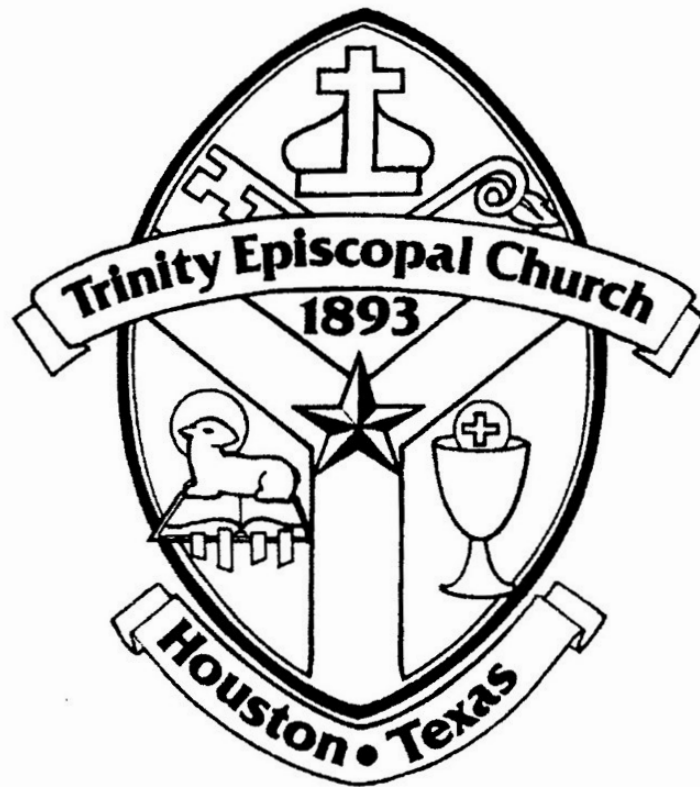


THE REIGN OF CHRIST

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

10:30 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. 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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Children 3yrs through 3rd grade *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* Meets in room 112 at 9:30 a.m. and the children return to their parents at the passing of the peace.

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.
- Each Sunday, your child may pick up a pew activity in the back of the church.
- 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*
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Ben Blanding
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Mary Matteucci
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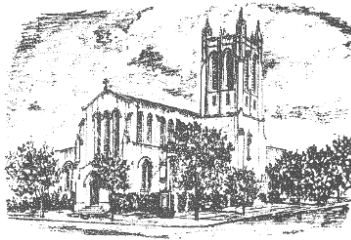
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Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*
Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*
Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*
Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*
Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Lector: Ron Starbuck
Prayers: David Marsh
LEMs: Stan Tubbs, Ron Mailloux
Acolytes: A. Sennewald, S. Chambers, L. Chambers, J. Draper, J. Sennewald
Ushers: Steve Lee, Leah Stasney
Vergers: Christian Bearup
Vestry of the Day: Eric Beam
Altar Guild: Madeline Mauk, Jeanne Sommerfeld, Linda Davenport
Audio Visual: Jeremy Velasquez

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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

10:30 a.m. Historic Church

Please enter in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.

VOLUNTARY

The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand as able.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 494

Crown him with many crowns

Diademata

Descant

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

crown him to whom is given the won - drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now
5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu-man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, page 355

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, page 355

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

People **Amen.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1: 15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



1 Je - sus, our might - y Lord, our strength in sad - ness, —
 2 Good shep-herd of your sheep, your own de - fend - ing, —
 3 Glo - rious their life who sing, with glad thanks-giv - ing, —



the Fa - ther's con - quering Word, true source of glad - ness; —
 in love your chil - dren keep to life un - end - ing. —
 true hymns to Christ the King in all their liv - ing: —



your Name we glo - ri - fy, O Je - sus, throned on high;
 You are your - self the Way: lead us then day by day
 all who con - fess his Name, come then with hearts a - flame;



you gave your - self to die for our sal - va - tion.
 in your own steps, we pray, O Lord most ho - ly.
 the God of peace ac - claim as Lord and Sa - vior.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25: 31-46

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

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Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Associate Rector

Please stand as able.

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

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We invite you to offer any prayers you wish to share in the comment section.

