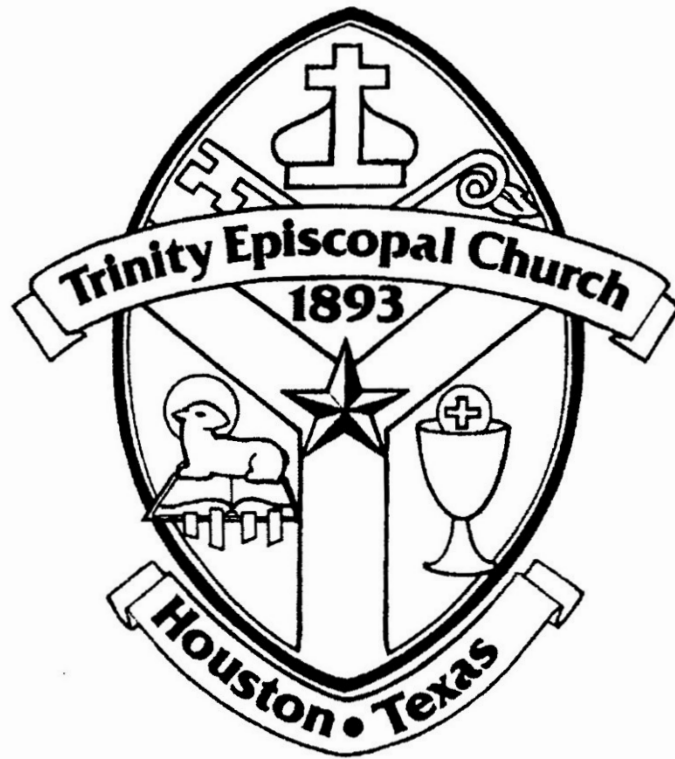


# THE DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 28, 2023

12:30 p.m.



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

April Sloan-Hubert, Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble  
Pelayo Parlade, Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble

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

# WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! We're glad you chose to worship with us. We adapted the liturgy for this service from *A New Zealand Prayer Book* to guide our worship. In this leaflet, you'll find everything you need to follow along printed.

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

If you're looking for a new church home, know that the Trinity family welcomes you. We would also appreciate your filling out a virtual visitors card, which can be accessed at this link:

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## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

- Your children are welcome here at Trinity! First, please relax and enjoy your time here. We know that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it.
- To make things easier for your family, dare to sit closer to the front where your child can see what's going on at the altar. Guide them in the liturgy and be models for them. Help them sing the hymns and encourage them to stand/sit when appropriate, say "Amen" and "Thanks be to God," and generally help them be a part of the service. The liturgy belongs to them too.
- If you have to leave, hurry back! Jesus wants the children here, and we do too. If you need help, just ask. There are many here who are willing to lend you a hand.
- Children's activity and worship bulletins are available for download from our website under the "Worship—Bulletins" tab, or following this link:

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

## VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*

John Escoto, *Junior Warden*

Eric Beam  
Ben Blanding  
Pam Lawson  
Mary Matteucci  
Ann McCoy

John Merullo  
Samantha Rainman  
Gladys Vallés  
David Villarreal  
Michele White

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Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*  
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Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

## THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Vocals: April Sloan-Hubert  
Piano: Pelayo Parlade  
Flute, Clarinet: Ernesto Vega  
Bass: Alfred Kennedy

### GUEST ARTISTS

Joan Hubert  
Barbara Tucker  
Mickey Mosley  
Phillip Hall

### SERVING TODAY

Lector: Marcella Marino  
Prayers: Harold Robertson  
Acolyte: Barrett Hess  
Usher: Lovette Brown  
Audio Visual: Paul Bower  
Online Greeter: Pam Lawson  
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport  
Vestry of the Day: John Merullo

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God



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# The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

WELCOME

*Please stand as able.*

Presider We meet in the presence of God. We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away. They shall not grow old, as we that are left behind grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

**People We will remember them.**

ONE MINUTE OF SILENCE

Presider 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.**

Presider "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me," says the Lord; "and let the one who believes in me drink. For out of your heart shall flow rivers of living water."

