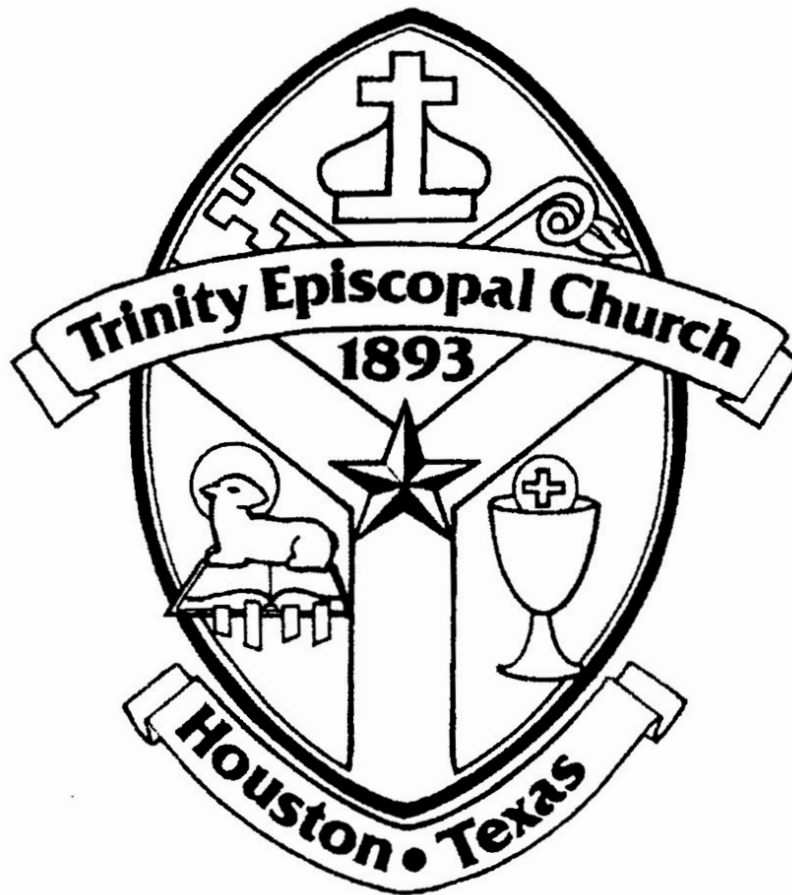


ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

8:00 a.m.



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

Alex Jones, 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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For more information, please visit our website:

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For questions about how to connect with us, please email

plc@trinitymidtown.org

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.

VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*

John Escoto, *Junior Warden*

Eric Beam
Ben Blanding
Pam Lawson
Mary Matteucci
Ann McCoy

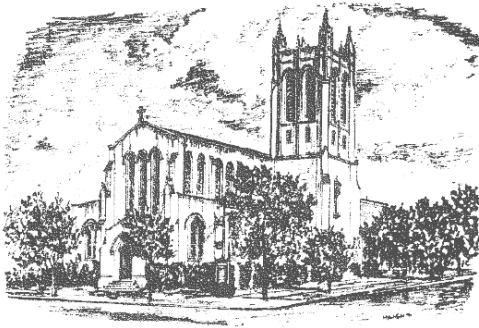
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Samantha Rainman
Gladys Vallés
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Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*
Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

SERVING TODAY

Reader: Ann McCoy
LEM: Donald Hackler
Music: Wendy Wentland, piano
Vestry of the Day: David Villarreal

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God
and in memory of all lives lost by gun violence
and conflicts around the world,
by Yvonne Meyer



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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, page 323

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

People **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Revelation 7: 9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.**
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.**
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.**
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!**
- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**
- 22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 3: 1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5: 1-12

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

(Continued on page 6)

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 [Good Shepherd Indian, Stafford; Holy Comforter, Angleton; and Holy Cross, Sugar Land](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [the ECC Tweens ministry](#).

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, Nick, Kathy, Bob, Dale, Edith, Phil, Graeme, Christopher, Rose, Junetta, Bart, Marie, Donna, Gary](#), and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Almighty God, thou lovest all thy children and art a home to those who are in any need or trouble; inspire thy Church with the Spirit of Christ's love, empower us to battle the root causes of homelessness, and help us to live as one with one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever.

We offer you, O Lord, our prayers of thanksgiving, [especially for Tony, Winnie, Samantha, Caroline, Thomas, Sarah, Michael, and Catherine](#) 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 for the victims of war in Israel and Palestine, the victims of Hurricane Otis in Mexico, all victims of gun violence, and for our loved ones named on our memorial page and in our hearts](#), 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.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see our complete announcements and the Weekly Window at the back of this bulletin.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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.

Go to www.trinitymidtown.org and click the "Give" button on the top right, click:

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VERSE AND RESPONSE AT PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord
People **and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

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.

Who, in the multitude of thy saints, hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us; and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away.

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.***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

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 the priest administering the bread approaches you.

