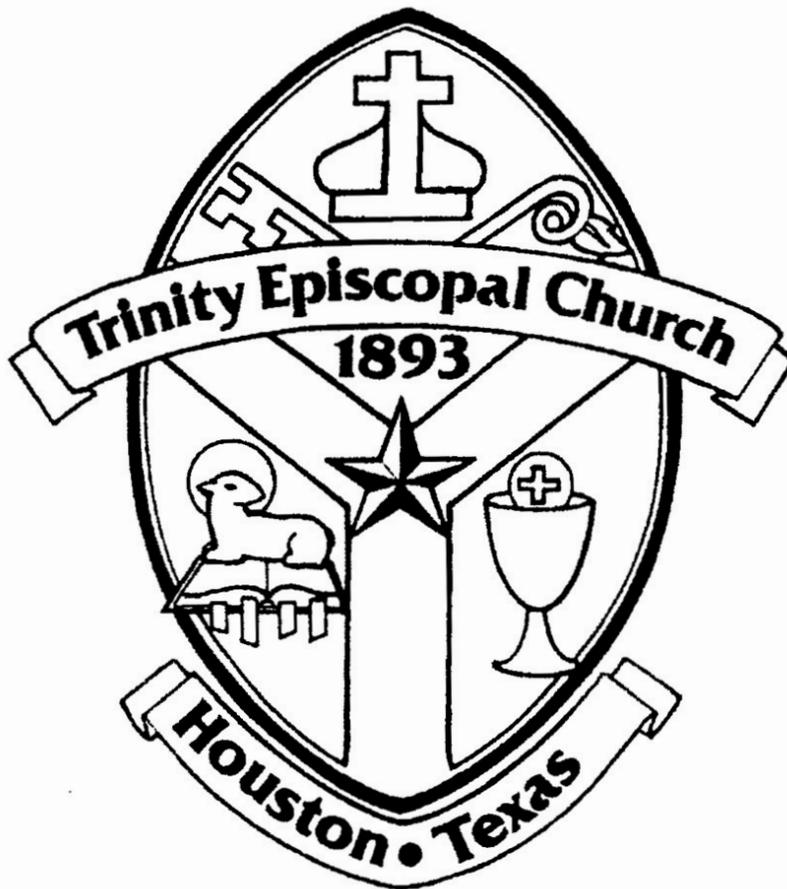


SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 22, 2022
8:00 a.m.



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector
The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Curate
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 this morning. We follow the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to guide our worship. In this leaflet, you'll find everything you need to follow along printed.

Whether you've been attending Trinity your whole life or this is your first time here, we invite you to participate in the service as fully as you feel comfortable doing.

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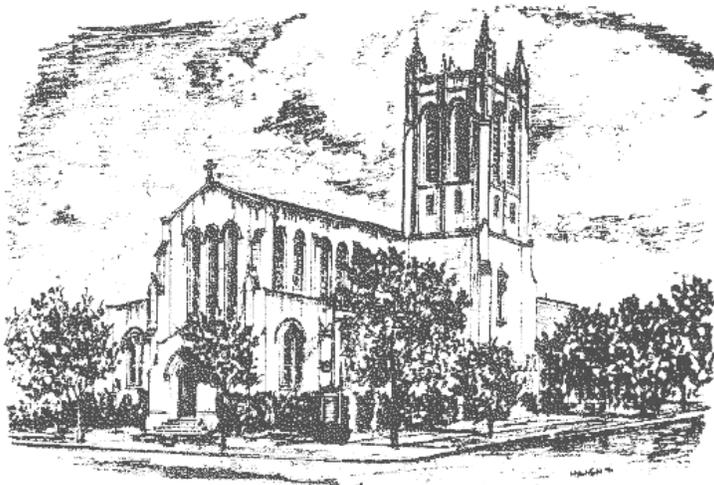
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SERVING TODAY

Reader: Danya Serrano
LEM: Donna Cloteaux
Music: Wendy Wentland, piano
Vestry of the Day: Terri DiRaddo

The Altar flowers are dedicated to Glory of God,



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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand as able.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, page 323

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, page 323

Officiant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 16: 9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 67

Deus misereatur

BCP, page 675

Alternately by whole verse.

