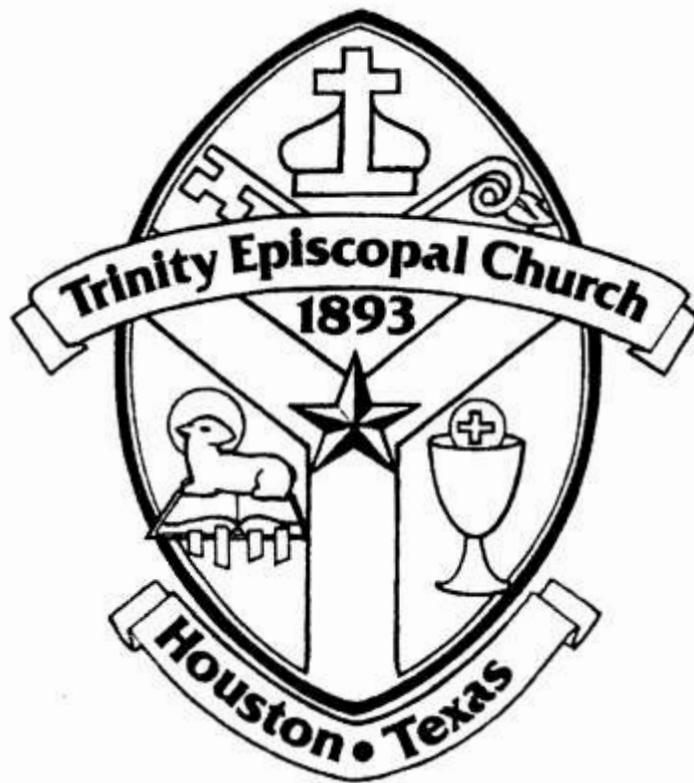


# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

MORNING PRAYER, Rite II

MAY 24, 2020

10:30 a.m.



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

Collin Boothby, Organist and Choirmaster  
April Sloan-Hubert, Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble

***Making God's Presence Real***  
***By Sharing Christ's Life***-Changing Love

# Trinity is 'Beating Strong' for YOU



Beloved Community,

In this time of uncertainty Trinity - the Heart of Midtown - is 'beating strong' for you!

We are maintaining staff and resources (in compliance with current COVID-19 guidelines and orders) to fulfill two priorities:

1. Provide on-going worship and connection via:
  - Telephone check-ins with parishioners from clergy, pastoral care team, and vestry
  - Live streaming services from our historic sanctuary every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
  - Live streaming Evening Prayer every weekday at 5:30 p.m.
  - Daily e-mails containing scripture verse and prayer from the Book of Common Prayer
  - Weekly podcasts ("Inner City Spirit") and video messages
  - Virtual Pub Theology gatherings every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.
  - Virtual access to programs such as Parenting with Grace and Ashes of the Phoenix
  - Pastoral care by telephone, teleconferencing, or in person (with appropriate social distancing)
2. Continue to feed the hungry. Trinity has set up a process to safely distribute sandwiches and bottled water to our homeless community.

Services, virtual ministries, and other resources can be accessed through Trinity's website ([trinitymidtown.org](http://trinitymidtown.org)) and Facebook page. You do not need a Facebook account to access the livestream ([www.facebook.com/trinitychurchhouston](https://www.facebook.com/trinitychurchhouston)). If you need assistance please call 713.528.4100.

If you need pastoral care or counseling please call 713.447.9995 or e-mail [rector@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:rector@trinitymidtown.org).

You mean so much to the Trinity family - you are in our prayers, and in our hearts!

Blessings,

The Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero

# MORNING PRAYER RITE II

10:30 a.m. Historic Church

VOLUNTARY

*Prelude on Hyfrydol*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

## LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE

*Officiant* Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping, those who have died for their country in war; those whom we knew and whose memory especially we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of humankind. They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

*People* We will remember them.

## ONE MINUTE OF SILENCE

*Officiant* When you go home tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow we gave our today.

*The Kohima Epitaph*

Let us pray:

Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* Amen.

