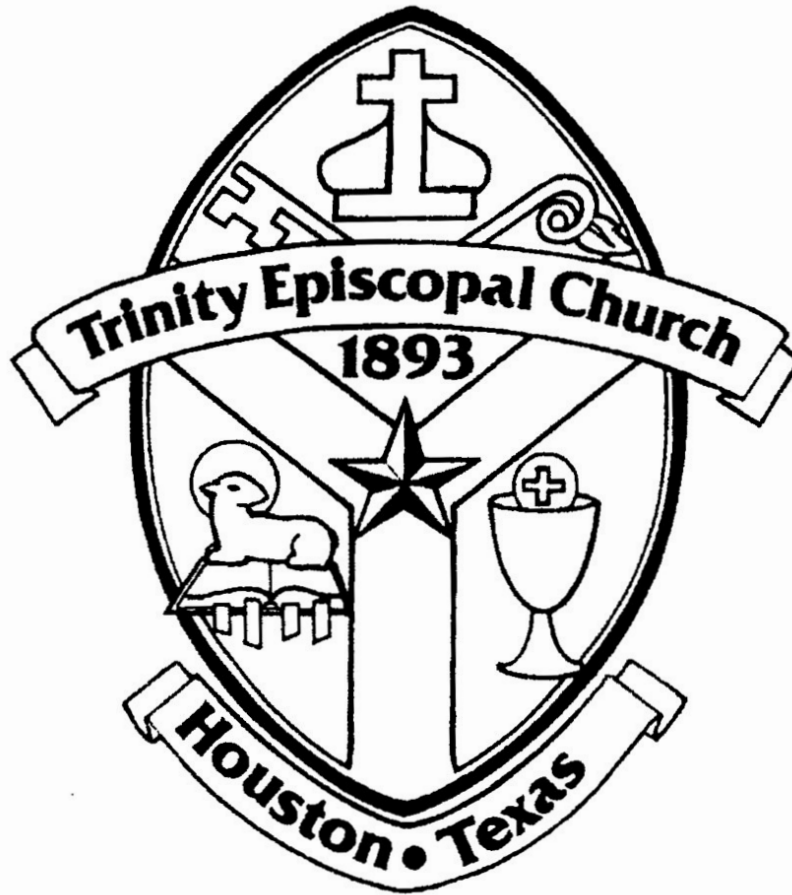


# THE DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 19, 2024  
8:00 a.m.



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

<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/contact-card-page/>

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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Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*

Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*

Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*

Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*

Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*

Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

## SERVING TODAY

Lector: Teddy Adams  
LEM: Teddy Adams  
Music: Wendy Wentland, piano  
Vestry of the Day: John Merullo

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Cindy Brimberry  
by her family

The Altar of the Holy Trinity and the Columbarium flowers  
are dedicated to the glory of God and  
in loving memory of John Cloud  
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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.

Almighty God, who on this day didst open the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of thy Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People** **Amen.**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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

Note: In the tradition of Pentecost, the first reading will be simultaneously read in French and German.

PSALM 104: 25-35, 37

*Benedic, anima mea*  
*Alternately by whole verse.*

BCP, page 736

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.**

27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.

**28 All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.**

29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

**30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.**

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

**32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.**

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

**34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the Lord.

**37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!**

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8: 22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

*Officiant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

The Reverend Bradley Sullivan, Vicar of Lord of the Streets

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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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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 Brad, 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 Linda Nicholls, and the Anglican Church of Canada](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [St. Mary's, Hillsboro; St. Stephen's, Hurst; and Trinity, Fort Worth](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [April Sloan-Hubert, Pelayo Parlade, and the Trinity Jazz Ensemble](#).

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, Denise, Bradley](#), 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 Hannah, Chesson, Bonnie, Marcia, Barbara, Jim, Alex, and Robert](#) 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 Charles Lee, William Lawson, 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](http://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 Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose true promise the Holy Ghost came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to thy Church the power to serve thee as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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.*

**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.**

THE BLESSING

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with his blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit for ever.

**Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of his presence.

**Amen.**

May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to him in word and deed.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

**Amen.**

DISMISSAL

<i>Officiant</i>	Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!</b>

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.*

*Flower dedication dates are available for June 2, 16, and 23.*

*Please sign up to donate on our website.*

*We would like to thank the Trinity Garden Club  
for hosting this morning's coffee hour.*

*Please note that June 9, 23, and 30 are available to host (part/all) coffee hour.*

To sign up, please scan the QR code below or contact Jamie Chambers:  
[jamielynnchambers@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

# *RISING HOT* **20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL** **TRINITY JAZZ FESTIVAL**



## **July 18<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

7pm @ Trinity Midtown 1015 Holman St.

*Bayou City Dinner and Silent Auction  
with Live Jazz by Kim Prevost and Bill Solley*

## **July 19<sup>th</sup> Friday**

7pm @ WeServ Theatre at  
St. John's Downtown 2019 Crawford St.

*Headliner: Kim Waters*

## **July 20<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

6pm @ Trinity Midtown 1015 Holman St.

