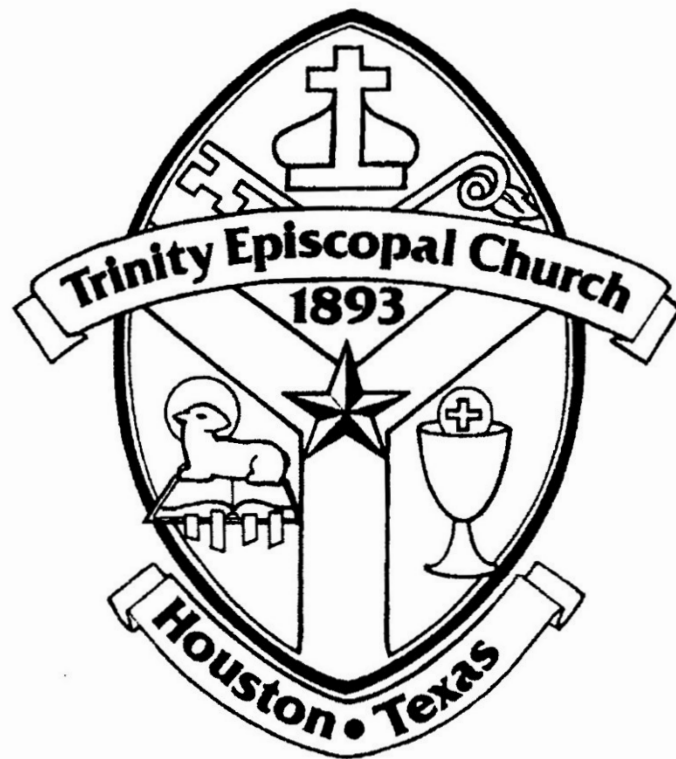


# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 21, 2023  
12:30 p.m.



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

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.

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- 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.
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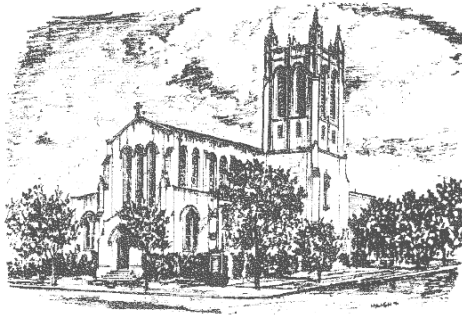
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Flute, Clarinet: Ernesto Vega  
Bass: Alfred Kennedy

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Lector: Mary Ann Collier  
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# The Liturgy of the Word

## INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

*Please stand as able.*

Presider Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens, whose name is the Lord, in whose presence rejoice.

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

Presider Let us worship God.

## OPENING HYMN

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

System 1: Chords: G, C, D, G, C, D. Lyrics: Lord, I lift Your name \_\_\_ on \_\_\_ high. \_\_\_ Lord, I love to sing \_\_\_ Your prai-ses.

System 2: Chords: G, C, D, G, C, D. Lyrics: I'm so glad You're in \_\_\_ my \_\_\_ life. \_\_\_ I'm so glad You came \_\_\_ to save us.

System 3: Chords: G, C, D, C, G, C, D. Lyrics: You came from hea - ven to earth to show the way. From the earth \_\_\_ to the cross

System 4: Chords: C, G, C, D, B/E $\flat$ , Em. Lyrics: my debt to pay. From the cross \_\_\_ to the grave, from the grave \_\_\_ to the sky,

System 5: Chords: C/D, G. Lyrics: Lord I lift your name \_\_\_ on high. \_\_\_

## OPENING PRAYER

**Presider** Let us pray.  
Christ our great high priest, you understand our weakness; you pray for us while we are sinners. Help us, through you, to find a new and living way to God; for the glory of your holy Name .

**People** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## 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** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People** **Thanks be to 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.

**Reader** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

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

Presider The Holy Gospel according to John.

**People Praise and glory to God!**

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."

Presider This is the Gospel of Christ.

**People Praise to Christ, the Word.**

*Please be seated*

SERMON The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

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

*Please stand as able*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Response**

instrumental intro  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $A^{\flat}7sus$   $A^{\flat}7$

Hear our -

**A**

5  $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$   $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$

prayer - O - Lord hea our - prayer O - Lord - - in -

9  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $\emptyset$   $A^{\flat}7sus$   $A^{\flat}7$

cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our

**B**

13  $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$   $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$

prayer O - Lord - hear - our - prayer - O - Lord - - - in -

17  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $A^{\flat}7sus$   $A^{\flat}7$

cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord

Soft piano improvisation during prayer, play intro to cue next response.

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; Sylvester, 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 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.

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, Luz and Dale our clergy; 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, Charles, Kathy, Demetrick, Mary, Bob, and Dale](#).