## THE OPENING SENTENCE

*BCP, page 76*

*Officiant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
 \*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the  
 \*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scap - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is  
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the  
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of  
 5 scap - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the  
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -  
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a  
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty  
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,  
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our  
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery  
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his  
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the  
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and  
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

BCP, page 80

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*Officiant* Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

*Read in unison.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
 therefore let us keep the feast.  
 Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
 but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
 death no longer has dominion over him.  
 The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
 but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
 So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
 and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
 the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
 For since by man came death, \*  
 by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
 For as in Adam all die, \*  
 so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

*Officiant* Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

*Alternately by whole verse.*

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

- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 1: 6-14

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

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

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.  
*People*     Thanks be to God.

THE SONG OF MARY

*Magnificat*  
*Read in unison.*

BCP, page 91

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*

and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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.

*Officiant* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

YOU ARE GOD

*Te Deum laudamus*  
*Read in unison.*

BCP, page 95

You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal Father:  
All creation worships you.  
To you and all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
**you did not shun the Virgin's womb.**  
You overcame the sting of death

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

**You are seated at God's right hand in glory.**

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

THE THIRD LESSON

John 17: 1-11

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

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

*Officiant* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

THE HOMILY

The Right Reverend Kathryn 'Kai' Ryan, Bishop Suffragan of Texas

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and  
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who  
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

1 how the heav - en - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now  
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and  
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who  
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their  
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

1 hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.  
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

BCP, page 96

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, page 97

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Officiant* Let us pray.  
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.

## THE SUFFRAGES

BCP, page 97

*Officiant* Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
*People* And grant us your salvation.  
*Officiant* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*People* Let your people sing with joy.  
*Officiant* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*People* For only in you can we live in safety.  
*Officiant* Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
*People* And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
*Officiant* Let your way be known upon earth;  
*People* Your saving health among all nations.  
*Officiant* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People* Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
*Officiant* Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People* And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*BCP, page 226*

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

COLLECT FOR THE NATION

*BCP, page 258*

Lord God almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

VIRTUAL OFFERING

Automatic Deductions. You may give online through AccessACS.

For more information about ACS please go to the Trinity homepage ([trinitymidtown.org](http://trinitymidtown.org)) and click on the Give tab at the top right, or contact the Finance Office.

<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.

All hail the power of Jes - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate  
 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the  
 Let ev - 'ry tongue and ev - 'ry tribe re - spon - sive to His  
 O, that with all the sa - cred throng we at His feet may

4  
 fall. Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and  
 fall, hail Him who saves you by His grace, and  
 call, to Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and  
 fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song and

7  
 crown Him Lord of all. Bring forth the roy - al  
 crown Him Lord of all. Hail Him who saves you  
 crown Him Lord of all. To Him all maj - es -  
 crown Him Lord of all. We'll join the ev - er -

11  
 di - a - dem, and crown Him Lord of all!  
 by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!  
 ty as - cribe, and crown Him Lord of all!  
 last - ing song, and crown Him Lord of all!

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

Give wisdom to those who have responsibility and authority in every land, that we may share with justice the resources of the world, and work together in trust.

Let us pray for the Church and its mission.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for the Most Reverend Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Anglican Communion around the world.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer for **St. Luke the Evangelist, Houston; St. Andrew's, Pearland;** and St. Augustine of Hippo, Galveston.

In the ministry cycle of prayer for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Ministry.

We pray for our bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Hector, Jeff and Kai, our Bishops; for Hannah 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.

Comfort and heal, we pray, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble, especially for those we now name: Vivian, Myron, Theresa, Jeannette, Alfredo, Emilia, Stewart, Jacqueline, Nathan, Allison, Livia, Carla, Marcia, Beryl, Samike, Maxine, Andrew, Margaret and Katie.

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, especially Theresa Lee, Richard Mitchell, Bobby Howard and all who have perished by 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 these who are celebrating their birthdays: Robert, Jim, Paul, Tony, John, Catherine, and Gretchen. We also give thanks for new graduates Gabriel Theis and Asia Treadwell.

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.

