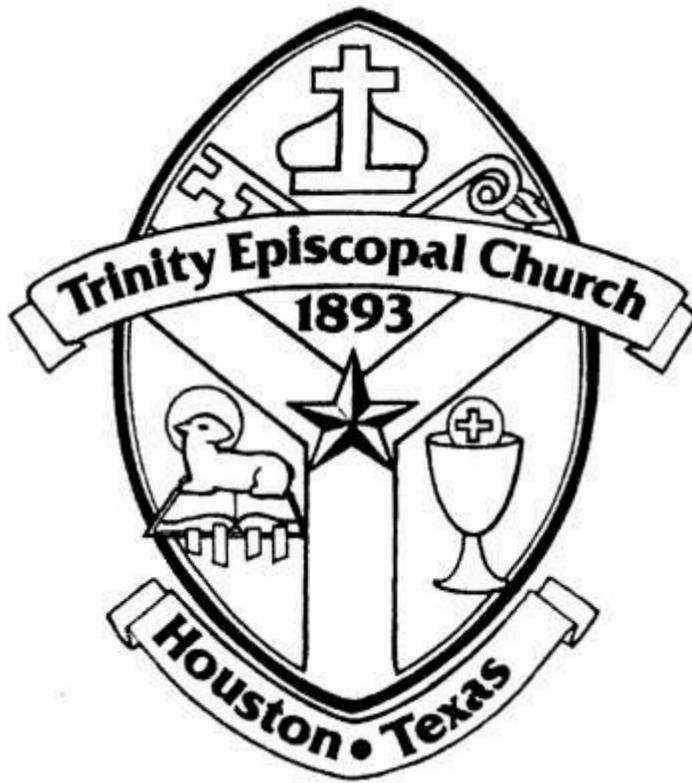


DAY OF PENTECOST

MORNING PRAYER, Rite II

MAY 31, 2020

10:30 a.m.



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

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

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

MORNING PRAYER RITE II
10:30 a.m. Historic Church

VOLUNTARY

Fantasy on "Come, Holy Spirit"

Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME

THE OPENING SENTENCE

BCP, page 76

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN 225

Hail thee, festival day!

Salve feste dies

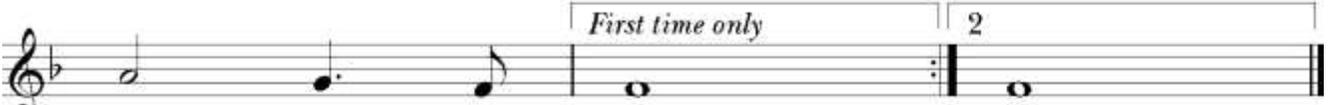
Refrain



Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for



ev - er, day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the



world with God's grace. grace.



1 Lo, in the like - ness of fire, on those who a -
3 Hark! for in myr - i - ad tongues Christ's own, his—



wait his ap - pear - ing, he whom the
cho - sen a - pos - tles, preach to the



Lord fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly, de - scends:
ends of the earth Christ and his won - der - ful works:

2 Forth from the Fa-ther he comes with seven-fold
4 Praise to the Spi-rit of Life, all praise to the

my fount - sti-cal of-fering, pou-ring on all hu-man
of our be-ing, light that dost light-en

Repeat Refrain
souls in-fin-ite rich-es of God:
all, life that in all dost a-bide:

CONFESSON OF SIN

BCP, page 79

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

ABSOLUTION

BCP, page 80

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord
Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

BCP, page 80

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the
beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth: Come let us adore
him. Alleluia.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
 For the Lord is a great God, *
 and a great King above all gods.
 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
 and the heights of the hills are his also.
 The sea is his, for he made it, *
 and his hands have molded the dry land.
 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
 Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Officiant Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

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.
 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, *
 which you have made for the sport of it.
 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.
 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.
 32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
 may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
 he touches the mountains and they smoke.
 34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
 I will praise my God while I have my being.
 35 May these words of mine please him; *
 I will rejoice in the Lord.
 37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
 Hallelujah!
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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 The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SONG OF MARY

Magnificat
Read in unison.

BCP, page 91

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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

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.

Officiant The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE

A Song of Ezekiel

Ezekiel 36: 24-26, 28b

Read in unison.

The Spirit of God fills the whole world.

I will take you from the nations,* and gather you from all the countries.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you,* and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.

A new heart I will give you,* and put a new spirit within you,

And I will remove from your body the heart of stone* and give you a heart of flesh.

You shall be my people,* and I will be your God.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Spirit of God fills the whole world.

THE THIRD LESSON

John 20: 19-23

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."

