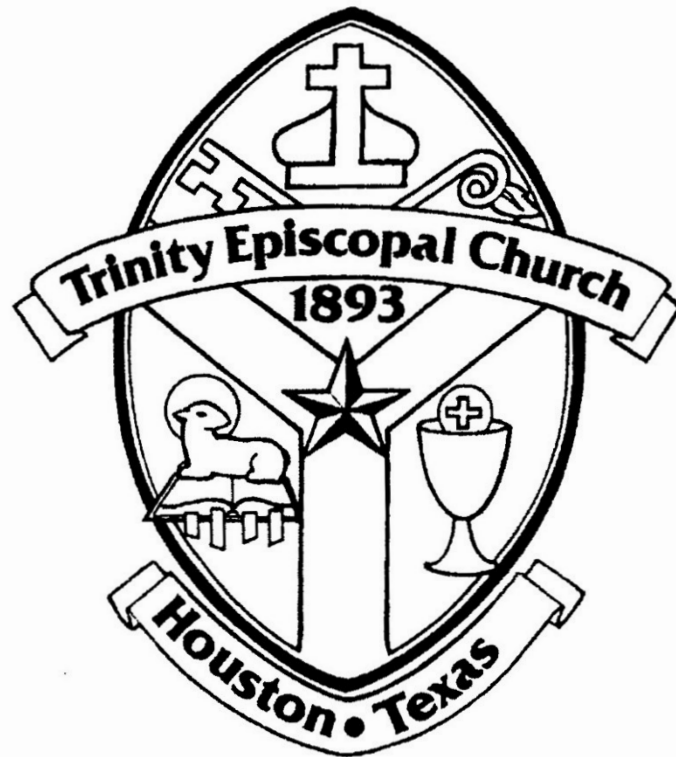


# THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 19, 2023  
12:30 p.m.



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

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

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

## WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

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

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

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

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### A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

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

### VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*

John Escoto, *Junior Warden*

Eric Beam

Ben Blanding

Pam Lawson

Mary Matteucci

Ann McCoy

John Merullo

Samantha Rainman

Gladys Vallés

David Villarreal

Michele White

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Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*

Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*

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Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*

Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*

Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

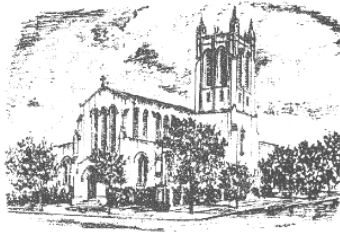
## THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

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

## SERVING TODAY

Lector: Caroline Levander  
Prayers: Harold Robertson  
Acolyte: Linda Davenport  
Usher: Bob Davenport  
Audio Visual: Yvonne Meyer  
Online Greeter: Pam Lawson  
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport  
Vestry of the Day: Ben Blanding

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God  
and in honor of Mary Ann Sanguinetti on the celebration of her birthday  
by Lauren Santerre



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# The Liturgy of the Word

## INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

*Please stand as able.*

Presider Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another:  
Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth  
were born, from age to age you are God.

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

Presider Let us worship God.

## OPENING HYMN

### Give Thanks to the Lord

LEVAS, page 93

Give thanks to the Lord for He is so good, His mer-cy en-

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**Fine**  
ev - er.) 1. To Him a - lone who does might - y won - ders,  
2. He made the sun to gov - ern the day - time,

1. Who by His un - der - stand - ing made the hea - vens.  
2. The moon and stars to gov - ern o'er the night - time. **D.C.**

## OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

We pray you, Jesus, take the old water, our busy conscientious lives, and turn them into gospel wine, that everyone may see your life and thirst; for the glory of your holy Name.

**People Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People Thanks be to God.**

Presider The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**People Praise and glory to God!**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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<sup>b</sup>maj7 A<sup>b</sup>7sus A<sup>b</sup>7

Hear our -

**A**

5 F m7 B<sup>b</sup>m7 F m7 B<sup>b</sup>m7

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

9 G<sup>b</sup>maj7 ⊕ A<sup>b</sup>7sus A<sup>b</sup>7

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

**B**

13 F m7 B<sup>b</sup>m7 F m7 B<sup>b</sup>m7

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

17 G<sup>b</sup>maj7 A<sup>b</sup>7sus A<sup>b</sup>7

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; Lina, our county judge; Sylvester, our mayor; and the legislatures, and courts; that we may share with justice the resources of the world, and work together in trust.

### Response

Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend Stephen Than Myint Oo, and the Church of the Province of Myanmar](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [St. Mary's, West Columbia; St. Paul's, Freeport; St. Thomas', Wharton; and St. Timothy's, Lake Jackson](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Christian Bearup and the Evening Prayer 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, Jeff, Kai (*pronounced "Kaye"*), and Hector, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale our clergy; and for all who minister in this place. We commend to your keeping ourselves and each other, our families, those with whom we work and learn, our neighbors and our friends. Enable us by your Spirit to live in love for you and for one another.