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

**2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.**

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

**4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.**

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

**6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14: 23-29

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Reverend Dale Klitzke, Priest Associate

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Wendy Wentland, piano

Please stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, page 326

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

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

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

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

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP, page 328

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world. Almighty and ever-living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Hector, Jeff and Kai, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale our clergy, and for all who minister in this place, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend Melter Tais and the Church of the Province of South East Asia](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [St. Andrew's, Pearland](#); [St. Augustine of Hippo, Galveston](#); [St. Christopher's, League City](#); and [St. George's, Texas City](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Libby Tsubai and the Peace Cranes ministry](#).

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joseph our president, Kamala, our vice-president, Greg our governor, Lina, our county judge, Sylvester our mayor, and the legislatures and courts, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [Bill, Eula, Joyce, Bob, Maribel, Bob, Shelby, Steven, Ada, Jeanette, Stewart, Linda, Mary, Linda, Diane, Susan](#), and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Almighty God, thou lovest all thy children and art a home to those who are in any need or trouble; inspire thy Church with the Spirit of Christ's love, empower us to battle the root causes of homelessness, and help us to live as one with one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. We offer you, O Lord, our prayers of thanksgiving, [especially for Jim, Robert, Jim, Paul, Tony, and John](#) as they celebrate their birthdays.

And we also bless thy Holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [especially Glenda Fielder, Austin Smith, Pa'Trise Chennel Worlds, all who have perished by contracting the Coronavirus, victims of shootings in Buffalo, New York and Orange County, California, and all victims of gun violence](#), beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Celebrant prays the following Collect:

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would protect them. We pray in the Name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

People Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please pass the peace in a socially distanced manner.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see our complete announcements and the Weekly Window at the back of this bulletin.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

BCP, page 340

Please stand as able.

SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant *The Lord be with you.*

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant *Lift up your hearts.*

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant *Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.*

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please stand as able.

The celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, page 336

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

BCP, page 338

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

For the duration of the current pandemic we will continue to offer communion in one kind for those who wish to receive the bread only. Please come forward to receive communion from a priest in front of the altar. If you are partaking of the chalice, please use the hand sanitizer at the end of your pew before approaching the clergy and chalice-bearer. Also, 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.



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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as able.

Presider This Thursday marks the first of eleven days of Thy Kingdom Come from Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday. Each year we are invited to join with tens of millions of Christians around the world, and across all denominations in praying specifically for five people we know personally.

As we wait in silence,

People make us ready for thy coming Spirit.

Presider As we listen to thy word,

People make us ready for thy coming Spirit.

Presider As we worship thee in majesty,

People make us ready for thy coming Spirit.

Presider As we long for thy refreshing,

People make us ready for thy coming Spirit.

Presider As we long for thy renewing,

People make us ready for thy coming Spirit.

Presider As we long for thy equipping,

People make us ready for thy coming Spirit.

Presider As we long for thy empowering,

People make us ready for thy coming Spirit.

**People Almighty God,
thy ascended Son has sent us into the world
to preach the good news of thy kingdom:
Inspire us with thy Spirit
and fill our hearts with the fire of thy love,
that all who hear thy Word
may be drawn to thee,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE BLESSING

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

People Amen

DISMISSAL

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Thank you for worshiping with us this morning.
Please remember to maintain social distancing as you depart*



THE WEEKLY
WINDOW
of TRINITY *The Heart of Midtown*

May 22nd, 2022

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Sunday In-Person Services.

**8:00 am and 12:30 pm are
in the Chapel.**

**10:30 am is held in the
Historic Church. Please
make sure to continue to
mask up and social distance.**

The Sixth Sunday of Easter – Year C

Announcements



Thy Kingdom Come, 11 Days of Intentional Prayer

From Ascension Day, Thursday, May 26, 2022
until Pentecost Sunday, June 5th, 2022

Christians around the globe, from all denominations, are invited to hold as a focus for their prayers a desire for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon them, their friends, and the church. The prayer can be as simple as “Come Holy Spirit” Each person is asked to choose five people to pray for each day as well as to utilize a prayer journal written by the Archbishop of Canterbury and promoted by the Diocese of Texas. I hope that Trinity members will join in prayer, especially for those you personally know who would benefit from reconnecting with our church community.

On Sunday, May 22nd, prayer Journals will be made available for those wishing to participate. Children’s materials will also be available. We will have daily prayers sent out to the entire congregation (our practice during the worst of the pandemic) and you will be able to sign up for daily prayers separate from our regular congregational emails that will continue once these 11 days are over. Trinity has adapted the materials for our specific context but here is the link to the original texts, the prayer journal, and for downloading the app.