*Officiant*

Facing the coronavirus, we pray  
for all who mourn their dead  
for the thousands who have contracted the virus  
for all who are quarantined

for those who are stranded away from home  
for those who have lost their employment  
for those who fear the present and the future  
for children who cannot assemble for school  
for teachers dedicated to new ways of teaching  
for parents with needs for child care

for postal workers, farmers, migrant workers, grocery store and restaurant employees, truck-  
ers and delivery drivers and all essential workers who are still needed to serve the public

for physicians, nurses, and home health aides  
for hospitals and clinics  
for volunteers who are serving their communities  
for medical researchers  
for the World Health Organization  
for adequate and wise governmental policies. . .

In your mercy, benevolent God  
*People* Hear our prayer.

#### THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*BCP, page 101*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus  
Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we  
may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to  
your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory  
throughout all ages. Amen.

#### A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

*Officiant* Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to  
make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through  
your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered in his Name you  
will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as  
may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in  
the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 \*3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 See! he shows the prints of love; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

BCP, page 102

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Officiant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all evermore. Amen.

VOLUNTARY

*Festival Postlude on Llanfair*

Albert Travis

# TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER

*The Right Reverend  
Kathryn “Kai” Ryan  
Bishop Suffragan of Texas*



Bishop Ryan is a native of Raton, New Mexico. She graduated from The University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, and earned her Master of Divinity from Seminary of the Southwest in 1992. Her experience includes serving in four dioceses, including at All Saints Church, Austin, and in Mobile, Alabama; working on Provincial Synod and General Convention; participating in the national Gathering of Leaders network for young clergy; and leading the culturally diverse Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Dallas, as rector for nearly 15 years. Ryan, formerly canon to the ordinary of the diocese, was elected bishop suffragan at the 170th Diocese of Texas Council in The Woodlands, Texas, on February 22, 2019.



# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

of TRINITY *The Heart of Midtown*

May 24, 2020

The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Remembrance Sunday)—Year A



**SUNDAY'S GUEST PREACHER**  
*The Right Reverend*  
**Kathryn "Kai" Ryan**  
*Bishop Suffragan of Texas*



## This Week at Trinity Virtual Services

### Sunday, May 24, 2020

- 9:30 a.m. Youth Bible Study (via Zoom)
- 9:30 a.m. Parenting with Grace (via Zoom)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Meditations (via Zoom)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Prayer service (go to Facebook.com/trinitychurchhouston)
- 12:30 pm—Meeting with members of weekly 12:30 Jazz Service (via Zoom)

### Monday, May 25, 2020

- 9:30 a.m. Daily Prayer e-mail
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer on Facebook

### Tuesday, May 26, 2020

- 9:30 a.m. Daily Prayer e-mail
- 11:00 a.m. Yoga with Saba (via Zoom)
- 3:00 p.m. Rector's message on Facebook
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer on Facebook

### Wednesday, May 27, 2020

- 9:30 a.m. Daily Prayer e-mail
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer on Facebook
- 7:00 p.m. Pub Theology (via Zoom)

### Thursday, May 28, 2020

- 9:30 a.m. Daily Prayer e-mail
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer on Facebook

### Friday, May 29, 2020

- 9:30 a.m. Daily Prayer e-mail
- 11:00 a.m. Yoga with Saba (via Zoom)
- 12:00 p.m. Inner City Podcast
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Group (via Zoom)
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer on Facebook

### Saturday, May 30, 2020

- 9:30 a.m. Daily Prayer e-mail

### Daily Scripture and Prayer from the Rector

(if you are not receiving this e-mail, contact connections@trinitymidtown.org)

**Pub Theology** via Zoom  
Contact frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org for link

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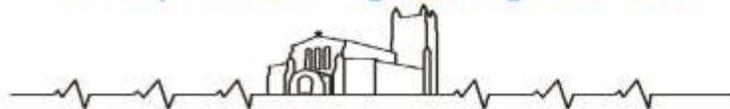
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**Trinity continues its commitment to feed the homeless**— Trinity staff will continue distributing sack meals each weeknight at 5:30 pm, as well as on Sunday mornings. (Individuals shown in photo have granted permission for use of their likeness. Photo: Hannah Atkins Romero)

## Trinity is 'Beating Strong' for YOU



# Prayers

Our custom is to read aloud each week the names of those who are at a turning point and request our prayers. We also remember in our Prayer Chain and Bulletin those who desire ongoing prayers. Please use the pew cards or email to keep us informed. For information or comments about prayer names, please contact the Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero, [rector@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:rector@trinitymidtown.org). If you would like to participate as a member of the prayer chain, please contact Norma Cooper at [normajcoop@aol.com](mailto:normajcoop@aol.com).