### Response

instrumental intro  $G^b\text{maj}7$   $A^b7\text{sus}$   $A^b7$   
 Hear our -

**A**  
 5  $F\text{m}7$   $B^b\text{m}7$   $F\text{m}7$   $B^b\text{m}7$   
 prayer - O - Lord hea our - prayer O - Lord - - in -

9  $G^b\text{maj}7$   $A^b7\text{sus}$   $A^b7$   
 cline-Thine ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our

**B**  
 13  $F\text{m}7$   $B^b\text{m}7$   $F\text{m}7$   $B^b\text{m}7$   
 prayer O - Lord - hear - our - prayer - O - Lord - - - in -

17  $G^b\text{maj}7$   $A^b7\text{sus}$   $A^b7$   
 cline-Thine ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord \_\_\_\_\_  
 Soft piano improvisation during prayer, play intro to cue next response.

21  $G^b\text{maj}7$   $A^b7\text{sus}$   $A^b7$   $D^b\text{maj}7$   
 A - nd Gra - nt - us Thy - Pe - ace -

We give thanks that you are the God who brings mercy and wholeness. Comfort and heal, we pray, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble, especially for those we now name: [Bill](#), [Nick](#), [Kathy](#), [Bob](#), [Dale](#), [Edith](#), [Phil](#), [Graeme](#), [Christopher](#), [Rose](#), [Junetta](#), [Bart](#), [Marie](#), [Donna](#), [Gary](#), [Carol](#), and [Johnny](#).

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 [Maria Victoria Zubiría Calbetón](#), [D. J. Hayden](#), [Zachary McMillian](#), [Ralph Oragwu](#), [David Nelson](#), the victims of war in Israel and Palestine, 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 [Parker, Phillip, Joe, Ophelia, and Lisa](#), who are celebrating their birthdays.

**Response**

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

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

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

**Final Response**

THE CONFESSION

Presider Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. I will confess my sins to the Lord. I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

God forgives and heals us.

**People We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us; some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.**

Presider God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself.

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

Today

Richard Smallwood

*Please be seated.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## The Liturgy of the Table

*Please be seated.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

OFFERING

**Online Giving** is available through AccessACS.

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## THE 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.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory, in him you made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language, with the whole Church on earth and in heaven, joyfully we give you thanks and say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord,  
 Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

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

Therefore heavenly Father, in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son, we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died,  
 Christ is risen,  
 Christ will come in glory.**

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness, we were far off until you brought us near and our hands are empty until you fill them.

As we eat this bread and drink this wine, through the power of your Holy Spirit feed us with your heavenly food, renew us in your service, unite us in Christ, and bring us to your everlasting kingdom. From you, and through you, and for you are all things. To you be the glory for ever,

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

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

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



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

## 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

Thank You, Jesus, Amen!

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in a 6/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Thank you, Je - sus, a - men! Thank you, Je - sus, a - men! Thank you, Ti - no ten - da, Je - su! Ti - no ten - da, Je - su! Ti - no Je - sus, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! ten - da, Je - su! Ha - le - lu - jah! A - men!"

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Please stand as able.*

Presider Blessed be God who calls us together.

**People Praise to God who makes us one people.**

Presider Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

**People Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.**

Presider Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

**People Praise to God who is revealed as love.**

Presider Blessed be God who alone has called us.

**People Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.**

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

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

THE BLESSING

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. **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.  
People **We go in the name of Christ.**

*Thank you for worshipping with us this afternoon.*

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*Please consider signing up to help livestream this service once a month.  
Training will be provided.*

*We would like to thank everyone who helped with this morning's coffee hour.*

*Please note that Sundays beginning November 26 are open to host (part/all) coffee hour. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or online, or scan this QR code:*







# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN  
November 19th, 2023 – Last Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

Trinity Episcopal Church | [www.trinitymidtown.org](http://www.trinitymidtown.org)  
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**Sunday In-Person Services**  
8:00 am and 12:30 pm (Chapel)  
10:30 am (Historic Church)

## Church Closure– 11/23–11/25

Please note the Church will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday from Thursday November 23rd through Saturday November 25th

## Socks and Undergarment Drive– Nov. 12–Dec 17th

Trinity Youth are sponsoring a Christmas giving drive that will benefit the Covenant House. Please donate new, unopened packages of undergarments and socks. We are collecting male and female sizes: Adult Sm–XXlarge. If donating multiple packages, please provide a variety of sizes. For more information please contact Rev. Luz at [associaterector@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:associaterector@trinitymidtown.org). Thank you!

## Choral Evensong– Nov. 26th, 5:30pm

Trinity Choir presents a special service of Choral Evensong in celebration of the Feast of Christ The King. Come and experience a beautiful, prayerful service of great music ranging from the 16th to the 20th Centuries as we celebrate the end of the liturgical year and the upcoming season of Advent and Christmas.

