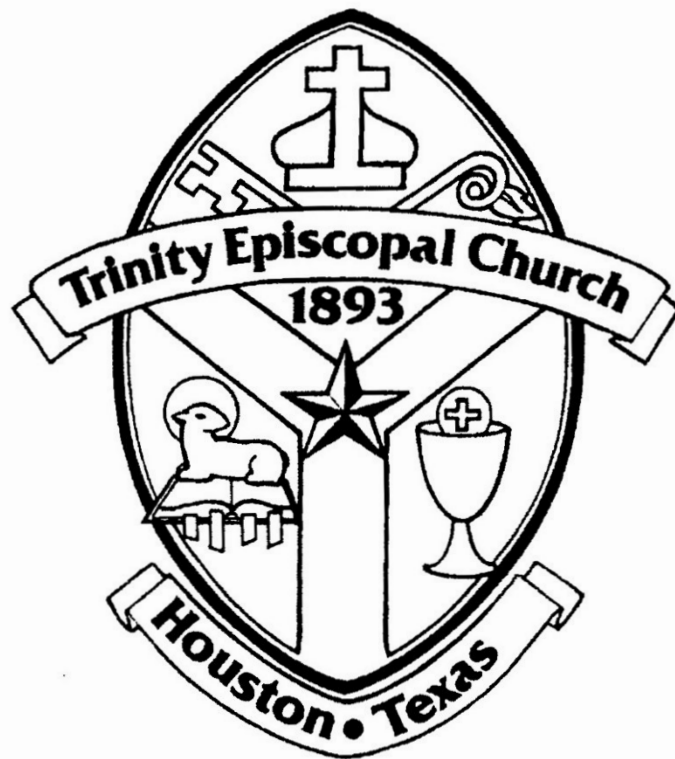


THE DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 19, 2024
12:30 p.m.



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

April Sloan-Hubert, Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble
Pelayo Parlade, Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble

***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 adapted the liturgy for this service from *A New Zealand Prayer Book* 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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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.
- Children's activity and worship bulletins are available for download from our website under the "Worship—Bulletins" tab, or following this link:

<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/childrens-bulletins/>

VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*

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THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Vocals: April Sloan-Hubert
Piano: Pelayo Parlade
Flute, Clarinet: Ernesto Vega
Bass: Alfred Kennedy

SERVING TODAY

Lector: Theresa McClellan
Prayers: Jim Castro
Acolyte: Julie Morin
Usher: Andy Durham
Audio Visual: Paul Bower
Online Greeter: Pam Lawson
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport
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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The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Please stand as able.

Presider The wind blows where it wills and you hear its sound, but do not know where it comes from or where it is going; so it is with everyone born of the Spirit .

People God is with us, here we find new life!

Presider Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

Lord, Send Out Your Spirit

Lord, send out your spir - it!

The first system of the hymn features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in G major and 6/8 time, with lyrics: "Lord, send out your spir - it!". The piano accompaniment consists of a treble and bass clef part, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. The piano part includes a variety of rhythmic patterns and chords.

Lord, send out your spir - it!

The second system continues the hymn with the same vocal and piano parts. The lyrics are: "Lord, send out your spir - it!". The piano accompaniment maintains the same key signature and time signature, providing a steady accompaniment for the vocal line.

Lord, send out your spir - it! And re - new the face of the earth.

until Final ending

The third system concludes the hymn with the lyrics: "Lord, send out your spir - it! And re - new the face of the earth." The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord. A box labeled "until Final ending" is placed above the piano part in the final measure.

Final ending.

earth.

Psalm 104: 25-26, 28-32, 35

25. O Lord, how manifold are your works!*
in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
26. Too many to number, creatures both great and small. **(Refrain)**
28. All of them look to you to give them their food.*
29. You give it to them; they gather it;*
you open your hands to give them good things.
30. You take away their breath and they return to dust. **(Refrain)**
31. You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;*
and so you renew the face of the earth.
32. May the glory of our Lord endure forever; *
35. May these words of mine please him,
I will rejoice in the Lord. **(Refrain)**

OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel; send us out in the power of the same Spirit to witness to your redeeming love and draw all people to you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2: 1-21

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.'"

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Please stand as able

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

Presider The Holy Gospel according to John.

People Praise and glory to God!

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."

Presider This is the Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to Christ, the Word.

Please be seated

SERMON The Reverend Bradley Sullivan, Vicar of Lord of the Streets

MUSICAL REFLECTION *We will meditate quietly on God's word to us.*

Please stand as able

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response

Lord in Your mer - cy Lord in Your mer - cy He - ar our
5 prayer oh Lord Lord in Your
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13 prayer he - ar our prayer

Let us pray for the preservation of the earth. We give thanks for the beauty and abundance of the earth.

