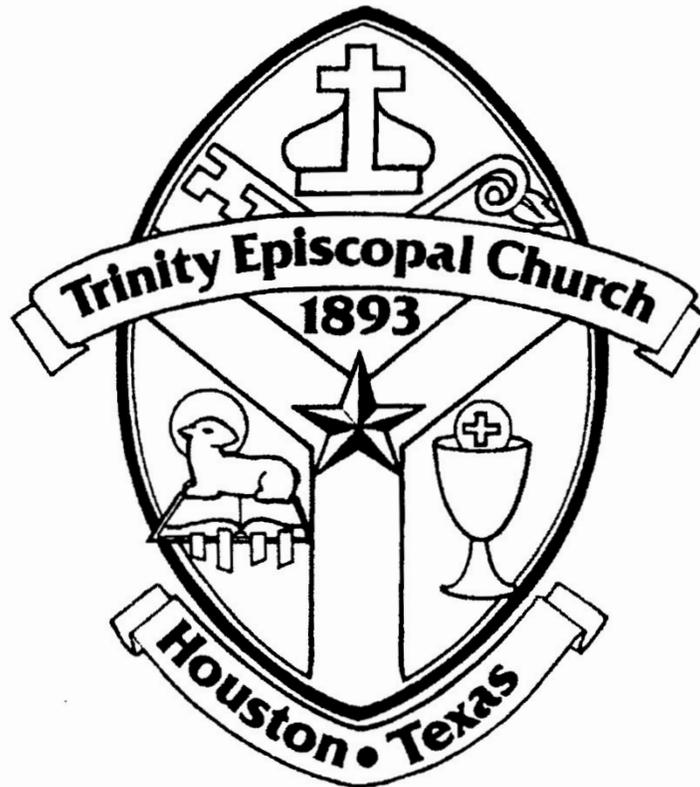


# TRINITY SUNDAY

MAY 30, 2021

8:00 a.m.



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

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

Collin Boothby, Organist and Choirmaster

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

## WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning. We follow the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to guide our worship. In this leaflet, you'll find everything you need to follow along printed.

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

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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## SERVING TODAY

Reader: Toni Longino

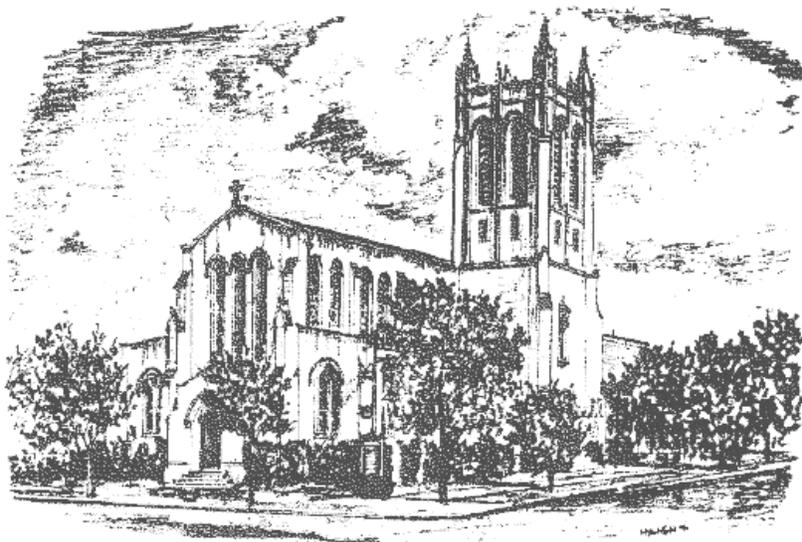
Music: Wendy Wentland, piano

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# HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

WELCOME

### ***The Liturgy of Remembrance***

*Officiant* 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 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

*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 thou hast gathered from the storm of war into the peace of thy 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.**

*Please stand as able.*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*BCP, page 323*

*Officiant*      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People**      **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

**People**      **Amen.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*BCP, page 324*

*Officiant*      Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give you thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see thee in thy one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever.