## Upcoming Advent Dates:

- 12/3: First Sunday of Advent, Advent Wreath Making (Fellowship Hall)
- 12/10: Second Sunday of Advent, St. Nicholas Visit (Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall)
- 12/17: Third Sunday of Advent, Lessons and Carols and Chrismon Tree Dedication
- 12/20: Tidings of Comfort Service (Morrow Chapel, 6pm)
- 12/24: Fourth Sunday of Advent, Epiphany Blessing Kits Available
- 12/24: Christmas Eve Services, 6:00pm (Carols), 6:30pm (Rite II Choral Eucharist), 10:00pm (Carols), 10:30pm (Rite I Choral Eucharist)
- 12/25: Christmas Day, 11am Jazz/Gospel Service
- 12/31: First Sunday after Christmas, 11am Combined Service

Information online at: <https://www.trinitymidtown.org/advent2023/>

## 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. Visit [www.trinitymidtown.org/dmtc](http://www.trinitymidtown.org/dmtc) to purchase tickets/sponsorships and more information.

## 2024 Annual Giving Stewardship Campaign Update

Trintiy we are off to a great start with over half of our goal being pledged! We want to remind you that our Giving Goals for this year are 25 New Pledges and 98 Pledges with increased giving. Let's GO BIG AND GIVE BIG!

### Pledge Here

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

**Pledge Update as of**

**Total: \$263,999.00**

**Total # of Pledges: 56**

**New Pledges: 7**

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

### Sunday, November 19th, 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 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Chapel)
- 8:00 pm Compline (Facebook)

### Monday, November 20th, 2023

- 12:00 pm Yoga w/Saba (Atrium 2)
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

### Tuesday, November 21st, 2023

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00pm The Listening Post
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer
- 6:00 pm Vestry Meeting (Zoom)

### Wednesday, November 22nd, 2023

- 12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

### Thursday, November 23rd, 2023

Closed for Holiday

### Friday, November 24th, 2023

Closed for Holiday

### Saturday, November 25th, 2023

Closed for Holiday

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, Thomas, Barbara, Antrina, Howard Claudie, and Romy.

#### For the faithful departed:

Maria Victoria Zubiria Calbeton, D.J. Hayden, Zachary McMillian, Ralph Oragwu, David Nelson, the victims of war in Israel and Palestine and all victims of gun violence.

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### Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up at [www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/](http://www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/).

The next available dates: December 10th, 17th and 24th.



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 26th, Dec. 3rd and Dec. 10th.



Parker Obregon, Phillip Duncan, Joe Brimberry, Ophelia Humphreys, Lisa Laubach Blissard

#### Office Hours

Monday–Thursday 9 am – 3 pm  
Friday 9 am – 1 pm

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



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**November 19, 2023 – Pentecost 25 (A)**

**Meet Your Episcopal Service Corps Programs: Servant Year, Philadelphia, PA**

Young adults joining Servant Year commit to a year of volunteer local service, as well as a common rhythm of life, spiritual companionship, and asking big questions.

**Spiritual Life**

Community life is shaped by a daily round of prayer. Each community has its own regular pattern for this prayer, established at the start of the year. In addition, worship is a central charism of the Servant Year community. As such, Corps members actively participate in the larger worshipping community of nearby Episcopal Churches: Saint Mark’s or St. James.

For eleven months, Servant Year members form a community within the community of either Saint Mark’s or St. James School, which is larger and more dispersed. It is home to others who live there, and in some ways a home for the people who work, learn, pray, and have fellowship in its broader community. A home is a safe place by definition, and we commit to safeguarding one another’s safety in every reasonable way, primarily by taking responsibility for ourselves and our own actions.



**Volunteering**

Through Servant Year, corps members embody the idea that Christian service begins with the recognition that we are called to service through our baptism, locating all work in response to the echoing command of Jesus to his disciples to “go” and do something! Servant Year members serve either at St. James School or St. Mark’s Church, according to their gifts discerned during the interview process.

Servant Year members receive housing at either St. James School or St. Mark’s Church, in individual rooms. Members also receive a \$600 monthly stipend, and are encouraged to participate in a retirement savings plan in which the program matches member contributions up to \$1,100. Members receive health insurance with no charge to themselves, and the program covers all co-pays for care. A \$5,000 education award to help with student loans or continued education after the program is available to all members. The program also covers travel costs for arrival and departure for the year of service and one trip during the service year. The program also supplies each member with a \$500 clothing allowance at the beginning of the year.

Applications for the 2024-2025 Corps will open December 1. Visit ESC’s website to learn more about Servant Year or to take the ESC Discernment Quiz, [EpiscopalServiceCorps.org](http://EpiscopalServiceCorps.org).

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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.

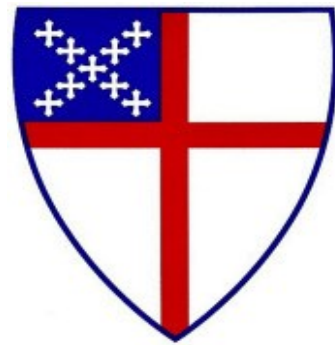
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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