velasquez  
*Online Greeter:* Miguel Stonecipher

The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in thanksgiving and with great love for Mrs. Lucy Treadwell Davison Atkins, the best mother a Rector could ever have, by the Reverend Hannah Elizabeth Atkins Romero

"We are born of love; Love is our mother." -Rumi  
Dedicated to all the mothers and the love they give to our world.



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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 432

*O praise ye the Lord!*

Laudate Dominum

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;  
2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,  
\*3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;  
4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - jice in his word, ye an - gels of light;  
in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;  
each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;  
to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,  
praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,  
loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,  
For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.  
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.  
and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.  
for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

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 S278 Glory to God

William Mathias

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

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People** **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 7: 22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as

though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 66: 7-18

*Jubilate Deo*  
*Sung by the Choir.*

Stanford, #146

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; \*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld his love from me

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
 People **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able.*

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE 386

*We sing of God, the mighty source*

Cornwall

1 We sing of God, the might - y source of all things; the stu -  
 \*2 Tell them I AM, the Lord God said, to Mo - ses while on  
 3 Glo - rious the sun in mid ca - reer; glo - rious the as - sem - bled  
 4 Glo - rious, most glo - rious, is the crown of him that brought sal -

pen - dous force on which all strength de - pends; from  
 earth in dread and smit - ten to the heart, at  
 fires ap - pear; glo - rious the co - met's train: glo -  
 va - tion down by meek - ness, Ma - ry's son; seers





whose right arm, be - neath whose eyes, all pe - riod, power, and  
 once, a - bove, be - neath, a - round, all na - ture with - out  
 rious the trum - pet and a - larm; glo - rious the al - might - y  
 that stu - pen - dous truth be - lieved, and now the match - less

en - ter - prise com - men - ces, reigns, and ends.  
 voice or sound re - plied, O Lord, thou art.  
 stretched-out arm; glo - rious the en - rap - tured main:  
 deed's a - chieved, de - ter - mined, dared, and done.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14: 1-14

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

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

*Officiant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

*Please stand as able.*

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
 Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
 by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
 and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
 He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
 Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

BCP, page 392

*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; and the legislatures,  
 and courts: 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 Cyril Kobina Ben-  
 Smith and the Church of the Province of West Africa.](#) In the diocesan cycle  
 of prayer for [Good Shepherd, Granbury; Resurrection, Decatur; and St.  
 Catherine's, Hamilton.](#) In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Erma De Wispelaere,  
 Donald Hackler, and the Sandwich Makers.](#) 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, Kai (*pronounced "Kaye"*), and Hector, 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, Nick, Byron, Charles, Kathy, Demetrick, Mary, Bob, and Dale](#).

Hear us, Lord;

**People For your mercy is great.**

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, [especially for Stan, Samuel, Nancy, Ken, Julie, Chesson, Hannah, Marcia, and Bonnie](#) as they celebrate their birthdays.

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 Larry Lanning, Ava Lyndsey, the victims of the shooting in Allen, Texas, all victims of gun violence, and all who have perished from contracting the Coronavirus](#), 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.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People Amen.**

*The children who attended Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will return at this point so that they can participate with their families in the Holy Communion.*

*Please stand as able.*

#### THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*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.

### OFFERING

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### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love*

Ned Rorem (1923-2022)

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love,  
Who, from yon bright throne above,  
Ever watchful o'er our race,  
Still to man extends his grace.

Heav'n and earth by him were made,  
All is by his scepter swayed;  
What are we that he should show  
So much love to us below?

God the merciful and good,  
Bought us with the Savior's blood,  
And to make our safety sure,  
Guides us by his Spirit pure.

Sing, my soul, adore his Name;  
Let his glory be thy theme:  
Praise him till he calls thee home,  
Trust his love for all to come.

Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -  
 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the  
 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:  
*Refrain*  
 O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

SURSUM CORDA S120

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* 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*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father:

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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*

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

***Celebrant and People***

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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 S166

*Gerald Near*

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 of the world: Give us your peace.



