# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21, 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.

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: www.trinitymidtown.org

**Facebook Live Stream**. Please be advised that this service is live streamed through our Trinity Facebook Page and YouTube channels. By participating in the service, you are consenting to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your children who participate.

**Children 3yrs through 3rd 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.

# 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.
- 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:

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

### VESTRY

Andy Durham, Senior Warden
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# LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Lector: Dana Gannon Prayers: Shelby Bradley

LEMs: Joanne Starbuck, Ron Starbuck

Acolytes: Joanne Starbuck, David Villarreal, Barrett Hess, Mary Cloud, Mark Goza

Ushers: Ben Blanding, Lovette Brown, Larry Laubach

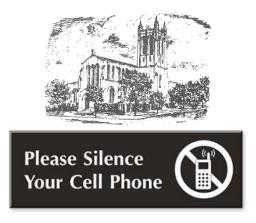
Verger: Ron Mailloux Vestry of the Day: Ann McCoy

Altar Guild: Joanne Starbuck, Alex Bruton, Ron Mailloux

Audio Visual: Brett Stevens

The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Cloud by Mary Cloud

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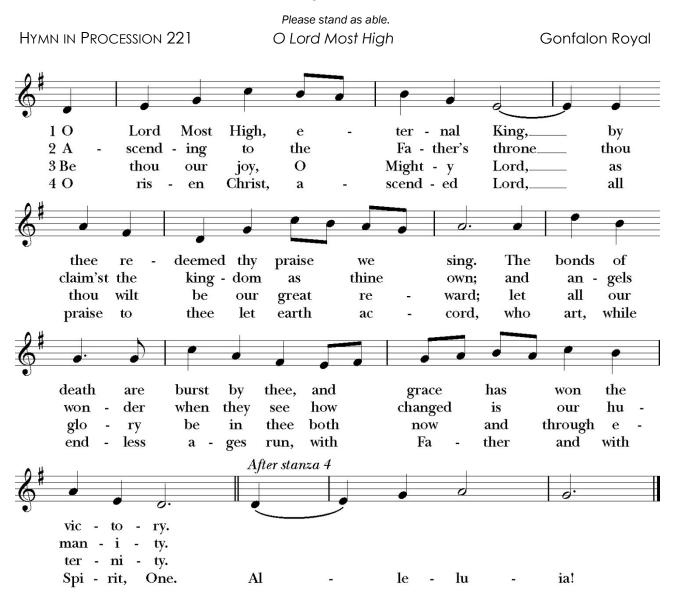
# HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

10:30 a.m. Historic Church

Please enter in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.

# VOLUNTARY

# The Liturgy of the Word



THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

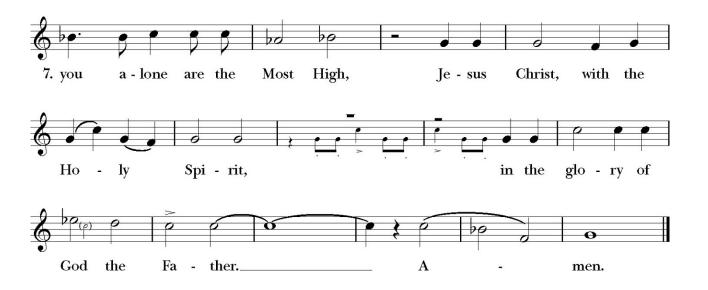
BCP, page 355

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.



