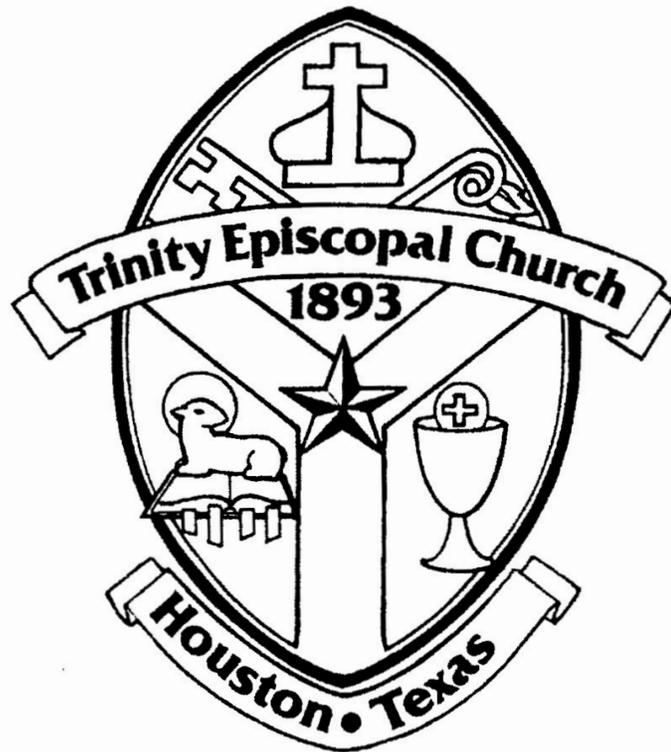


# DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 23, 2021  
12:30 p.m.



*All attending please wear masks and maintain 6 feet social distancing with those not in your household*

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector  
The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Curate  
The Reverend Canon Dr. Henry L. Atkins, Jr., Theologian in Residence

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 this afternoon. 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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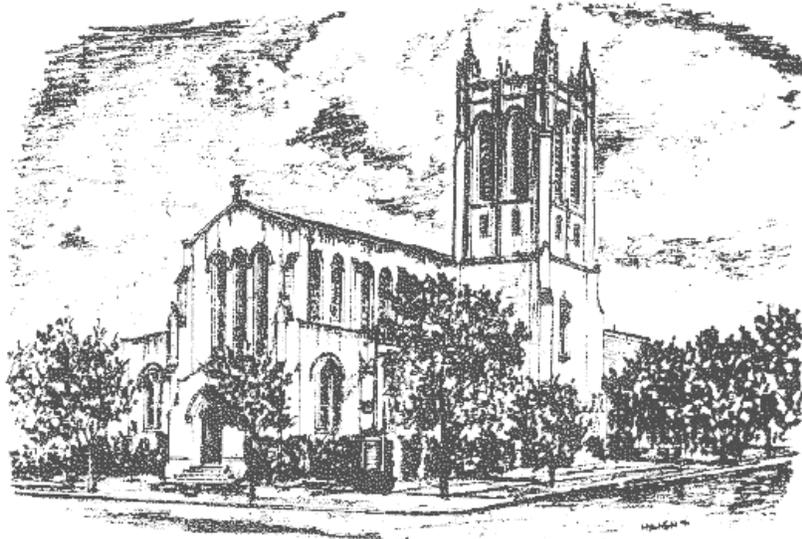
## THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Vocals: April Sloan-Hubert  
Piano: Pelayo Parlade  
Bass: Mike Owen  
Flute, Clarinet: Ernesto Vega

## SERVING TODAY

Readers: Pam and Tim Lawson  
Usher: Andy Durham  
Greeter: Mary Matteucci

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God,  
in thanksgiving for the gift of the Holy Spirit  
and in celebration of Ron Starbuck's birthday



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# The Liturgy of the Word

## INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

## WELCOME

*Please stand as able.*

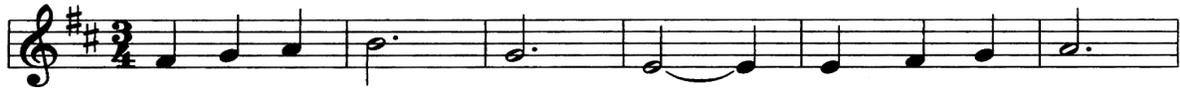
Presider The wind blows where it wills and you hear its sound, but do not know where it comes from or where it is going; so it is with everyone born of the Spirit.

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

Presider Let us worship God.