Give us and all peoples grace to live in harmony with your creation, wisdom and generosity in our use of its bounty.

Let us pray for peace and shared prosperity, and for the end of systemic racism that divides us.

We pray for leaders to serve the common good: Give wisdom to those who have responsibility and authority in 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 we may share with justice the resources of the world, and work together in trust.

Response

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](#). For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

We give thanks for the good news of salvation for all people. Strengthen us for our work in the world, empower your Church to proclaim the gospel in service, word and sacrament.

Unite in the truth all who confess your name, that we may live together in love to your glory.

Let us pray for ourselves and our community. We give thanks for the fellowship of the communities in which we live and work, especially Trinity Church.

We pray for our bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai (*pronounced "Kaye"*), and Hector, our Bishops; for Hannah, and Dale our clergy, [and Brad our guest preacher](#); and for all who minister in this place.

We commend to your keeping ourselves and each other, our families, those with whom we work and learn, our neighbors and our friends.

Enable us by your Spirit to live in love for you and for one another.

Response

We give thanks that you are the God who brings mercy and wholeness. Comfort and heal, we pray, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble, especially for those we now name: [Bill, Nick, Edith, Graeme, Christopher, Monica, Daniel, Norma, Denise, and Bradley.](#)

[Heavenly Father, our neighbor has nowhere to call home: help us be aware. Our neighbor needs love and community: help us be active. Our neighbor is crying out for justice: help us be adamant to see an end to homelessness.](#)

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, [especially for Charles Lee, William Lawson, the victims of war in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine, and all victims of gun violence.](#) Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfillment of your kingdom.

We give you thanks for your servants in every age, [especially for Hannah, Chesson, Bonnie, Marcia, Barbara, Jim, Alex, and Robert](#) , who are celebrating their birthdays.

Response

O God, we who come before you this day are many and diverse, with different needs and desires.

We ask you to accept our thanksgivings, to guide our ways, and to receive our praise. O God, hear the prayers of your people.

The people may offer their own specific petitions, praises or thanksgivings.

Response

Lord in Your mer - cy Lord in Your mer - cy He - ar our
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THE PEACE

Prsident Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.

People Who breaks down the walls that divide.

Prsident The peace of God be always with you.

People Praise to Christ who makes us one.

MUSIC AT THE PEACE

Lovely Day

Bill Withers

Please be seated.

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

The Liturgy of the Table

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.

THE OFFERTORY

Revive Us Again

John J. Husband

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as able.

Presider

The Lord is here.

People

God's Spirit is with us.

Presider

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Presider

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Presider

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your Holy and lifegiving Spirit, who came with signs from heaven to lead your Church into all truth. In the power of the Spirit, and made ready with his gifts, we take the joy of the gospel into all the world.

Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language, with the whole Church on earth and in heaven, joyfully we give you thanks and say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Therefore heavenly Father, in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son, we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come in glory.**

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness, we were far off until you brought us near and our hands are empty until you fill them.

As we eat this bread and drink this wine, through the power of your Holy Spirit feed us with your heavenly food, renew us in your service, unite us in Christ, and bring us to your everlasting kingdom. From you, and through you, and for you are all things. To you be the glory for ever,

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a whole note 'A' followed by a half note 'men,'. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) starts with a whole rest, then provides harmonic support for the vocal line with chords and moving lines.

The second system continues the musical notation. The vocal line features a long melisma 'men, A men,' with a fermata over the 'A'. The piano accompaniment continues with sustained chords and moving lines, ending with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**People We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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 you come forward for communion.