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# COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

People Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 1: 6-14

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

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \* let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \* as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \* let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \* YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \* God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \* but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \* when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \* at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \* you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; \* in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \* sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \* he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; \*
  his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*
  the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

# People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE 219 The Lord ascendeth up on high

Ach Herr, du allerhüchster Gott



THE HOLY GOSPEL John 17: 1-11

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

Please stand as able.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

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

Reader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

Reader We pray for Joseph, our president; Kamala, our vice-president; Greg, our

governor; Lina, our county judge; Sylvester, our mayor; 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 airls 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 Howard Gregory

and the Church in the Province of the West Indies. In the diocesan cycle of prayer for St. Christopher's, Fort Worth; St. Luke's in the Meadow, Fort Worth; and St. Luke's, Stephenville. In the ministry cycle of prayer for Andy Durham

and the Trinity Vestry. 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, 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 Barbara,

JoAnna, Jim, Robert, Jim, and Paul as they celebrate their birthdays, and for

Ceci Bruton and Barrett Hess, who have recently received university

degrees.

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, the victims of the

shooting in Farmington, New Mexico, 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

Online Giving is available through AccessACS.

Go to www.trinitymidtown.org and click the "Give" button on the top right, or click: https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=156477

**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.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

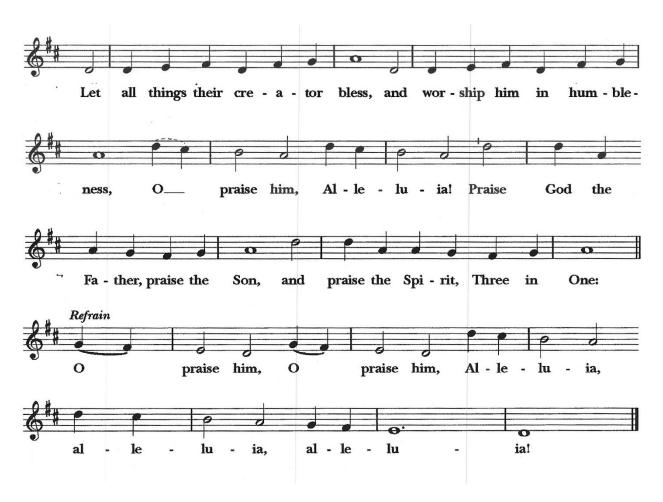
God Is Gone Up

Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)

God is gone up with a triumphant shout: The Lord with the sounding Trumpets' melodies: Sing Praise, sing Praises out, Unto our King sing praise seraphicwise! Lift up your Heads, ye lasting Doors, they sing, And let the King of Glory enter in.

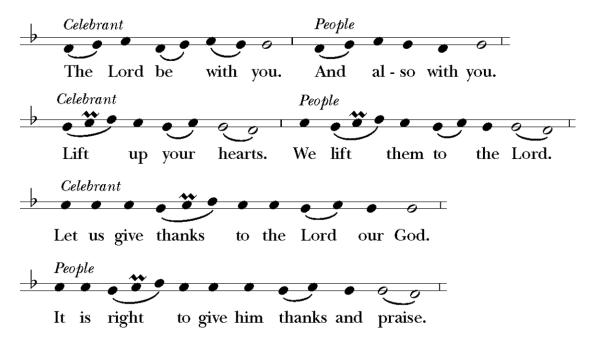
Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly, In flakes of Glory down him to attend, And hear Heart-cramping notes of Melody Surround his Chariot as it did ascend; Mixing thein music, making every string More to enravish as they this tune sing.

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GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

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# 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,

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

Therefore 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:



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**

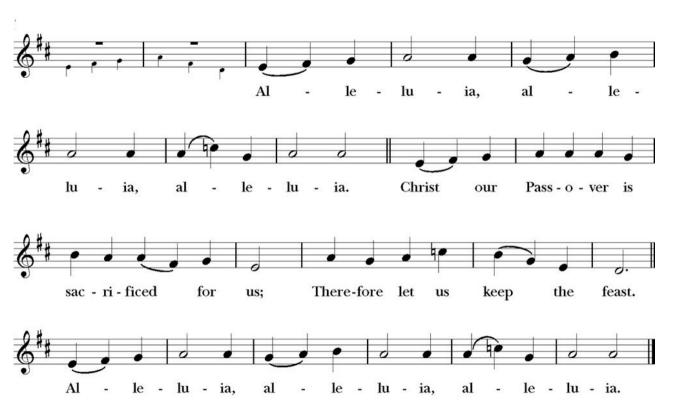
Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.