## OPENING HYMN

## Spirit of God



1. Spir - it of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life  
2. Spir - it of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace  
3. Spir - it of God, bright Hands, e - ven in far -  
4. Spir - it of God, bright Flame, send us in your ho -  
5. Spir - it of God in all, we glad - ly hear



be - gin, blow as you al - ways do; cre -  
and love, heal - ing up - on your wings for -  
off lands you hold all the hu - man race in  
ly name, the pow - er to heal, to share your  
your call, the life in our hands that sings, the



ate us a - new. \_\_\_\_\_ Give us the breath  
all liv - ing things. \_\_\_\_\_ For when we live  
one warm em - brace. \_\_\_\_\_ No mat - ter where  
love ev - ery - where. \_\_\_\_\_ We can - not fail  
power of your wings. \_\_\_\_\_ Born of your grace



to sing, lift - ed on soar - ing wing, }  
your peace, cap - tives will find re - lease, }  
we go, you hold us to - geth - er so, }  
or fall, or know de - feat at all, }  
we rise, love shin - ing in our eyes, }



held in your hands, \_\_\_\_\_ borne on your wings. \_\_\_\_\_



### Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia!



Come, Spir - it, come! \_\_\_\_\_ come! \_\_\_\_\_

## OPENING PRAYER

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

**People** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2: 1-21

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

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

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

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

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

## THE GOSPEL

*Please stand as able*

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

**Presider** The Holy Gospel according to John.

**People** **Praise and glory to God!**

Jesus said, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

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

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

Presider This is the Gospel of Christ.  
**People Praise to Christ, the Word.**

*Please be seated*

SERMON The Reverend 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**

The musical score is written in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. It begins with an instrumental intro. The first system (measures 1-4) has the lyrics "Hear our -". The second system (measures 5-8) is marked with a square 'A' and has the lyrics "prayer - O - Lord hea our - prayer O - Lord - - in -". The third system (measures 9-12) has the lyrics "cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our". The fourth system (measures 13-16) is marked with a square 'B' and has the lyrics "prayer O - Lord - hear - our - prayer - O - Lord - - - in -". The fifth system (measures 17-20) has the lyrics "cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord -". A note at the bottom right of the score reads: "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; Sylvester, our mayor; Lina, our county judge; and for 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 Leonard Dawea and the Anglican Church of Melanesia](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [Grace, Galveston; Holy Trinity, Dickinson; Mosaic Church Plant, Pearland; and St. Andrew's, Pearland](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Savannah Dorsett and the Library ministry](#).

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, Hector, Jeff and Kai, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Henry our clergy.

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**

Let us pray for those in need, and for all teachers and front-line workers who are courageously assisting others during this pandemic.

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, Charles, John, Barbara, Eula, Be, Carol, Phil, Pat, and Kensington](#).

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, [especially John Cloud, all who have perished by contracting the Coronavirus, and all victims of gun violence](#).

Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfillment of your kingdom.

We give you thanks for your servants in every age, especially for these who are celebrating their birthdays: [Jim, Robert, Jim, Paul, Tony, and John](#).

### **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.*

## Final 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  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $A^{\flat}7sus$   $A^{\flat}7$

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.

21  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $A^{\flat}7sus$   $A^{\flat}7$   $D^{\flat}maj7$

A - nd Gra - nt - us Thy - Pe - ace -

### THE PEACE

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

### MUSIC AT THE PEACE

# 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.

## VIRTUAL OFFERING

**Online Giving** is available through AccessACS.

Go to [www.trinitymidtown.org](http://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**. The prompt will ask for a credit card number which can be kept on file for future contributions.

## THE OFFERTORY

April Sloan-Hubert and Pelayo Parlade

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please stand as able.*

Presider The Lord is here.

**People God's Spirit is with us.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

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

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

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

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Let the Church say A - men, let the Church say A - men God has

5  
spo- ken let the Church say A - men

As Christ teaches us, we pray:

**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

*For the duration of the current pandemic we will offer communion in one kind, the bread only. The priest will bring communion to your seat.*



*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 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. Lord I have seen thy sal - va - tion, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord I have seen thy sal -  
 2. Lord I have heard of thy king - dom, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord I have heard of thy



1. va - tion, \_\_\_\_\_ drank of the blood, held the  
 2. pro - mise, \_\_\_\_\_ looked on thy birth, cried at



1. bo - dy, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord I have seen, seen with my eyes, seen with my  
 2. Cal - v'ry, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord I have heard, Lord I have heard, Lord I have



1. heart. Fell on my knees, down at the al - tar, \_\_\_\_\_ bowed down my  
 2. heard.



head, whisp - ered a pray - er. \_\_\_\_\_ Have mer - cy



Lord, I'm not wor - thy, \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ be -



lieve, Yes, I be - lieve, now I am sure.