Reader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Reader We pray for Joseph, our president; Kamala, our vice-president; Greg, our
governor; Lina, our county judge; Sylvester, our mayor; and the legislatures,
and courts: For this community, the nation, and the world:

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Reader For the end of systemic racism that divides us; for the just and proper use of
your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Reader For [all women and men, boys and girls who are homeless this day, and for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.](#)

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Reader In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend Henry Ndukuba, and the Church of Nigeria.](#) In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [Ascension, Houston; Christ the King \(Alief\), Houston; and Emmanuel, Houston.](#) In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Joanne Starbuck and the flower ministry.](#) For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

People For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Reader For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai (*pronounced "Kaye"*), and Hector, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale, our clergy; for all who minister in this place; and for all bishops and other ministers.

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those who are on our prayer list: [Bill, Nick, Bob, Dale, Edith, Phil, Graeme, Christopher, Rose, Junetta, Bart, Marie, Donna, Gary, Johnny, Jason, and Yvonne.](#)

Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for [Laurie, Katherine, Israel, Edward, Catherine, Stephen, Jason, and Leah](#) as they celebrate their birthdays.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader We pray for all who have died, [especially for Maria Victoria Zubiría Calbetón, D. J. Hayden, Zachary McMillian, Ralph Oragwu, David Nelson, the victims of war in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine, and all victims of gun violence,](#) that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant offers this concluding Collect:

Loving God, we lift up before you this day all those whose lives have known the pain of sickness and loss due to HIV/AIDS. We pray that each may know your tender and loving presence, and we seek your sustenance for all who offer care and advocate for the needs of others. We pray in your holy name, trusting in the hope that your kingdom might come upon the earth.

CONFESSION

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Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**People Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

Please stand as able.

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.
The children who attended Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will return at this point so that they can participate with their families in the Holy Communion.*

Please be seated.

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see our complete announcements and the Weekly Window at the end 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

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Christ Is Our Corner-stone

Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

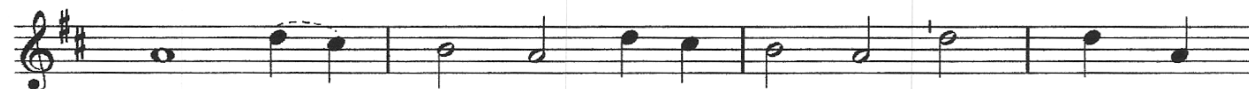
Christ is our corner-stone, on him alone we build;
With his true saints alone the courts of heaven are filled;
On his great love our hopes we place of present grace and joys above.

Here, gracious God, do thou for evermore draw nigh;
Accept each faithful vow, and mark each suppliant sigh;
In copious shower on all who pray each holy day thy blessings pour.

O then with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices will we raise, the Three in One to sing;
And thus proclaim in joyful song, both loud and long that glorious name.



Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



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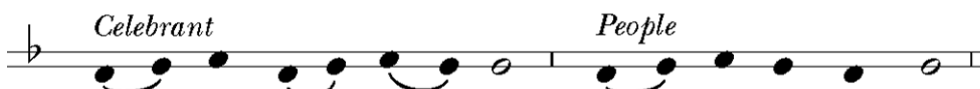
O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

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Celebrant

People

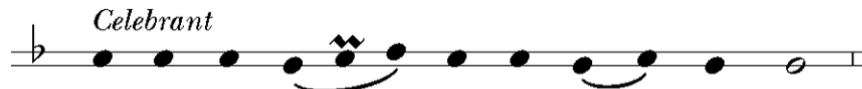
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Celebrant

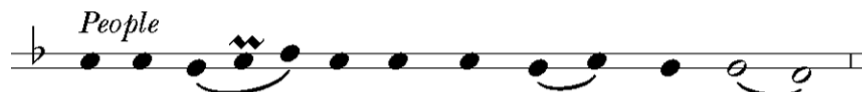
People

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S125

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please stand or kneel, as able.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

AMEN.

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

**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.**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
 sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

AGNUS DEI S166

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on
 us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.
 Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to come participate in Holy Communion. If for any reason you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms across your chest for a blessing.