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/new-2022>

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, May 22nd, 2022

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:30 am Sunday Meditations (Hybrid via Zoom and in-person Smith room)
- 9:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in Atrium rm 112
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 11:45 am Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall
- 12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III
- 8:00 pm Compline

Monday, May 23rd, 2022

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday, May 24th, 2022

- 10:00 am Yoga with Saba (Zoom)
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday, May 25th, 2022

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting (Youth Room)
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer
- 6:00 pm Healing Service (Zoom)
- 6:30 pm Town Hall meeting
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, May 26th, 2022

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday, May 27th, 2022

- 12:00 pm Listening Post
- 12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting (Youth room)
- 5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, May 28th, 2022

- 2:00 pm Charles Graves and Chris Rojas Wedding

Coffee Hour Sign-up

Back by popular demand, Coffee Hour after the 10:30 am Service has resumed. If you would like to host a coffee hour please sign up in the Fellowship Hall, Online sign up will soon be available

The next available date for sign up is June 26th

Altar Flower Dedications for this week

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God.

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up for a flower dedication by going to

<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/>



Townhall Meeting

Honor With Care: Working Together to Prevent Veteran Suicide and Gun Violence

A National Roundtable Discussion to Equip Faith Communities

On Wednesday, May 25th, 2022

- 6:30pm to 7:00pm– Music
- 7:00pm to 8:00pm– Panel Discussion
- 8:00pm to 8:30pm– Reception

Trinity Episcopal Church, Houston

Community Outreach

Summer is fast approaching, and students will soon be out of school. This break means that some kids will not have the guaranteed daily meals schools provide. Some of you mentioned Kids’ Meals Inc. as a great organization, so here is an opportunity for our Trinity community to support it.

Trinity is participating in Kids’ Meals Inc., 2022 Summer Juice Box Challenge. The youth will help us with creating a collection area in the church so that families can donate in person, but donations can also be made online!

Kids’ Meals Inc. projects to deliver more than 588,000 free, healthy meals to hungry children between June 1 – August 31. Please help us ensure each meal has a 100% juice box by making an online or in-person donation. Visit our personalized page and help us reach our goal.

<https://yougivegoods.com/drive/view/22593>

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, Vivian Kensington, Bob, Theresa, Marvin, Tom, Nick, Ric, Margaret, Livia, Joyce, Gus, Joshua, Sandi, Barbara, Larry, Monica, Carolyn, Sylvia, Danielle, Lynelle, Mary, Leonard, Jim, Elise, Be, Norma, Jeanne, Karen, Susan, Charlee, Austin, Steven, Alice, Barbara, Daniel, Minnie, Jeanette, Eddie, and Emma.

For the faithful departed

Glenda Fielder, Austin Smith, Pa'Trise Chennel Worlds, and all who have perished by contracting the coronavirus and victims of shootings in Buffalo, NY, and Orange County California, and all victims of gun violence.

For our Iona Seminarian

Carrie Hirdes



- 23 Jim Luke
- 24 Robert Snellgrove
- 26 Jim Castro
- 27 Paul Franzetti
- 28 Tony Huffman
- 28 John Escoto



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Gun Violence Prevention, Wear Orange June 3rd, 2022

On January 21, 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, a high school student from the south side of Chicago, marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade. One week later, Hadiya was shot and killed on a playground in Chicago. Soon after this tragedy, Hadiya's childhood friends decided to commemorate her life by wearing orange, the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others.

Wear Orange originated on June 2, 2015—what would have been Hadiya's 18th birthday.

Now, it is observed nationally on the first Friday in June and the following weekend each year. In the years since, participation in Wear Orange has increased tenfold.

In 2022, the 8th National Gun Violence Awareness Day will fall on June 3, the first Friday of the month.

That will kick off Wear Orange Weekend on June 4-5, which will feature virtual and in-person events across the nation.

From the south side of Chicago, to community organizers in Queens, to students around the country, we will come together to wear orange and demand a change.

Trinity Episcopal Church, Midtown Houston will light up the church in orange on June 3rd. This is to raise awareness about the costs of gun violence. Clergy will also wear orange stoles along with the red ones on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th, 2022 and pray for victims of gun violence.

Quick Reminder: If you would like to use space at Trinity, please make sure you contact the front office in advance of wanting to use the space. This Summer will be hosting two outside organizations that will require using a lot of our extra spaces.

If you have any building concerns

please remember to email frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org

about them. Thanks!



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TRINITY MIDTOWN ANNUAL GIVING 2022

For More Information On Our Annual Giving Click [Here](#)

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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