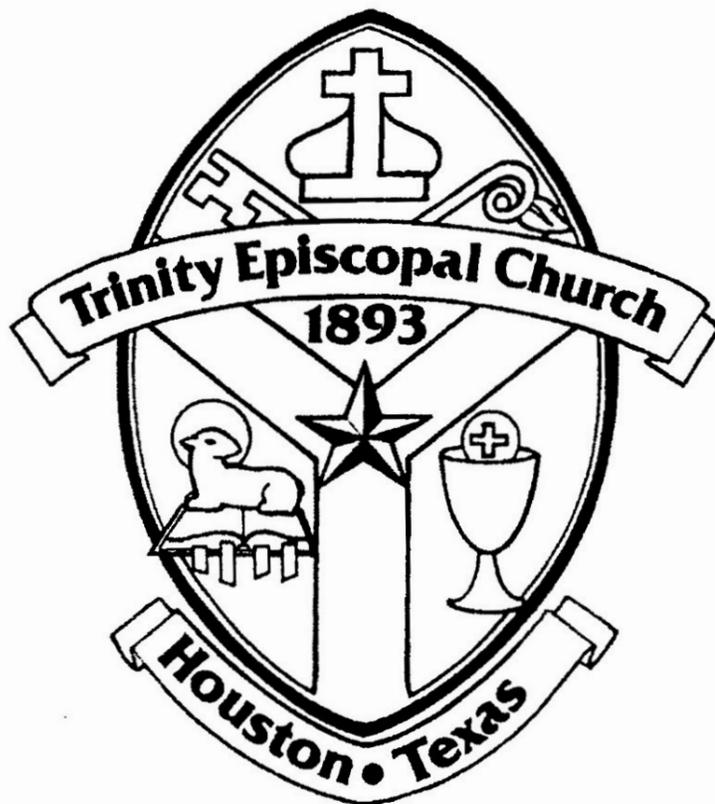


SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 29, 2022
12:30 p.m.



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector
The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Curate
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

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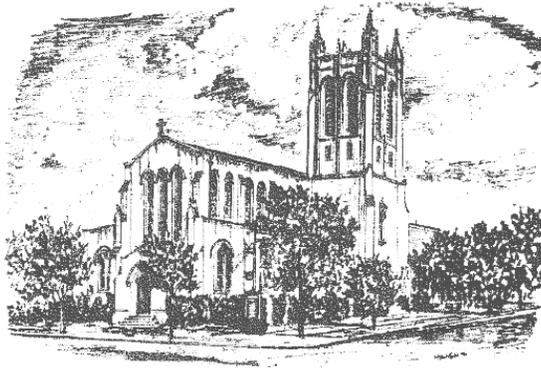
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SERVING TODAY

Acolyte: Angel Williams
Greeter: Sheila Wainwright
Usher: Bob Davenport
Lector: Mary Matteucci
Prayers: David Theis
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The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Please stand as able.

Presider The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice. The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

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

Presider Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

Oh! What a Beautiful City

LEVAS, page 10

Oh! what a beau - ti - ful cit - y, Oh! what a

beau - ti - ful cit - y, Oh! what a beau - ti - ful cit - y,

Twelve gates - a to the cit - y, Hal - le - lu - jah!

2. Fine
jah! 1. There's three gates in - a the East, — three gates — in - a the
2. O, my Lord built - a that day, — that was — just - a fore

1. West; Three gates in - a the North, and three gates in - a the
2. square; wan - ted all - a you sin - ners to meet Him in - a the

1. South, mak - ing it twelve gates - a to the cit - y, a - Hal - le - lu - jah.
2. air, 'Cause He built twelve gates - a to the cit - y, a - Hal - le - lu - jah.
D.C.

OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

Holy God, you feed us with earthly and spiritual food. Deathless, unalterable, you have chosen us, sinful as we are, to hear your word and to proclaim your truth. Alleluia! Make us salt of the earth; make us yeast in the loaf. Praise to you our God; you answer prayer,

People Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 16: 16-34

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

(Continued on page 6)

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words: "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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

THE GOSPEL

Please stand as able

John 17: 20-26

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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^bmaj7 A^b7sus A^b7 Hear our -

A
5 F m7 B^bm7 F m7 B^bm7
prayer - O - Lord hea our - prayer O - Lord - - in -

9 G^bmaj7 A^b7sus A^b7
cline-Thine ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our

B
13 F m7 B^bm7 F m7 B^bm7
prayer O - Lord - hear - our - prayer - O - Lord - - - in -

17 G^bmaj7 A^b7sus A^b7
cline-Thine ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord - - -
Soft piano improvisation during prayer, play intro to cue next response.

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

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

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

We pray for leaders to serve the common good: Give wisdom to those who have responsibility and authority in every land, especially Joseph, our president; Kamala, our vice-president; Greg, our governor; 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

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

Hear our -

A

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

O God our Father, whose beloved Son took children into his arms and blessed them: Give us grace to entrust your beloved children of Uvalde to your everlasting care and love, and bring them fully into your heavenly kingdom. Pour out your grace and loving-kindness on all who grieve; surround them with your love; and restore their trust in your goodness. We lift up to you our weary, wounded souls and ask you to send your Holy Spirit to take away the anger and violence that infects our hearts, and make us instruments of your peace and children of the light. In the Name of Christ who is our hope, we pray.

Response

Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend A. Dharmaraj Rasalam and the Church of South India](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [St. John's, LaPorte](#); [St. Michael's, LaMarque](#); [St. Thomas the Apostle Nassau Bay, Houston](#); and [Trinity, Galveston](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Elmer Romero and the Photography ministry](#). 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, Hector, Jeff and Kai, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale 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

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, Eula, Joyce, Bob, Maribel, Bob, Shelby, Steven, Ada, Jeanette, Stewart, Linda, Mary, Linda, Diane, and Susan.](#)

[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 who have perished by contracting the Coronavirus, victims of shootings in Buffalo, New York; Orange County, California; and Uvalde, Texas; 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: [Alberto, Catherine, Gretchen, Brent, Andy, and Dan.](#)

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 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

Day by Day

Trinity Jazz Ensemble

Please be seated.

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

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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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

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.

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.

In your Son you suffered with us and for us, offering us the healing riches of salvation and calling us to freedom and holiness. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory; at the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that he is Lord.

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.

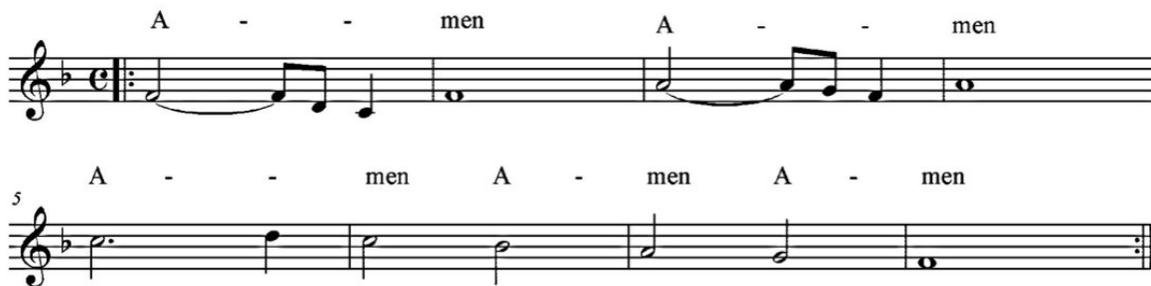
After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

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,



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.**

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 continue to offer communion in one kind for those who wish to receive the bread only. Please come forward to receive communion from a priest in front of the altar. If you are partaking of the chalice, please use the hand sanitizer at the end of your pew before approaching the clergy and chalice-bearer. If you wish to partake of the chalice, you may do so by intinction. Intinction is done by dipping a host into the wine, and is completely optional. If you prefer, it is perfectly fine to continue receiving the host only.