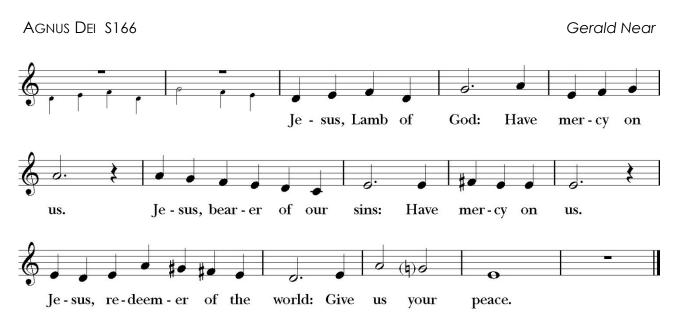
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.



INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.



# 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.

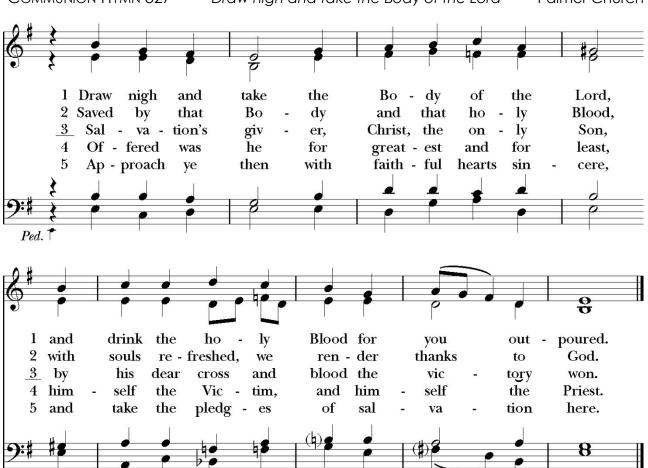


We offer a gluten-free bread option for those with dietary restrictions who wish to receive communion. To receive a gluten free wafer, please clasp your hands with palms facing each other when you come forward for communion.

# 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.



- 6 He that his saints in this world rules and shields to all believers life eternal yields;
- 7 with heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole, gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 8 Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow all nations at the doom, is with us now.

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.

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.

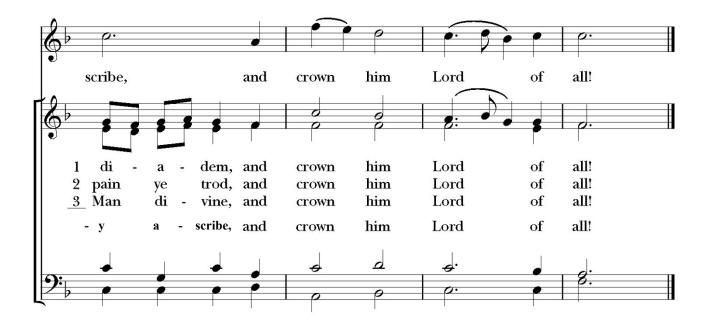
May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

# Amen.

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

# Amen.





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 Mary Ann Collier for hosting 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.

# Greater Houston Operation IMpact

Help us prepare homebound seniors in Greater Houston for storm season



Registration for Volunteer Delivery Teams is now OPEN

Saturday, June 3rd 3202 San Jacinto Street Houston, Texas 77004







www.imgh.org/donate/meals/operation-impact-2023/

Scan the QR code to register as a Volunteer Delivery Team. For more information, reach out to <a href="mailto:opimpact@imgh.org">opimpact@imgh.org</a>

Saturday, June 3 Midtown, Houston







# Frequently asked questions

# What is a Volunteer Delivery Team?

A Volunteer Delivery Team is a driver over the age of 18 and anyone they choose to bring along to below Holpara and leading to be a Holpara an to bring along to help. Helpers can be any age. Only the adult driver needs to fill out the registration form.