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

*Please come forward to receive communion at the Altar rail. If you wish to partake of the chalice, you may do so by intinction. Intinction is done by dipping a host into the wine, and is completely optional. If you prefer, it is perfectly fine to continue receiving the host only. If you are unable to come forward for communion, it will be brought to you in your pew.*

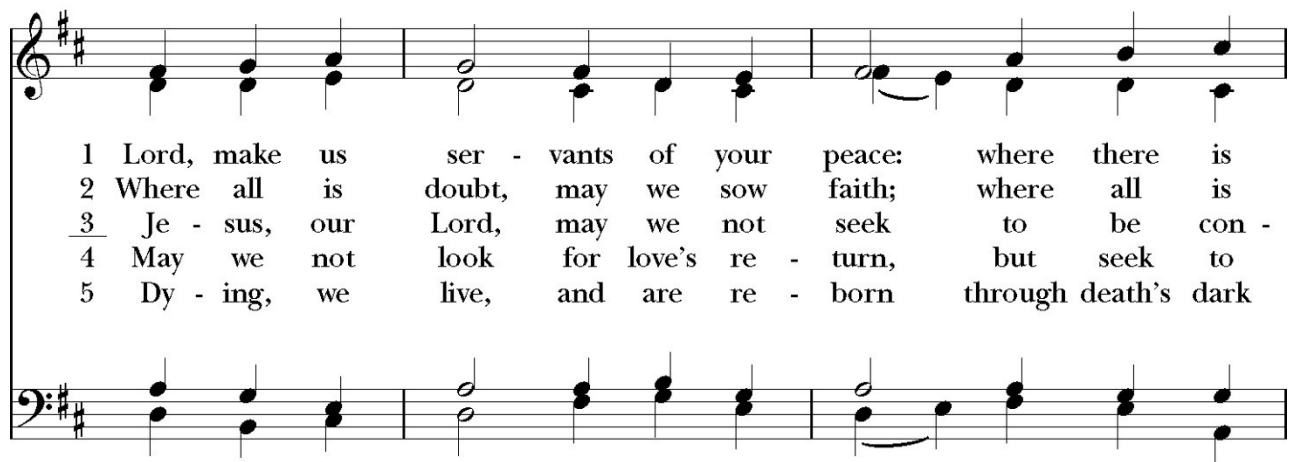


*We offer a gluten-free bread option for those with dietary restrictions who wish to receive communion. To receive a gluten free wafer, please clasp your hands with palms facing each other when you come forward for communion.*

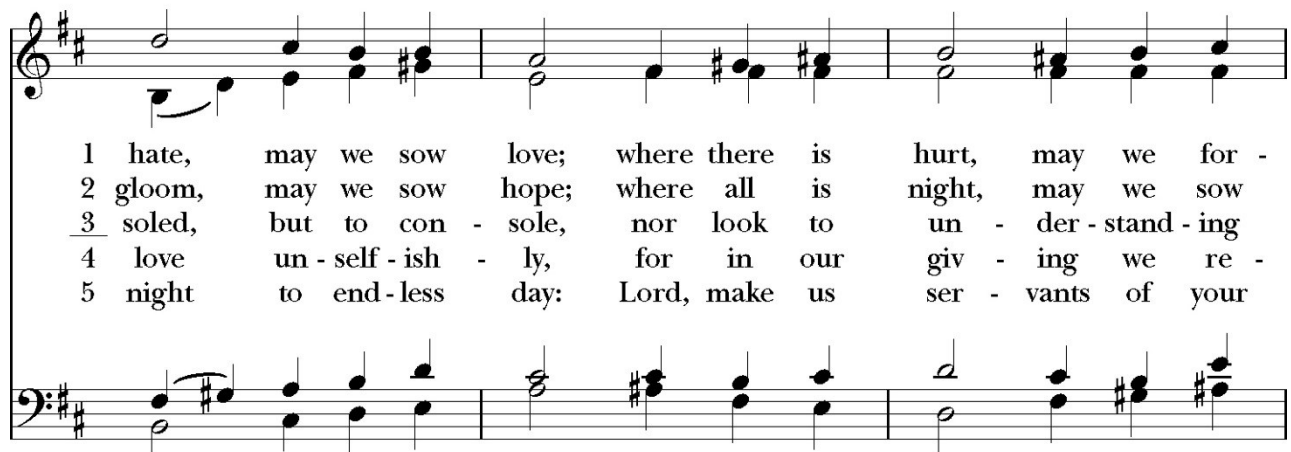
## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*The Prayer for Spiritual Communion is prayed by those at home unable to partake of communion in person*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, our souls, and our minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.