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

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion is prayed by those at home unable to partake of communion in person

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, our souls, and our minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Let the Heaven Light Shine on Me

LEVAS, page 174



Let the heav'n light shine on me, Let the heav'n light shine on
me, for low is the way to the up-per bright world, Let the

heav'n light shine on me. Shine on me, Shine on

me. Let the light from heav'n shine on

A - men, A - men.

me. A - men. A - men. A - men.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as able.

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

As we wait in silence,

People **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

Presider As we listen to your word,

People **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

Presider As we worship you in majesty,

People **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

Presider As we long for your refreshing,

People **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

Presider As we long for your renewing,

People **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

Presider As we long for your equipping,

People **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

Presider As we long for your empowering,

People **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

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

THE BLESSING

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

People **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN Bind Us Together

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that
 can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,
Fine
 bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er in love. ____
 There is on - ly one God, ____ there is on - ly one King; ____
D.C. al Fine
 There is on - ly one bod - y, ____ that is why we sing. ____

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.
 Please remember to maintain social distancing as you depart.*

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THE WEEKLY WINDOW

of TRINITY *The Heart of Midtown*

May 29th, 2022

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Sunday In-Person Services.

8:00 am and 12:30 pm are in the Chapel.
10:30 am is held in the Historic Church. Please make sure to continue to mask up and social distance.

The Seventh Sunday of Easter – Year C

Announcements



Thy Kingdom Come, 11 Days of Intentional Prayer
From Ascension Day, Thursday, May 26, 2022
until Pentecost Sunday, June 5th, 2022

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

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

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

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, May 29th, 2022

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

Monday, May 30th, 2022

Church offices closed for Memorial Day.

Tuesday, May 31st, 2022

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

Wednesday, June 1st, 2022

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

Thursday, June 2nd, 2022

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday, June 3rd, 2022

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

Saturday, June 4th, 2022

- 11:00 am Ana Hillier Memorial Service

Community Outreach

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

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

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

Altar Flower Dedications for this week

The Altar flowers are dedicated to Glory of God, and in Thanksgiving for the marriage of Charles Cornelius Graves, IV and Christopher Michael Rojas

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

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



Join us for
“Unity is Our Strength”
June 9, 2022, 6 pm to 7 pm
Watch on IM’s Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/InterfaithMinistries>



Join us to view the exhibit **Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg** at the Holocaust Museum, Saturday, June 4th at 10:00 am. Tickets can be purchased online at www.hmh.org. For questions email: MaryMatteucci@mh.org

We hope to see you!

Prayers

Our custom is to read aloud each week the names of those who request our prayers. We also remember in our Prayer Chain and Bulletin those who desire prayers.

Please email to keep us informed. For information or comments about prayer names, please contact the Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero.

If you would like to participate as a member of the prayer chain, please contact Norma Cooper.

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

For the faithful departed

All who have perished by contracting the coronavirus and victims of shootings in Uvalde, Tx, Buffalo, NY, and Orange County California, and all victims of gun violence.

For our Iona Seminarian

Carrie Hirdes



- 30 Alberto de la Fuente
- 30 Catherine Novosad
- 30 Gretchen Hinze
- 31 Brent Chambers
- 06/03 Andy DiRaddo
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Gun Violence Prevention, Wear Orange June 3rd, 2022

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

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

Now, it is observed nationally on the first Friday in June and the following weekend each year.

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

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

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

Coffee Hour Sign-up

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

The next available date for sign up is July 3rd

New Summer Office Hours will go into effect on Wednesday, June 1st, 2022. New office hours for the Summer will be the following Monday-Thursday 7 am - 3 pm Friday 7am - 12 pm

If you have any building concerns please remember to email frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org about them. Thanks!



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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.

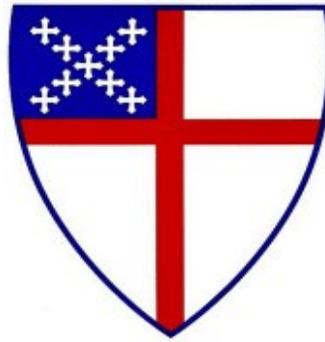
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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