# When should I show up?

When you register you will have the opportunity to choose your pickup window from the options available on the morning of June 3rd. Please be careful to show up during the time frame you signed up for so that we can keep a steady traffic flow.

# How much space do I need in my car?

Delivery teams should have space in their vehicles for 25 large shoeboxes. This space can be in the trunk, the backseat, or the bed of a pick-up truck, weather permitting. Please keep this in mind as you assemble your delivery team.

# When do I deliver the meals?

Deliveries must be completed on Saturday, June 3rd immediately after picking II up meals from the Meals on Wheels location in Midtown. Our staff will be at the Midtown location until 1 PM to receive completed paperwork and any meals that were not delivered for any reason.

# Can I take photos while I am delivering?

Please only take photos with the client's permission. We ask that photos do not include any faces or identifying information for the privacy of our seniors. Photos of hands as the meal is being handed over are a wonderful way to capture the moment while maintaining everyone's privacy. Please send us your photos at opimpact@imgh.org

# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

Hully Episcopal Church

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN May 21, 2023 - Seventh Sunday of Easter, Year A

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

Sunday In-Person Services

# THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

# 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: <a href="https://yougivegoods.com/trinityepiscopal">https://yougivegoods.com/trinityepiscopal</a>

# 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 <a href="here">here</a> and for family resources click <a href="here">here</a>.

# Garden Club - June 2nd, Chrismon Making Session

Trinity's Garden Club invites all those interested in making and donating a Chrismon omament 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 trymahiong@vahoo.com

# Men's Ministry Breakfast: June 3rd, 8:30am Katz

Join us as meet together again for fellowship and planning as we develop the men's ministry here at Trinity. Rev. Dale will lead the gathering and discussion. All men are welcome and we look forward to you joining us. You can RSVP here.

# 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 <a href="mailto:andy.durham.321@gmail.com">andy.durham.321@gmail.com</a>. To Volunteer RSVP <a href="mailto:Here">Here</a>.

# Children's Programing 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. <u>PURCHASE TICKETS HERE</u>.

# Sunday, May, 21st 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) 11:45 am Meet and Greet 12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Chapel)

3:00 pm Piano Recital (Church) 8:00 pm Compline (Facebook)

# Monday, May 22nd, 2023

5:30pm Evening Prayer

# Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

# Wednesday, May 24th, 2023

10:30 am Staff Meeting12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm5:30 pm Evening Prayer6:00 pm Healing Service (Zoom)

# Thursday, May 25th, 2023

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

# Friday, May 26th, 2023

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

# Saturday, May 27th, 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, Cindy, Patty, Be, Graham, Dana, Samantha, Harrison, Eugenia, Emilia, Gaby, Evan, Paul, Phil, Florence, and Rick.

# For the faithful departed:

Larry Lanning, the victims of the shooting in Farmington, NM, all victims of gun violence and all who have perished from contracting the Coronavirus.

# Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up at www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/.

The next available dates: June 4th, 18th, and 25th.

Sign-ups for coffee hour hosts are available, please signup online to volunteer here.

Next available dates: August 13th, 20th, and 27th.



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

If you have building concerns please email <a href="mailto:frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org">frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org</a>. Thanks!



Paul Franzetti, Alex Jones

Barbara Smith, Anna Tipton, Jim

Luke, Robert Snellgrove, Jim Castro,





For more information on annual giving visit 2023 Stewardship Campaign.



# May 21, 2023 – Easter 7 (A) Pentecost

Next Sunday, 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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# 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.

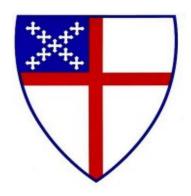
During the late 1910s and 1920s, Trinity entered an era of explosive growth, paralleling that of the city, and became an important center of the Episcopal faith. The congregation's many youth and adult activities were community events that attracted wide attention among the general populace. An integral 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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