*Reception: Summer Jazz Workshop  
Opening Act: Ermelinda Cuéllar with  
Horace Alexander Young, Darrell Lavigne,  
Greg Petite, Anthony Caceres, and Jerre Jackson  
Headliner: Benny Benack III*

## **July 21<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

11am @ Trinity Midtown 1015 Holman St.

*Jazz Mass*

**For tickets and more information visit [www.trinitymidtown.org/trinity-jazz-festival-2024/](http://www.trinitymidtown.org/trinity-jazz-festival-2024/)**



## THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MIDTOWN  
May 19, 2024 – The Day of Pentecost, Year B

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## Sunday In-Person Services

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

### 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 Special People on Trinity Sunday

The Rev. Canon Dr. Henry Atkins and his wife, Treadwell, (also known as the Rector’s parents) will be returning to Las Cruces, New Mexico, at the end of May. We will honor them at Coffee Hour on Trinity Sunday, May 26th, with a book signing of **Experiencing God: Faith Narratives of Episcopalians**.

Canon Atkins was a contributor to this book. Copies will be on sale for a donation of \$25 or more, proceeds from which will go to our sandwich making ministry.

Also on Trinity Sunday, at the 10:30 service, we will honor our graduating seniors, as well as our wonderful Sunday School teachers, as we close the program year.

### Are You Getting Our Emails?

Trinity sends out an email with news and happenings in the parish every Friday. We also send out occasional emails about important events in the life of our parish. We promise not to spam you. A busy week would see about three emails. If you are not getting these emails, please let us know at [plc@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:plc@trinitymidtown.org).

### 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 be presented to him in June. Please note that these contributions are non tax-deductible. Please contact Larry Laubach at [finance@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:finance@trinitymidtown.org) for more details.

### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

#### Sunday, May 19th, 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 20th, 2024

12:00 pm Yoga (Atrium)  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

#### Tuesday, May 21st, 2024

12:00 pm The Listening Post  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)  
6:30 pm Vestry (Smith)

#### Wednesday, May 22nd, 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 23rd, 2024

10:30am Staff Meeting (Smith)  
12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

#### Friday, May 24th, 2024

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

#### Saturday, May 25th, 2024

11:00 am Dorothy Church 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, Denise, Bradley, 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:

William Lawson, the victims of war in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine and all victims of gun violence.

### Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour

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

Next available dates: June 2nd, 16th, and 23rd

Sign-ups for coffee hour hosts are available, please sign up online to volunteer by scanning this QR code.

For questions or further information please contact Jamie Chambers: [jamielynnchambers@hotmail.com](mailto:jamielynnchambers@hotmail.com) or call/text at 832-370-7155 if you need assistance.

Next available dates: June 9th, 23rd, and 30th



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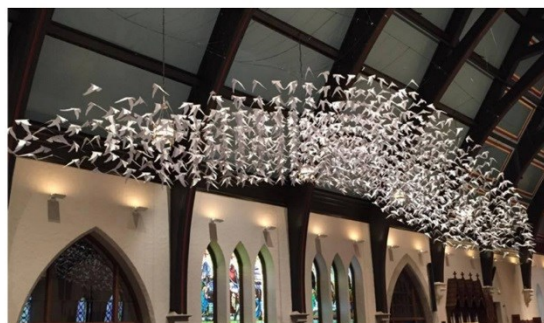
**May 19, 2024 – Pentecost (B)**  
**Pentecost**

Today, we mark Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit among the apostles and followers of Jesus. Celebrated 50 days after Easter (including the day of Easter itself), the name of the holiday comes from the Greek *Pentēkostē*, which literally means “the 50th day.”

The events of the day are foretold by Jesus in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, just before his Ascension. While his followers were with the risen Christ, he tells them, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now” (Acts 1:5, NRSV). He goes on to say to them, “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” (Acts 1:8).

The followers would not wait long for the promised Spirit. The author of Acts, traditionally believed to be Luke, recounts:

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each” (Acts 2:1-6).



We celebrate Pentecost as the inauguration of the Church’s mission in the world. Empowered by the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are to go out into our neighborhoods and the wider world—to Jerusalem, to Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth—witnessing to the risen Christ.

The Day of Pentecost is identified by the Book of Common Prayer as one of the feast days “especially appropriate” for baptism (Book of Common Prayer, p. 312). Because of this, Pentecost is also known as “Whitsun” or “Whitsunday” (“White Sunday”), a term used to describe the white baptismal garments worn by those who were baptized at the Vigil of Pentecost and then worn to church on the Day of Pentecost.

**Collect for Pentecost**

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen (Book of Common Prayer, p. 227).

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## **Why is there no General Confession on Pentecost? 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, which ends on the Day of Pentecost. 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.

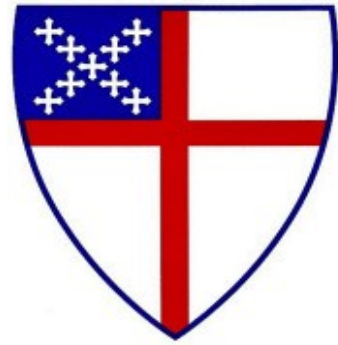
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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