Officiant The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

1. Come, Ho - ly ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And in our
 2. O Com - fort - er, to thee we cry, Thou heav'n - ly
 3. O Ho - ly Ghost, through thee a - lone, Know we the
 4. Praise we the Lord, Fa - ther and Son, And Ho - ly

1. hearts take up thy rest; Come with thy grace
 2. gift of God most high; Thou fount of life,
 3. Fa - ther and the Son; Be this our firm
 4. Spir - it with them one; And may the Son

1. and heav'n - ly aid To fill the hearts which thou hast
 2. and fire of love, And sweet a - noint - ing from a -
 3. un - chang - ing creed, That thou dost from them both pro -
 4. on us be - stow All gifts that from the Spir - it

1. made, To fill the hearts which thou hast made.
 2. bove, And sweet a - noint - ing from a - bove.
 3. ceed, That thou dost from them both pro - ceed.
 4. flow, All gifts that from the Spir - it flow.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BCP, page 96

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

LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, page 97

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

THE SUFFRAGES

BCP, page 97

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, page 225

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST COLLECT FOR MISSION

BCP, page 100

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

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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.

Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
For when humbly in thy name,
Two or three are met together
Thou art in the midst of them;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of Thee,
That by caring, helping, giving
We may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
We will serve thee faithfully.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

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

Let us pray for the Church and its mission.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for the Most Reverend Leonard Dawea and the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer for **St. Christopher's, League City; St. George's, Texas City; and St. John's, LaPorte.**

In the ministry cycle of prayer for Carl Thompson and the Usher Ministry.

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

We commend to your keeping ourselves and each other, our families, those with whom we work and learn, our neighbors and our friends.

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

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, especially Theresa Lee, Richard Mitchell, Bobby Howard, and all who have perished by contracting the coronavirus. Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfillment of your kingdom.

We give you thanks for your servants in every age, especially for these who are celebrating their birthdays: Pat, Mark, Dan, Andy, Carol, Heston, and Daniel. We also give thanks for new graduates Gabriel Theis and Asia Treadwell.

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

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

Officiant

Facing the coronavirus, we pray

for all who mourn their dead

for the thousands who have contracted the virus

for all who are quarantined

for those who are stranded away from home

for those who have lost their employment

for those who fear the present and the future

for children who cannot assemble for school

for teachers dedicated to new ways of teaching

for parents with needs for child care

for postal workers, farmers, migrant workers, grocery store

and restaurant employees, truckers and delivery drivers,

and all essential workers who are needed to serve the public

for physicians, nurses, and home health aides

for hospitals and clinics

for volunteers who are serving their communities

for medical researchers

for the World Health Organization

for adequate and wise governmental policies. . .

In your mercy, benevolent God

People Hear our prayer.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP, page 101

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

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

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

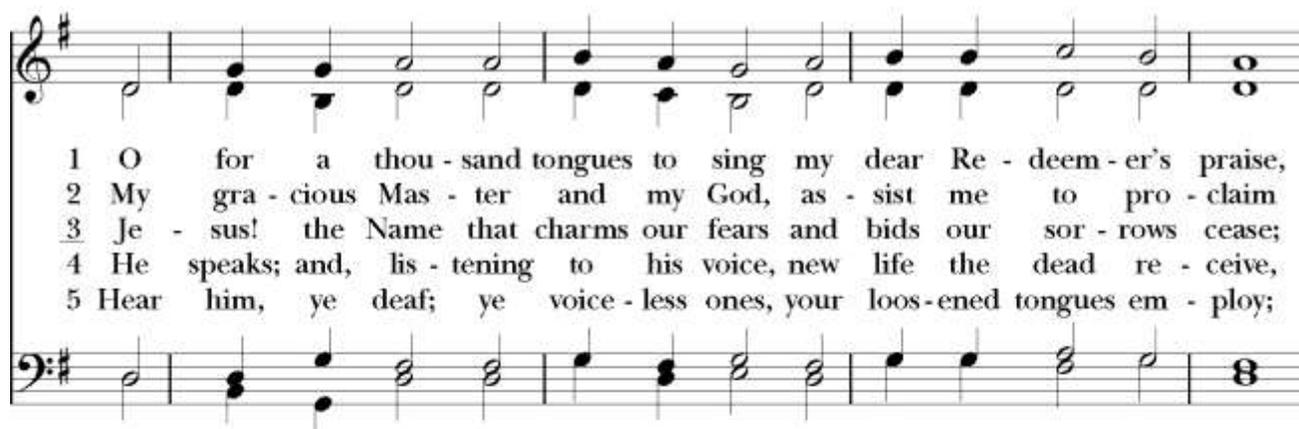
A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

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

CLOSING HYMN 493

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Azmon



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve,
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

DISMISSAL

BCP, page 102

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

VOLUNTARY

Chorale Variations on "Veni Creator Spiritus"

Maurice Duruflé



THE WEEKLY WINDOW

of TRINITY *The Heart of Midtown*

May 31, 2020

The Day of Pentecost—Year A



It's new —

Trinity Midtown's own YouTube channel!

Details will be posted on Trinity's Facebook page and at www.trinitymidtown.org

Visit the Episcopal Diocese of Texas YouTube channel!