[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 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](#). 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 Barbara, JoAnna, Jim, Robert, Jim, and Paul](#), who are celebrating their birthdays, and [for Ceci Bruton and Barrett Hess, who have recently received university degrees](#).

### **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**

instrumental intro G<sup>b</sup>maj7 A<sup>b</sup>7sus A<sup>b</sup>7  
Hear our -

**A**  
5 F m7 B<sup>b</sup>m7 F m7 B<sup>b</sup>m7  
prayer - O - Lord hea our - prayer O - Lord - - in -

9 G<sup>b</sup>maj7 ⊕ A<sup>b</sup>7sus A<sup>b</sup>7  
cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - - Lord hear our

**B**  
13 F m7 B<sup>b</sup>m7 F m7 B<sup>b</sup>m7  
prayer O - Lord - - hear - our - prayer - O - Lord - - - in -

17 G<sup>b</sup>maj7 A<sup>b</sup>7sus A<sup>b</sup>7  
cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord - - -

21 ⊕ G<sup>b</sup>maj7 A<sup>b</sup>7sus A<sup>b</sup>7 D<sup>b</sup>maj7  
A - nd Gra - nt - us Thy - Pe - ace - -

Soft piano improvisation during prayer, play intro to cue next response.

**THE PEACE**

Presider Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.  
**People Who breaks down the walls that divide.**  
 Presider The peace of God be always with you.  
**People Praise to Christ who makes us one.**

MUSIC AT THE PEACE

Say a Little Prayer

Burt Bacharach

*Please be seated.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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## THE OFFERTORY

Trinity Jazz Ensemble

## 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.**

*The Presider continues:*

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, and gave him the Name which is above every name: At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that he is Lord. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

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 image shows three staves of musical notation for the word "Amen". The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the notes: a half note on G4, a quarter rest, a dotted half note on G4, and a quarter rest. The second staff contains: a half note on G4, a quarter rest, a half note on G4, and a quarter rest. The third staff contains: a half note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on C5, and a half note on C5 with a fermata. The lyrics "A - men," are written below each staff.

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.



1. You a-lone are ho - ly; \_\_\_\_\_ you a-lone are wor - thy; \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. You a-lone are ho - ly; \_\_\_\_\_ you a-lone are wor - thy; \_\_\_\_\_  
 1. Só-lo tú e-res san - to, \_\_\_\_\_ só-lo tú e-res dig - no, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Só-lo tú e-res san - to, \_\_\_\_\_ só-lo tú e-res dig - no, \_\_\_\_\_



— you are filled with splen - dor \_\_\_\_\_ and with awe-some won - der. \_\_\_\_\_  
 — you are filled with splen - dor \_\_\_\_\_ and with awe-some won - der. \_\_\_\_\_  
 — tú e - res her - mo - so \_\_\_\_\_ y ma - ra - vi - llo - so. \_\_\_\_\_  
 — tú e - res her - mo - so \_\_\_\_\_ y ma - ra - vi - llo - so. \_\_\_\_\_



— For our sins you suf - fered, \_\_\_\_\_ died and res - ur - rect - ed, \_\_\_\_\_  
 — Send your Ho - ly Spir - it; \_\_\_\_\_ may it shine up - on us. \_\_\_\_\_  
 — En la cruz mo - ris - te \_\_\_\_\_ y re - su - ci - tas - te; \_\_\_\_\_  
 — De - rra - ma tu Es - pí - ri - tu \_\_\_\_\_ y que tu luz bri - lle; \_\_\_\_\_



— grant - ing us sal - va - tion, \_\_\_\_\_ giv - ing us e - ter - nal life. \_\_\_\_\_  
 — Let your won - drous glo - ry \_\_\_\_\_ with its ra - diance fill this place. \_\_\_\_\_  
 — tú me dis - te vi - da \_\_\_\_\_ y muy pron - to vol - ve - rás. \_\_\_\_\_  
 — que tu glo - ria lle - ne \_\_\_\_\_ aho - ra mis - mo es - te lu - gar. \_\_\_\_\_

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Please stand as able.*

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.**

THE 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 upon you and remain with you for ever.

**Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus, Name above all Names

Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful  
 Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord. Em - man - u - el, God is  
 with us, bless - ed Re - deem - er, liv - ing Word.

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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*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.*



**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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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 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 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@imggh.org](mailto:opimpact@imggh.org)



## THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN

May 21, 2023 – Seventh Sunday of Easter, Year A

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

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

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

### Thy Kingdom Come: May 18th–28th

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

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

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

### 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 [andy.durham.321@gmail.com](mailto:andy.durham.321@gmail.com). To Volunteer RSVP [Here](#).