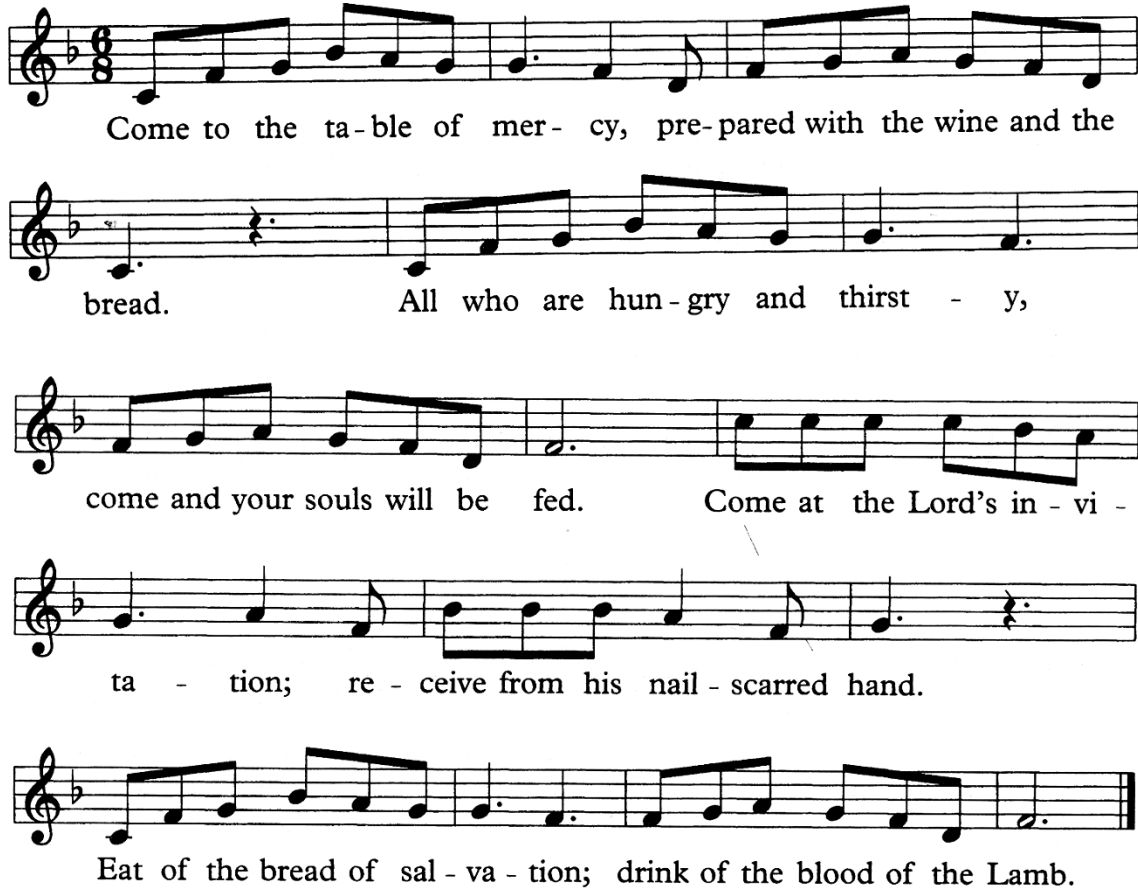
PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

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

COMMUNION HYMN

Come to the Table



Come to the ta-ble of mer-cy, pre-pared with the wine and the
bread. All who are hun-gry and thirst - y,
come and your souls will be fed. Come at the Lord's in - vi -
ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.
Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as able.

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| Presider | Blessed be God who calls us together. |
| People | Praise to God who makes us one people. |
| Presider | Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin. |
| People | Praise to God who gives hope and freedom. |
| Presider | Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed. |
| People | Praise to God who is revealed as love. |
| Presider | Blessed be God who alone has called us. |
| People | Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become. |
| Presider | Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise. |
| People | Accept our thanks for all you have done. |
| Presider | Send us now into the world you love. |
| People | Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit. Amen. |

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, our Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life, be with you always.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

I'm Goin'-a Sing

LEVAS, page 117

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "I'm goin' - a sing* when the Spir - it says sing." for the first system, "I'm goin' - a sing when the Spir - it says sing." for the second system, and "I'm goin' - a sing when the Spir - it says sing, and o -" for the third system. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

bey the Spir - it of the Lord.

*2. pray 3. moan 4. shout

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thank you for worshipping with us this afternoon.

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*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 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 **20th ANNUAL** **TRINITY JAZZ FESTIVAL**



July 18th Thursday

7pm @Trinity Midtown 1015 Holman St.

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

July 19th Friday

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

Headliner: Kim Waters

July 20th Saturday

6pm @Trinity Midtown 1015 Holman St.

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

July 21th Sunday

11 am @Trinity Midtown 1015 Holman St.

Jazz Mass

For tickets and more information visit 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.

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 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/.

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: jamielynchambers@hotmail.com or call/text at 832-370-7155 if you need assistance.

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



Happy Birthday!

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Friday 9 am – 1 pm

If you have building concerns please email parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org.



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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.

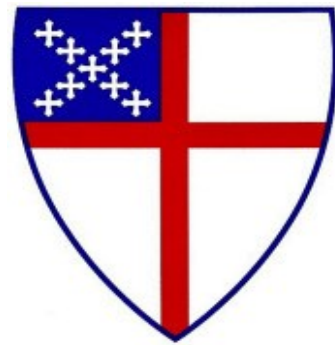
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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