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

Presider Let us worship 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 Let us pray.  
Father, you have filled your people with the Spirit who rested first on your Son and united us in your Church; open the channels for your Spirit that we may freely work together, and your kingdom and your rule increase; for the glory of your holy name.

**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 SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another

faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**People Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL *Please stand as able* John 20: 19-23

Presider The Holy Gospel according to John.  
**People Praise and glory to God!**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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

*Please be seated*

SERMON The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

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

Please stand as able

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### Response

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

Hear our -

**A**

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

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

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

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

Let us pray for the preservation of the earth. We give thanks for the beauty and abundance of the earth.

Give us and all peoples grace to live in harmony with your creation, wisdom and generosity in our use of its bounty.

Let us pray for peace and shared prosperity, and for the end of systemic racism that divides us.

We pray for leaders to serve the common good: Give wisdom to those who have responsibility and authority in every land, especially Joseph, our president; Kamala, our vice-president; Greg, our governor; Lina, our county judge; Sylvester, our mayor; and the legislatures, and courts; that we may share with justice the resources of the world, and work together in trust.

### Response

Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, on Anglican Communion Sunday we pray for [the Most Reverend and Right Honorable Justin Welby and the Extra-Provincial Churches](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Keller](#); [St. Mary's, Hillsboro](#); [St. Stephen's, Hurst](#); and [Trinity, Fort Worth](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Alex](#)



[Jones and the Trinity Choir](#). For the peace and unity of the Church of God. We give thanks for the good news of salvation for all people. Strengthen us for our work in the world, empower your Church to proclaim the gospel in service, word and sacrament.

Unite in the truth all who confess your name, that we may live together in love to your glory.

Let us pray for ourselves and our community. We give thanks for the fellowship of the communities in which we live and work, especially Trinity Church.

We pray for our bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai (*pronounced "Kaye"*), and Hector, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale our clergy; and for all who minister in this place.

We commend to your keeping ourselves and each other, our families, those with whom we work and learn, our neighbors and our friends. Enable us by your Spirit to live in love for you and for one another.

### **Response**

We give thanks that you are the God who brings mercy and wholeness. Comfort and heal, we pray, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble, especially for those we now name: [Bill, Nick, Charles, Kathy, Demetrick, Mary, Bob, Dale, Kathy, and Harrison](#).

[Heavenly Father, our neighbor has nowhere to call home: help us be aware. Our neighbor needs love and community: help us be active. Our neighbor is crying out for justice: help us be adamant to see an end to homelessness.](#)

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, [especially for all victims of gun violence, and all who have perished from contracting the Coronavirus](#). Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfillment of your kingdom.

We give you thanks for your servants in every age, [especially for Tony, John, Alberto, Catherine, Brent, Dan, and Andy](#), who are celebrating their birthdays.

### **Response**

O God, we who come before you this day are many and diverse, with different needs and desires.

We ask you to accept our thanksgivings, to guide our ways, and to receive our praise. O God, hear the prayers of your people.

*The people may offer their own specific petitions, praises or thanksgivings.*

### **Response**

*The Celebrant prays this concluding Collect:*

*Celebrant* Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought here from many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

MUSIC AT THE PEACE

Say a Little Prayer

Burt Bacharach

*Please be seated.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

## The Liturgy of the Table

*Please be seated.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

OFFERING

**Online Giving** is available through AccessACS.

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THE OFFERTORY

Trinity Jazz Ensemble

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please stand as able.*

Presider The Lord is here.  
**People God's Spirit is with us.**  
 Presider Lift up your hearts.  
**People We lift them to the Lord.**  
 Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

*The Presider continues:*

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

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your Holy and life-giving 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,

A - men, A - men,  
A - men, A - men,  
A - men, A - men, A - men.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.  
 Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**People We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.  
 Alleluia, alleluia.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