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

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

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

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

### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

#### Sunday, May, 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 Meeting  
12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer  
6:00 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.

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### Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up at [www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/](http://www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/).  
The next available dates: June 4th, 18th, and 25th.



Sign-ups for coffee hour hosts are available, please sign up online to volunteer [here](#).  
Next available dates: August 13th, 20th, and 27th.



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#### Office Hours

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

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



For more information on annual giving visit [2023 Stewardship Campaign](#).







## **Why is there no General Confession in Easter? Explanation by St. George's Church in Ontario, Canada**

You may have noticed that the Confession – the part of the service where we collectively acknowledge that we make mistakes, that we hurt others, that we carry around guilt and doubt and regret, and then we receive God's forgiveness and assurance of healing – is absent during the Easter season. For some, this will feel like a major omission. Human beings are adept at weighing down our lives with feelings of powerlessness and inadequacy, anxiety for our shortcomings, gaping wounds of anger and hurt for how our relationships have been broken. This time in our worship to take stock, to lay down those burdens before God and to be reminded of God's faithfulness to, and love for, us can help many to feel lighter, freer, refreshed.

However, it is the tradition of the ancient church that the Confession is omitted during the season of Easter. It is not that Christians miraculously become perfect people during the seven weeks of Easter and therefore have no need of repentance and absolution. Instead, it is perhaps more appropriate to think of Easter as a rehearsal, a practicing of what a right relationship with God and one another actually looks like.

Whereas Lent is a time for honest and probing self-reflection, intentionality and care in how we use our time and resources, sparseness and restraint, Easter is a time for celebration, celebration of the fullness of God's kingdom, of a reality in which each of us lives in the light and love of God and reflects that light and love in our relationships with one another. In the fullness of God's Kingdom, we are free from the past brokenness and pain of our lives and our relationships are whole and life-giving. In the fullness of God's Kingdom, talk of sin and forgiveness no longer have a place, because we are healed.

We are not there yet. Brokenness and fragility are part of our story. We still look forward to the time when the promises of new life and healing offered on that first Easter morning will be fully realized. And some of us might continue to bring heavy hearts to worship through Easter. Individuals are encouraged to offer before God in prayer any confessions, any needs, any worries, regardless of whether it is Easter or not. However, our *collective* prayer changes at Easter in order that we might, as a community, tell this part of our story: *Christ is risen!* And we have glimpsed the Kingdom of God, where every tear is wiped away, where all hearts are mended, where we join with all of creation in receiving and sharing the good gifts God gives us.

## A HISTORY OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Trinity Episcopal Church of Houston has existed as a house of worship and a center of its community for over a century. As such, it has adapted to the changing nature of the city, as Houston grew from a regional town of approximately 40,000 souls to a dynamic metropolitan giant, the fourth largest city in the United States. With a congregation that grew from a few founding members in the 1890s to several thousand parishioners at its peak, Trinity Church is an example of how spiritual people have contended with the challenges presented during a city's most crucial period of urban development.

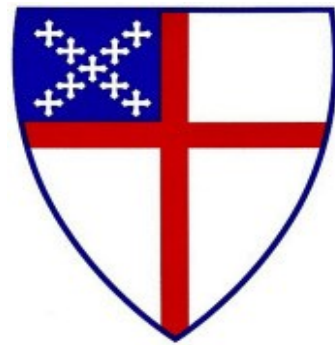
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street and Holman Avenue. That structure, designed by Ralph Adams Cram of Boston and William Ward Watkin of Houston became an architectural landmark constructed in the neo-Gothic style with Texas limestone and a 97 foot bell tower.

During the late 1910s and 1920s, Trinity entered an era of explosive growth, paralleling that of the city, and became an important center of the Episcopal faith. The congregation's many youth and adult activities were community events that attracted wide attention among the general populace. An integral part of its city, Trinity likewise maintained special relationships with Houstonians of other faiths. With a membership numbering 1,900 parishioners in 1930, Trinity emerged as the largest Episcopal parish in the Diocese of Texas and one of the largest in the nation.

After World War II, Houston's growth presented Trinity with perhaps its greatest challenge. As the city physically expanded into the new postwar suburbs, Trinity's membership began to decline. Rather than abandon its historic location, the congregation showed itself to be steadfast. Resurrecting itself from this period, Trinity reaffirmed its mission, this time as a beacon in the inner city where it has become a leading institution in the heart of Houston, determined to enhance the quality of urban life for everyone.

While our neighborhood has gone through many changes, the parish has remained steadfast, and actively ministers to a diverse congregation and to the poor in its midst. As the Midtown Houston neighborhood began redeveloping, starting in the early 2000s, Trinity Church has rededicated itself to its spiritual mission, and has become an active part of the Midtown area for music and other creative art expressions.





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