**People** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 6: 1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.**
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.**
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8: 12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 3: 1-17

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

**People Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God



Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

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

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

Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend Enrique Treviño Cruz and the Anglican Church of Mexico](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [St. Augustine of Hippo, Galveston](#); [St. Christopher's, League City](#); and [St. George's, Texas City](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Jackie Rose and the Trinity Endowment](#).

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

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

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

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor: [Bill, Charles, John, Barbara, Eula, Be, Carol, Phil, Pat, Kensington](#), and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We offer you, O Lord, our prayers of thanksgiving, [especially for Alberto, Catherine, Gretchen, Pat, Mark, Dan, Andy, Carol, and Heston](#) as they celebrate their birthdays.

And we also bless thy Holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [especially John Cloud, Robert Douglas Lyons, Jr., all who have perished by contracting the Coronavirus, and all victims of gun violence](#), beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.  
**Amen.**

## CONFESSION

*Officiant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*Officiant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

### VIRTUAL OFFERING

**Online Giving** is available through AccessACS.

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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 GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

BCP, page 340

*Please stand as able.*

### SURSUM CORDA

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

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

For with thy co-eternal Son and Holy spirit, thou art one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of thee, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please stand as able.*

*The celebrant continues*

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

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

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

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

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

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

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

**People**      **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*BCP, page 336*

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People**      **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*BCP, page 338*

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

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

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



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

*Please stand as able.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*BCP, page 339*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou has prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.  
**Amen.****

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

DISMISSAL  
Officiant  
People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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



# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

of TRINITY *The Heart of Midtown*

Trinity Sunday – Year B

May 30th, 2021

## Announcements



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

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

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

**Please register for your spot today!**

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

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

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

## This Week at Trinity

### Sunday, May 30th, 2021

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (live in-person )

9:30 am Sunday Meditations (via Zoom)

10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (live in-person and on Facebook )

12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (live in-person and on Facebook )

4:00 pm Choral Evensong (live in-person and on Facebook)

8:00 pm Compline (In Spanish via Zoom)

### Monday, May 31st, 2021

**Memorial Day Office is Closed**

5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

### Tuesday, June 1st, 2021

10:00 am Sandwich Makers – Fellowship hall

10:30 am Staff Meeting

5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

### Wednesday, June 2nd, 2021

5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

6:00 pm Healing Service (via Zoom)

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, June 3rd, 2021

1:00 pm TLC (Masterson Room)

5:00 pm TLC (Masterson Room)

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

7:30 pm Organ Recital (live in-person and on Facebook)

### Friday, June 4th, 2021

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

### Saturday, June 5th, 2021

## JUNE 6TH

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

## Ongoing

### Daily Scripture and Prayer

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

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### THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

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### Prayers

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

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

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

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

#### For those in our armed services

Will Dahlstrom, Martin Cabello, and Christopher Krenshaw

#### For the faithful departed

John Cloud, Robert Douglas Lyons Jr., victims of gun violence, and all who have perished by contracting the coronavirus

#### For our Iona Seminarian

Carrie Hirdes



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If you would like to make a flower dedication for the month of June the following Sundays are available June 6th and June 13th.

You can sign up for a flower dedication by clicking [here](#)

#### Trinity Listening and Caring Support Group

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

TLC might be for you!

Click [Here](#) for more information.

### Readings this Sunday



Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalms 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

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## 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.

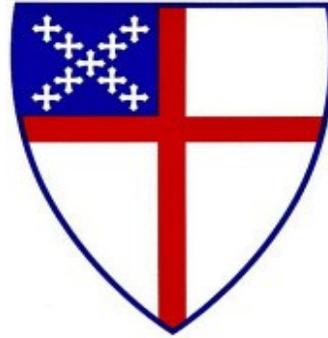
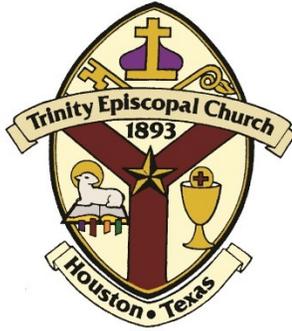
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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