Latest messages and Zoom meetings from Bishop Andy Doyle at the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCfb9YQdCPQ&list=PL4Ws0x59lkpeF9QRGBDTgChchEVRXRtZA>

See Bishop Doyle's Guidelines Regarding COVID-19
<https://www.epicenter.org/health-resources/>

This Week at Trinity Virtual Services

Sunday, May 31, 2020

- 9:30 a.m. Youth Bible Study (via Zoom)
- 9:30 a.m. Parenting with Grace (via Zoom)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Meditations (via Zoom)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Prayer service (go to [Facebook.com/trinitychurchhouston](https://www.facebook.com/trinitychurchhouston))
- 11:30 a.m. Virtual Coffee Hour (via Zoom)
- 12:30 pm—Meeting with members of weekly 12:30 Jazz Service (via Zoom)

Monday, June 1, 2020

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

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

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

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

- 9:30 a.m. Daily Prayer e-mail
- 11:00 a.m. Yoga with Saba (via Zoom)
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer on Facebook
- 7:00 p.m. Pub Theology (via Zoom)

Thursday, June 4, 2020

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

Friday, June 5, 2020

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

Saturday, June 6, 2020

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

Daily Scripture and Prayer from the Rector

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

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

Inner City Spirit Podcast at TrinityMidtown.org, click Sermons page *or* on iTunes, access by clicking on "Trinity Episcopal Church Sermons"

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Trinity continues its commitment to feed the homeless— Trinity staff will continue distributing sack meals each weeknight at 5:30 pm, as well as on Sunday mornings.

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Prayers

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

Bob, Myron, Marvin, Caroline, Allegra, Gareth, Jimmie, Tom, Jill, Stephen, Christopher, Barbara, Aurora, Kazi, Emily, Anita, Margaret, Barbara, Penn, Norman, Vivian, Theresa, Jeannette, Alfredo, Stewart, Jacqueline, Nathan, Allison, Emilia, Livia, Carli, Maria, Beryl, Samike, Maxine, Andrew, Margaret, Katie, victims of violence, all affected by the coronavirus

For those in our armed services:
Will Dabstrom, Martin Cabello and Christopher Krenshaw

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

Happy Birthday!

Pat Emerson Mark Yates
Dan Cooley Andy DiRaddo
Carol Wells Heston Hirdes

Daniel Romero-Atkins



The Emergency Aid Coalition needs our help!



Fruit still urgently needed!

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

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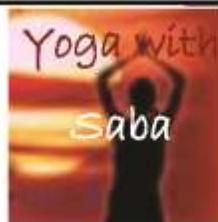
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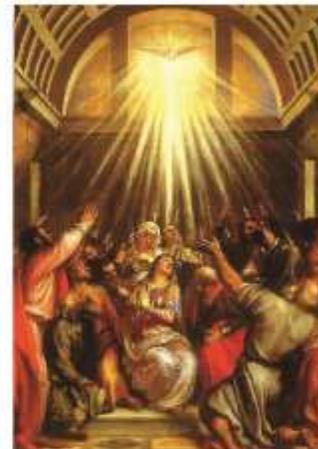


Readings for This Sunday

Acts 2:1-21

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 20:19-23



The Day of Pentecost

A HISTORY OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Trinity Episcopal Church of Houston has existed as a house of worship and a center of its community for over a century. As such, it has adapted to the changing nature of the city, as Houston grew from a regional town of approximately 40,000 souls to a dynamic metropolitan giant, the fourth largest city in the United States. With a congregation that grew from a few founding members in the 1890s to several thousand parishioners at its peak, Trinity Church is an example of how spiritual people have contended with the challenges presented during a city's most crucial period of urban development.

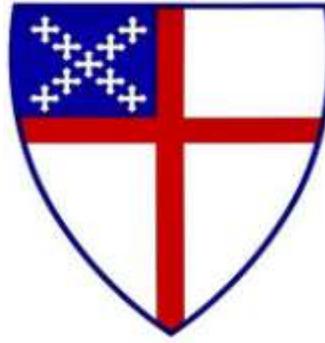
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street and Holman Avenue. That structure, designed by Ralph Adams Cram of Boston and William Ward Watkin of Houston became an architectural landmark constructed in the neo-Gothic style with Texas limestone and a 97 foot bell tower.

During the late 1910s and 1920s, Trinity entered an era of explosive growth, paralleling that of the city, and became an important center of the Episcopal faith. The congregation's many youth and adult activities were community events that attracted wide attention among the general populace. An integral part of its city, Trinity likewise maintained special relationships with Houstonians of other faiths. With a membership numbering 1,900 parishioners in 1930, Trinity emerged as the largest Episcopal parish in the Diocese of Texas and one of the largest in the nation.

After World War II, Houston's growth presented Trinity with perhaps its greatest challenge. As the city physically expanded into the new postwar suburbs, Trinity's membership began to decline. Rather than abandon its historic location, the congregation showed itself to be steadfast. Resurrecting itself from this period, Trinity reaffirmed its mission, this time as a beacon in the inner city where it has become a leading institution in the heart of Houston, determined to enhance the quality of urban life for everyone.

While our neighborhood has gone through many changes, the parish has remained steadfast, and actively ministers to a diverse congregation and to the poor in its midst. As the Midtown Houston neighborhood began redeveloping, starting in the early 2000s, Trinity Church has rededicated itself to its spiritual mission, and has become an active part of the Midtown area for music and other creative art expressions.





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