*Bob, Myron, Marvin, Caroline, Allegra, Gareth, Jimmie, Tom, Jill, Stephen, Christopher, Barbara, Aurora, Kazi, Emily, Anita, Margaret, Barbara, Penn, Norman, Vivian, Theresa, Jeannette, Alfredo, Stewart, Jacqueline, Nathan, Allison, Emma, Livia, Carl, Marcia, Beryl, Sammie, Maxine, Andrea, Margaret, Katie, victims of violence, all affected by the coronavirus*

**For those in our armed services:**  
*Will Dahlstrom, Martin Cabello and Christopher Krensaw*

**For the faithful departed:**  
*Theresa Lee, Richard Mitchell, Bobby Howard, all who have perished by contracting the coronavirus*

## Happy Birthday!

- Robert Snellgrove      Jim Castro
- Paul Franzetti        Tony Huffman
- John Escoto            Gretchen Hinze
- Catherine Novosad



**The Emergency Aid Coalition needs our help!**



**Fruit still urgently needed!**

If any parishioners are able to find extra fruit or canned goods and are willing to bring it to the EAC Food Pantry, please contact Maian Bryant at 832-859-1065 or Lydia Smyth at 713-240-9992. They depend on their member congregations to support them as they support the community. Thank you for helping feed our vulnerable and valuable friends in need.

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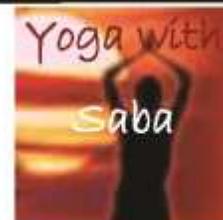
Coming soon—

Trinity Midtown's own YouTube channel!

Details will be posted on Trinity's Facebook page and at [www.trinitymidtown.org](http://www.trinitymidtown.org)



**The Sunday after Ascension Day**

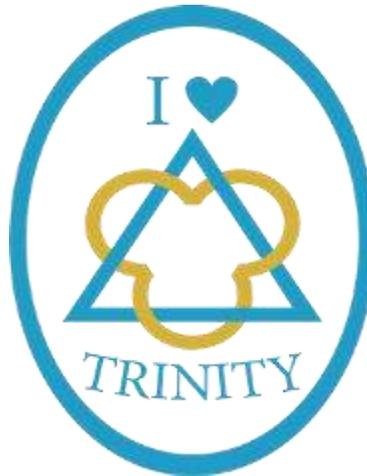


These are stressful times. Give your mind and body a break! Classes are held virtually (via Zoom) on Tues. and Fri. at 11 am and beginning in June, Tues.-Fri. at 11am.

For link, contact [frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org)

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There are many ways to demonstrate our love for Trinity! One way is to make a financial commitment in the form of a completed pledge card. All who do so will receive a beautiful “I Heart Trinity” lapel pin. Remember, no pledge is too small in answering God’s call to give!



There are several payment options for recurring and other pledges, focused giving, honorary gifts, memorials, etc. For assistance and questions please contact the Trinity Finance Office at [finance@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:finance@trinitymidtown.org) or call 713.528.4100.

**Credit Card.** The Finance office can set up a system so your pledge will be charged to your VI-SA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express card.

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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.

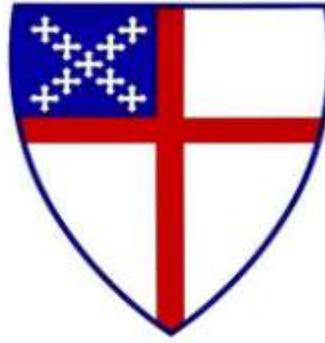
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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