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

Presider The peace of God which passes 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 our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

People Amen

DISMISSAL

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

We would like to thank Benjamin Tallcott and Pat Laubach for hosting this morning's coffee hour.

Please note that Sundays starting October 1 are open to host (part/all) coffee hour. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or online, or scan this QR code:



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY REMEMBRANCES
DEARLY DEPARTED FRIENDS AND FAMILY
OF TRINITY PARISH

Cyndy Allard	Kenneth Davis	Larry Lanning
Joel Marc Androphy	Trayton G. Davis	Clarence Edward Laubach
Bernadette Babin	Jeanne Devine	Mildred Wright Laubach
Carrie Baylor	Goodie DiRaddo	Gladys LeBrón de Vallés
Charlotte Baylor	The Reverend Joseph DiRaddo	Ralph A. Lee
Edward Baylor	Lucille Dittimore	Betty Lou LeGrande
Eva Baylor	Jerome Hamilton Drew	Dylan Michael LeGrande
Leona Baylor	Dick Gauthier	Franklin Royston LeGrande
Paul Baylor	Peggy Gauthier	Pam Jones LeGrande
Percy Baylor	Elma Gilmore	Gerard Lepore
Robert Baylor	Nathaniel Gilmore	Mary Lepore
Erine Blackman	Anna Goza	Rocco Lepore
Michelle Blackman	Beulah M. Gruber	Adolph Lorch
Edna Bradley	Gus A. Gruber	Anna Lorch
Winsor Bradley	Lisa Heino	Graham Lorch
Dennis Braithwaite	Bertha Effingham Lawrence	Howard McLaughlin
Patricia Braithwaite	Newton Davison	Martha McLaughlin
Faye Brown	Annie Laura Heye	Rosa McLaughlin
Hazel Brown	O. W. Heye	Harry G. McMillan
Jacqueline V. Brown	Leon Howard Hubert	Maurine Woolverton McMillan
Darcy Casavant	Barbara Jones	Abdul Mohamed
John Cloud	Robert Jones	Rob Montgomery
Ruby Cooper	Ada Judge	Flora Daniels Monvay
Nicholas Croom	Kenneth Judge	Julius Monvay
Deanie Daggett	Christopher Kaye	Rhonda K. Monvay
Judge Allen Daggett	Keith Kirkpatrick	Margaret Noonan
Berenice Daniels	Jim Kline	Clara Jackson Patrick

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY REMEMBRANCES
DEARLY DEPARTED FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Ina Yvonne Porter	Augusta Daniels Sloan Fowler	Estella Todd
John Porter	Arthur Sloan	Henry Todd
Robert Earl Porter, Sr.	Debbie L. Sloan	Mack Todd
Robert Earl Porter, Jr.	Dorothy Sloan	Harushige Tsubai
Stella Porter	Edwina Sloan	Machie Tsubai
Eleanor Rainman	Gary D. Sloan	Seiji Tsubai
Joseph Rainman	Glenn B. Sloan	Yoko Tsubai
Lucy Rainman	Gus Sloan, Sr.	Yumi Tsubai
Shirley Rainman	Gus Sloan, Jr.	Douglas Turley
Richard Rath	Henry Sloan	Addyebeth Lee Vail
Sandra Rath	Edna Starbuck	Luis Valdes
Marshall Reed	Robert Starbuck	Angel Luis Vallés
Ann Roach	John Stempien	Belén Vallés
Dennis Roach	Gayle Summers	Luis Elias Vallés
Jack Roach	Emily Sumner	Robert L. Washington
Virginia Robertson	Mildred Swayze	Helen Wentland
Robert Rose	Benjamin Jess Todd	Henry Wentland
Héctor Sánchez	Edgar E. Todd	Stephen Wentland
Peyton Schuller	Edmond Todd, Jr.	Charlie Willing
Joanne Sennewald	Ella Todd	





THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN

November 5th, Twenty- Twentieth-third Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

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Sunday In-Person Services

8:00 am and 12:30 pm (Chapel)

10:30 am (Historic Church)

Volunteers Needed on Election Day, Tuesday Nov. 7th

Please help us show our Trinity hospitality this Election Day! Come for a few minutes or hours to welcome voters with water and snacks outside the columbarium gates. You can sign up for a time slot in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Luz will send additional information. Thank you!

Book Launch and Author Event – Thursday, Nov. 9th, 7pm

Join us on November 9th at 7pm as we celebrate Trinity Member, John Merullo's book launch and author event! Behold All The Dwellers Upon Earth is a new fantasy novel. Meet the Brimmer Family as they use their gifts to save the nation and world from a looming threat. We encourage you to pre-purchase your book to bring to the event for signing. Books available at www.brimmerverser.com.

Farmer's Market with Journey Ministry– Sat., Nov. 18th, 11am

The Journey Ministry is getting its gears in motion for another interesting outing! The Journeys ministry seeks to build friendships while exploring the many interesting venues in Houston. In 2022, some of us met at the Houston Museum of African American Culture and later at the Holocaust Museum both very thought provoking experiences. This year, we are planning a trip to Market Square Park Farmer's Market on November 18. We will meet at the venue at 11 am. We will plan to get lunch nearby afterwards. To RSVP please email Mary at mwmatteucci@gmail.com.