1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is  
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is  
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -  
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to  
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark



1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -  
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow  
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing  
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -  
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your



1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.  
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.  
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.  
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.  
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

*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.**

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 with you always.

**Amen.**

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's  
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion  
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,  
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,  
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;  
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

## DISMISSAL

Officiant  
 People

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

VOLUNTARY

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.*

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

*We would like to thank all who have contributed to this morning's coffee hour.  
Please note that June 25 and August 13 are open to host (part/all) coffee hour:  
Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or online.*



**May 14, 2023 – Easter 6 (A)**  
**Week 6: Reflections on the Resurrection**

*During the Easter season, Sermons That Work is pleased to present reflections from some of the newest bishops of The Episcopal Church on the resurrection of our Lord. Check back each week for a brief exploration of how Jesus Christ's rising from the grave changes everything. To listen to this reflection, scan the QR code on this page and subscribe to the Sermons That Work podcast.*

Being a Christian is believing in the Resurrection of Christ, which ends up being the center of faith and hope for everyone who believes in Jesus. Christ, upon coming back to life as the firstborn among the dead, reveals to us that our God in Jesus is the Lord of life and not of death, "He gives death and brings life, he brings down to Sheol and raises up" 1 Samuel 2:6.

It is in the paschal experience of his apostles, whom he himself called, with whom this beautiful experience begins, in extraordinary events such as the empty tomb, the appearances of the Risen One "And he appeared for many days," Acts. 13:31, where certainly it is He himself who manifests himself, the Jesus of Nazareth, since the apostles recognize him, see him, and touch him, eat with him, his presence is real and not like that of a ghost.

It seems that it is to them that these first manifestations of his Resurrection were reserved and not to all the others, that not even the same guards of the tomb who, terrified by the mysterious theophany, would not recognize him. It is to whom He called, his witnesses, his disciples.

It could be said that unlike the event of passion and death where the people and their own followers end up being only distant spectators of such painful events; while in the Resurrection his closest followers become living and very close actors of such a great Theophany.

The gospels try to describe it this way, wanting to narrate in the best way when entering this transcendental, ineffable sphere, which for this must return to the same words given by their Lord when he was with them, even to expressions already prepared by the Old Testament.

The experience of Pentecost ends up being the moment of the beginning of preaching, since it is with the action of the Spirit with which the true Resurrection can be preached as the center of life, a necessary experience for every believer.

We ask the Lord himself, the Risen One, to give us the grace to also be his close witnesses of love, that we can also see and experience his glorious manifestation in our own lives and that the Holy Spirit be the one who leads us to remove fears, break the locks of doubt to proclaim it with conviction and courage, like the first disciples; that we be his apostles in modern times, with the same dedication to announce it. That in this Easter feast we see in the God of Christians the God of life, who raises from death since he defeated it and, in his Resurrection, makes us part of a new life.



*The Right Reverend **Eliás García Cárdenas** is Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Colombia.*

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## THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN

May 14, 2023 – Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A

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

### Juice Box Challenge– 1,000 Juice Boxes!

Kid's Meals Inc. delivers thousands of healthy meals a day to preschool kids in Houston. Join Trinity's 2023 Summer JUICE BOX challenge! Our goal is to donate 1000 Juice Boxes to Kid's Meals Inc. (100% Juice please) Drop off the juice boxes at the back of the Church in May, June, or July.