*Please come forward to receive communion from a priest in front of the altar. If you wish to partake of the chalice, you may do so by intinction. Intinction is done by dipping a host into the wine, and is completely optional. If you prefer, it is perfectly fine to continue receiving the host only. If you are unable to come forward for communion, it will be brought to you in your pew.*



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

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! — O what a  
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, — Vi - sions of  
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, — I in my

1. fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! — Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of  
 2. rap - ture now burst on my sight; — An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -  
 3. sav - ior am hap - py and blest; — Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

1. God, — Born of His spir - it, washed in His blood. —  
 2. bove — Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. —  
 3. bove, — Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love. —

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, — Prais - ing my

sav - ior all the day long; — This is my sto - ry, this is my

song, — Prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long. —

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Please stand as able.*

Presider Blessed be God who calls us together.  
**People Praise to God who makes us one people.**

Presider Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.  
**People Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.**

Presider Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.  
**People Praise to God who is revealed as love.**

Presider Blessed be God who alone has called us.  
**People Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.**

Presider Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.  
**People Accept our thanks for all you have done.**

Presider Send us now into the world you love.  
**People Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, our Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

**Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Send Out Your Spirit

LEVAS, page 275

Lord, send out your spir - it!

Lord, send out your spir - it!

until Final ending

Lord, send out your spir - it! And re - new the face of the earth.

Final ending.

earth.

### Psalm 104: 25-26, 28-32, 35

25. O Lord, how manifold are your **works!**\*  
in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your **creatures**.
26. Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to **number**,\*  
creatures both small and **great**. *Refrain*
28. All of them look to **you**\*  
to give them their food in due **season**.
29. You give it to them; they **gather** it;\*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good **things**. *Refrain*
30. You hide your face, and they are **terrified**;\*  
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their **dust**.
31. You send forth your Spirit, and they are **created**;\*  
and so you renew the face of the **earth**. *Refrain*
32. May the glory of the Lord endure **forever**;\*  
may the Lord rejoice in all his **works**.
35. May these words of mine **please** him;\*  
I will rejoice in the **Lord**. *Refrain*

THE DISMISSAL

Presider     Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**People       We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Thank you for worshipping with us this afternoon.*

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*We would like to thank Tony Huffman for hosting this morning's coffee hour.  
Please note that August 13, 20, and 27 are open to host (part/all) coffee hour:*

*Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or online.*





# Greater Houston Operation IMpact



*Help us prepare homebound seniors in  
Greater Houston for storm season*

*Registration for  
Volunteer Delivery Teams  
is now OPEN*

Saturday, June 3rd  
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[www.imgh.org/donate/meals/operation-impact-2023/](http://www.imgh.org/donate/meals/operation-impact-2023/)

**Scan the QR code to register as a Volunteer Delivery Team.  
For more information, reach out to [opimpact@imgh.org](mailto:opimpact@imgh.org)**

Saturday, June 3  
Midtown, Houston



## ***Frequently asked questions***

### ***What is a Volunteer Delivery Team?***



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

### ***When should I show up?***



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

### ***How much space do I need in my car?***



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

### ***When do I deliver the meals?***



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

### ***Can I take photos while I am delivering?***



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





## THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN  
May 28, 2023 – Day of Pentecost, Year A

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

### Sunday Services Change! July 2023

Please note that we will move to ONE Sunday morning service for the month of July. We will all meet together at 10:30am in the Historic Church. Music during the service will be a combination of our varied styles. Thank you for your support as we transition to this new schedule for month of July only!

### Children's Programing: New Schedule Begins June 11th

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

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

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

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

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

### Interfaith Ministries Operation Impact: June 3rd 9am-11am

We invite you to come and volunteer with our neighbor, Interfaith Ministries, during their Operation Impact. They will be sending teams to transport shelf stable meals to Meals on Wheels Clients. These clients are elderly residents in our community who are homebound. These meals prepare them in case of a severe weather event during the summer. All are welcome to participate! To register [click here](#).