Drag Me To Church– December 5th, 6:00pm

We invite you to get your tickets and submit your sponsorships for our excited winter FUNdraiser – Drag Me To Church! This is going to be an evening full of folly, fun, and laughs as we kick-off the holiday season. We are excited to be raising funds for the ministries of Trinity as well as our community partner, The Montrose Center. Seats are limited and the event is for ages 21+ only. Don't delay, reserve your spot today! Visit www.trinitymidtown.org/dmtc to purchase tickets/sponsorships and more information.

2024 Annual Giving Stewardship Campaign Update

Trinity Family we are off to a great start! Let's keep it going so we can celebrate!

We want to remind you that our Giving Goals for this year are 25 New Pledges and 98 Pledges with increased giving. Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to be a part of all the WONDERFUL ministry at Trinity with your financial pledge today.

The Stewardship Committee

[Pledge Here](#)

2024 Annual Giving Stewardship Campaign Goal: \$500,000

Pledge Update as of 11/2/23

Total: \$52,292.00

Total # of Pledges: 17

New Pledges: 4

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, November 5th, 2023

7:30am – 1:30pm Nursery Open

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)

9:00 am Sunday Meditations (Zoom)

9:30 am Education Hour for All

10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)

11:45 am Sandwich makers (Fellowship Hall)

12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Chapel)

8:00 pm Compline (Facebook)

Monday, November 6th, 2023

12:00 pm Yoga w/Saba (Atrium 2)

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday, November 7th, 2023

12:00 pm Listening Post

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday, November 8th, 2023

10:30 am Staff Meeting

12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

6:00 pm Healing Service (Zoom)

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 9th, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

7:00 pm Book Launch Event (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, November 10th, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Saturday, November 11th, 2023

Our Weekly Zoom links can be found at

<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/zoom-withus>



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, Sylvia, Joyce, Bob, Cristine, David, Robert, Susan, Cindy, Patty, Dana, Emilia, Gaby, Florence, Carolyn, Rick, Charles, Harrison, Kathy, Erma, Mary, Chris, Jane, Mark, Eliana, Laura, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Guillermo, Holly, Ray, Larry E., Thomas, and Pete.

For the faithful departed:

The victims of war in Israel and Palestine, victims of Hurricane Otis in Mexico, and all victims of gun violence.

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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.

Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up at www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/.

The next available dates: **November 19th, December 10th and 17th.**



Sign-ups for coffee hour hosts are available, please signup online to volunteer [here](#) or scan QR code below. For questions or further information please click [here](#) to contact Jamie Chambers

Next available dates: **November 12th, 19th, and 26th.**



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

If you have building concerns please email frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org. Thanks!



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BULLETIN INSERTS

November 5, 2023 – All Saints’ Day (A) (tr.)

All Saints’ Day

All Saints’ Day, celebrated November 1 or the nearest Sunday afterward, is characterized by the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) as a Principal Feast, “taking precedence over any other day or observance” (BCP, 15). The day is set aside to remember and commend the saints of God, especially those who are not recognized at other points in the church year.

According to *Holy Women, Holy Men*, in the tenth century, it became customary to recognize on a single day “that vast body of the faithful who, though no less members of the company of the redeemed, are unknown in the wider fellowship of the Church” (*Holy Women, Holy Men*, 664). Over time, the day became associated with special remembrances of an individual’s family and friends.

While several churches abandoned the commemoration during the Reformation, the Feast of All Saints was retained on the Anglican liturgical calendar. All Saints’ Day began to assume the role of general commemoration of the dead: all Christians, past and present; all saints, known and unknown.

Because of the day’s association with the remembrance for the dead, many churches publish a necrology. This reading of the names of the congregation’s faithful departed may include prayers on their behalf. Such prayers are appropriate, as the Catechism reminds us, “because we still hold [our departed] in our love, and because we trust that in God’s presence those who have chosen to serve him will grow in his love, until they see him as he is” (BCP, 862).

The day is often characterized by joyful hymns, including such favorites as “For All the Saints,” “Who Are These Like Stars Appearing,” and “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God.” These hymns share motifs of rest, fellowship, and continued, joyful service to God—salient indeed on this day, as we remember “those of dazzling brightness, those in God’s own truth arrayed, clad in robes of purest whiteness, robes whose luster ne’er shall fade”!



Collect for All Saints’ Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

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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.

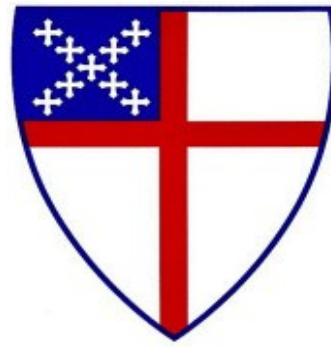
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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