Or donate directly:

<https://yougivegoods.com/trinityepiscopal>

### Thy Kingdom Come: May 18th–28th

Thy Kingdom Come is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites all Christians to pray for the wellbeing of the church and the world. Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Journals are available on campus and at the front office. For general information click [here](#) and for family resources click [here](#).

### Garden Club – June 2nd, Chrismon Making Session

Trinity's Garden Club invites all those interested in making and donating a Chrismon ornament to join our June 2nd meeting. We will be going over all the details, how to participate and ways to make a Chrismon. For more information please contact Sylvia Drew at [trymahjong@yahoo.com](mailto:trymahjong@yahoo.com)

### Festal Choral Evensong for Trinity Sunday: June 4th, 5:30pm

Join us for our next Choral Evensong in the Historic Church. We will gather for a time of reflection, worship, and prayer.

### Trinity Ministry Fair June 4th

The Ministry Fair is a wonderful way for members and visitors to meet and gather information about the various ministries, committees, mission trips, and educational opportunities that are available within the church. Each ministry will be showcased through the use of a display at a table or booth. Come join us after the 10:30 am service on **June 4th** for coffee hour and fellowship while you discover where God is leading you to serve!

### Pride Parade– June 24th, Volunteers Needed!

Trinity will participate with welcoming Episcopalian churches in the annual Pride Houston parade on June 24 with the theme Queerly Beloved. The float will be prepared in the Trinity parking lot and volunteers are needed. For more information please contact Andy Durham at [andy.durham.321@gmail.com](mailto:andy.durham.321@gmail.com). To Volunteer RSVP [Here](#).

### Children's Progaming Changes: Begins June 11th

Children's Chapel begins on Sunday, June 11th, meeting in the Atrium. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will resume Sunday, September 10th. Please contact [Rev. Luz](#) for additional information.

### Episcopal Night at the Ballpark: July 28th

We invite you to mark your calendars for July 28th – Episcopal Night at the Ballpark. [PURCHASE TICKETS HERE](#).

### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

#### Sunday, May, 14th 2023

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)  
9:30 am Education Hr for All – Adults in Smith Rm, Tweens in Fellowship Hall, Kids in Atrium  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)  
12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Chapel)  
8:00 pm Compline (Facebook)

#### Monday, May 15th, 2023

5:30pm Evening Prayer

#### Tuesday, May 16th, 2023

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

#### Wednesday, May 17th, 2023

10:30 am Staff Meeting  
12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer  
6:00 pm Healing Service (Zoom)

#### Thursday, May 18th, 2023

9:00 am They Kingdom Come Begins  
12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

#### Friday, May 19th, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

#### Saturday, May 20th, 2023

Our Weekly Zoom links can be found at

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





### PRAYERS

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

Allegra, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Jill, Stephen, Emily, Van, Dick, Theresa, Victims of Violence, Ric, Barbara, Livia, Carolyn, Sylvia, Daniel, Kensington, Joyce, Bob, Cristine, David, Robert, Susan

#### For the faithful departed:

The Rev. Greg Buffone, Larry Lanning, Ava Lyndsey, the victims of the shooting in Allen, TX, all victims of gun violence, and all who have perished from contracting the Coronavirus.

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#### Office Hours

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

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

### Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up at [www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/](http://www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/).

The next available dates: **May 28th, June 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.**



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

Next available dates: **June 25th and August 13th.**



Samuel Romero-Atkins, Nancy Dawson, Ken Snell, Julie Keck, Chesson Olawaiye, Hannah Atkins Romero, Marcia Waldrop, Bonnie Chalmers, Stan Tubbs



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## **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.

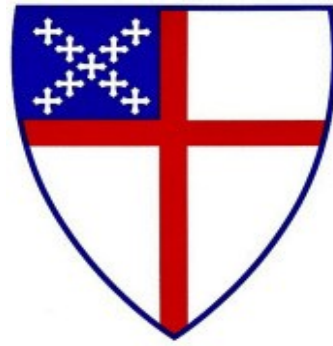
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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