### Festal Choral Evensong for Trinity Sunday: June 4th, 5:30pm

Join us for our next Choral Evensong in the Historic Church. We will gather for a time of worship, music and prayer.

### Trinity Ministry Fair June 4th

The Ministry Fair is a wonderful way for members and visitors to meet and gather information about the various ministries, committees, mission trips, and educational opportunities that are available within the church. Each ministry will be showcased through the use of a display at a table or booth. Come join us after the 10:30 am service on **June 4th** for coffee hour and fellowship while you discover where God is leading you to serve!

### Pride Parade- June 24th, Volunteers Needed!

Trinity will participate with welcoming Episcopalian churches in the annual Pride Houston parade on June 24 with the theme Queerly Beloved. The float will be prepared in the Trinity parking lot and volunteers are needed. For more information please contact Andy Durham at [andy.durham.321@gmail.com](mailto:andy.durham.321@gmail.com). To Volunteer RSVP [Here](#).

### Ignatian Retreat: June 26th-July 2nd, RUAH Center

This retreat is a guided prayer experience in which the retreatant follows the dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius while listening for God's personal word spoken through Sacred Scripture. Each retreatant will meet with a spiritual director once a day for reflection and spiritual discernment. For more info and to register click [here](#).

### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

#### Sunday, May, 28th 2023

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)  
9:30 am Education Hr for All – Adults in Smith Rm, Tweens in Fellowship Hall, Kids in Atrium  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)  
12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Chapel)  
8:00 pm Compline (Facebook)

#### Monday, May 29th, 2023

Church Closed – Memorial Day

#### Tuesday, May 30th, 2023

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

#### Wednesday, May 31st, 2023

10:30 am Staff Meeting  
12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer  
6:00 pm Healing Service (Zoom)

#### Thursday, June 1, 2023

9:00 am – Elite Summer Camp Begins  
12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

#### Friday, June 2nd, 2023

10:00 am Garden Club  
12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

#### Saturday, June 3rd, 2023

8:30 am Men's Breakfast, Katz Deli

Our Weekly Zoom links can be found at

<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/zoom-with-us/>

### Please Note:

The church hosts two summer camps from June-August. If you need to use a space in the church please make sure you have reserved it prior to your event.

Online Form here:

[www.trinitymidtown.org/book-an-event](http://www.trinitymidtown.org/book-an-event)

Questions:

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



### PRAYERS

Our custom is to read aloud each week the names of those who request our prayers. We also remember in our Prayer Chain and Bulletin those who desire prayers. Please email to keep us informed. For information or comments about prayer names, please contact the Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero. If you would like to participate as a member of the prayer chain, please contact Norma Cooper.

Allegra, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Jill, Stephen, Emily, Van, Dick, Theresa,, Victims of Violence, Ric, Barbara, Livia, Carolyn, Sylvia, Daniel, Kensington, Joyce, Bob, Cristine, David, Robert, Susan, Cindy, Patty, Be, Graham, Dana, Samantha, Harrison, Eugenia, Emilia, Gaby, Evan, Paul, Phil, Florence, and Rick.

#### For the faithful departed:

All victims of gun violence and all who have perished from contracting the Coronavirus.

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\*Please note we will never ask you for money or gifts via email. Scams are circulating again, so please be aware and cautious.

#### Office Hours

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

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

### Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour

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



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



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

## **Why is there no General Confession on Pentecost Sunday? 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, through the Day of Pentecost. 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.

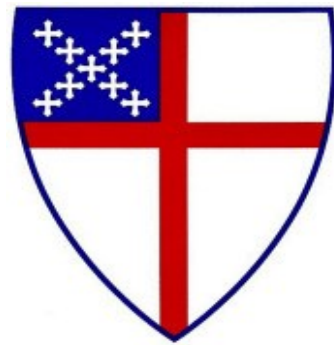
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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