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

Presider The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the word and works of God, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

People **Amen**

#### CLOSING HYMN Where the Spirit of the Lord Is

Where the Spir-it of the Lord is, there is peace; where the  
Spir-it of the Lord is, there is love. There is  
com-fort in life's dark-est hour; there is light and life, there is  
help and pow-er in the Spir-it, in the Spir-it of the Lord.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The score consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The final system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

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

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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

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# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

of TRINITY *The Heart of Midtown*

The Day of Pentecost – Year B

May 23rd, 2021

## Announcements



**In-Person Services have resumed. Seating is limited due to social distancing guidelines. Register now by clicking [here](#).**

**8:00 am and 12:30 pm will be held in the Chapel, seating per service is limited.**

**10:30 am will be held in the Historic Church, seating per service is limited.**

**Please register for your spot today!**

*Choral Evensong  
Sunday, May 30th, 2021 at 4:00 pm*

*Organ Recital  
Thursday, June 3rd, 2021 at 7:30 pm*

For more information on these events click [here](#)

## This Week at Trinity

### Sunday, May 23rd, 2021

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (live in-person )
- 9:30 am Parenting with Grace (via Zoom)
- 9:30 am Sunday Meditations (via Zoom)
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (live in-person and on Facebook )
- 12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (live in-person and on Facebook )
- 8:00 pm Compline (In Spanish via Zoom)

### Monday, May 24th, 2021

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

### Tuesday, May 25th, 2021

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

### Wednesday, May 26th, 2021

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook
- 6:00 pm Healing Service (via Zoom)
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Pub Theology (via Zoom)

### Thursday, May 27th, 2021

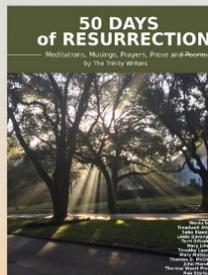
- 1:00 pm TLC (Masterson Room)
- 5:00 pm TLC (Masterson Room)
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

### Friday, May 28th, 2021

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

### Saturday, May 29th, 2021

- 2:00 pm John Cloud Memorial Service



An Easter offering from our Trinity writers can be found [here](#)

## Ongoing

### Daily Scripture and Prayer

Sent by email Monday through Saturday at 9:30 am.

If you are not receiving this, contact Collin Boothby at

[connections@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:connections@trinitymidtown.org)

### Trinity Listening and Caring Support Group

lead by Libby Tsubai is now meeting every Thursday at 1 pm and 5 pm in the Masterson room here at Trinity. Are you stressed? Coping with life transitions, bereavement, caregiver burden, pandemic-related stress, or other issues? Need support? Just want to talk? TLC might be for you!

Click [Here](#) for more information.



## THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

The altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for the gift of the Holy Spirit and in celebration of Ron Starbuck's birthday

If you would like to make a flower dedication for the month of June the following Sundays are available June 6th and June 13th. You can sign up for a flower dedication by clicking [here](#)

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### 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.

Myron, Caroline, Bryan, Allegra, Diana, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Jill, Stephen, Emily, Van, Vivian Jane, Anita, Bob, Theresa, Marvin, Sue, Joe, Ester, Tom, Nick, Ric, Lauren, Margaret, Charles, Gwen, Catalina, Nelda, Christine, Livia, Mike, Daniel, Mark, Victoria, Theresa, Tim, Reagan, Joey, Fred, Cindy, Ron, Joshua, Sandi, Betty, Barbara, Sara, Jonathan, Emily, Cherie, June, Sharon, Stan, Larry, Monica, Gianni, Carolyn, Randy, Van, Andrea, Sylvia, Diana, Aristo, Bob, Danielle, Lynelle, Darren, Buddy, Letha, Mary, Glenda, Richard, Tina, Peyton, Leonard, Jim, Elise, Jocelyn, Reiss, Minnie, and Kensington.

#### For those in our armed services

Will Dahlstrom, Martin Cabello, and Christopher Krenshaw

#### For the faithful departed

John Cloud, victims of gun violence, and all who have perished by contracting the coronavirus

#### For our Iona Seminarian

Carrie Hirdes



Jim Luke

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Jim Castro

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Tony Huffman

John Escoto

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## JUNE 6TH

Collin's Farewell Reception on the Francis Street Lawn at 11:30 am. If you would like to volunteer to help make this event a success please email John Merullo at [rockhopperlad@gmail.com](mailto:rockhopperlad@gmail.com)

### Readings this Sunday

Acts 2: 1-21  
Psalm 104: 25-35, 37  
Romans 8: 22-27  
John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15

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

You may have noticed that the Confession – the part of the service where we collectively acknowledge that we make mistakes, that we hurt others, that we carry around guilt and doubt and regret, and then we receive God's forgiveness and assurance of healing – is absent during the Easter season which ends on the Day of Pentecost. 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.

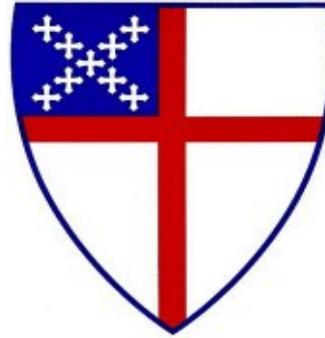
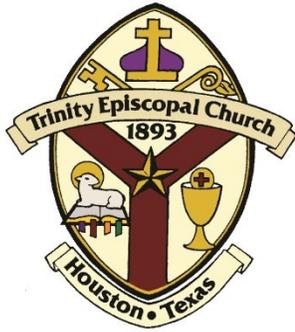
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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