Our tradition is to receive both bread and wine, sharing in the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips, or you may "intinct" by dipping the wafer into the chalice. If you prefer, you may also receive the bread only: After consuming the wafer, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine.

If you do not wish to "intinct" from the common cup, there will be a third chalice, for intinction only, available in the baptistery. If you wish to partake of this chalice, please proceed to the baptistery after receiving a wafer from the priest.



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.

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 ANTHEM

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Harold W. Friedell (1905-1958)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life!
Such a Way as gives us breath,
Such a Truth as ends all strife,
Such a Life as killeth Death.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart!
Such a Joy as none can move,
Such a Love as none can part,
Such a Heart as joys in love.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength!
Such a Light as shows a feast,
Such a Feast as mends in length,
Such a Strength as makes his guest.

The Celebrant distributes a communion kit saying,

Celebrant On behalf of God and Trinity Parish, we send forth these holy gifts that those who will be visited may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please kneel or stand as able.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Presider Christ make you faithful and strong to do his will that you may reign with him in glory, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. **Amen.**

Please stand as able

HYMN IN PROCESSION 460

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

Hyfrydol

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scap - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of
5 scap - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

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Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

*Those who wish to listen to the closing Voluntary
are invited to come and sit in the Choir.*

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

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*Please join us for Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall
immediately following this service.*

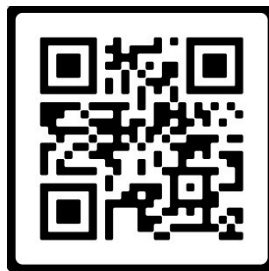
We would like to thank Ben Tallcott for hosting this morning's coffee hour.

*Please note that all Sundays in the new year from January 7 are open
to host (part/all) coffee hour..*

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or online, or scan this QR code:



To order Christmas flowers, please scan this QR code:





THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN

November 26th, 2023 – Last Sunday after Pentecost, Christ the King, Year A

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Sunday In-Person Services

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

10:30 am (Historic Church)

Vestry Nominations – Accepting Submissions until Dec. 31st

The Vestry of Trinity is elected by the congregation to oversee the governance of the church in the areas of finance, facilities, stewardship and the calling of a rector when needed. To serve on the Vestry, one must be at least 18 years of age, a confirmed communicant, regular in worship, a member for at least a year, and a financial supporter of the parish. The nominating committee, which is composed of four outgoing Vestry members, will create a slate of nominees. The election will take place at the Annual Parish Meeting in January 2024. If you think you may be called to this ministry, please reach out to Andy Durham, the Senior Warden of the Vestry at andy.durham.321@gmail.com.

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)
- 12/15: Decorate the Chrismon Tree, 10:30am
- 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, 11 am service
- 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/>

Evensong– Sunday, November 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.

Drag Me To Church – Preview Party and Show

Sunday November 26th at 2pm: Join us for fun, free “preview” of our upcoming Drag Me To Church performance hosted by the Blandings at 6608 Rockbridge Lane. You can also enter the raffle at this event!

Tuesday, December 5th at 6pm: Grab your tickets and sponsorships for our fabulous winter FUNdraiser – Drag Me To Church! 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 to purchase tickets/sponsorships and learn more.

2024 Annual Giving Stewardship Campaign Update

Campaign Goal: \$500,000
Pledge Update as of
Total: \$328,899.00
Total # of Pledges: 73
New Pledges: 7

[Pledge Here](#)

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, November 26th, 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)
- 2:00 pm Drag Me To Church Preview Party (6608 Rockbridge Lane)
- 5:30 pm Evensong (Church)
- 8:00 pm Compline (Facebook)

Monday, November 27th, 2023

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

Tuesday, November 28th, 2023

- 12:00pm The Listening Post
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer
- 6:30 pm Jazz Festival Meeting

Wednesday, November 29th, 2023

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (Weekly)
- 12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer
- 6:00 pm Healing Service (Zoom)
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Pub Theology (Mucky Duck)

Thursday, November 30th, 2023

- 12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)
- 6:30 pm Listening Prayer (Masterson)

Friday, December 1st, 2023

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

Saturday, December 2nd, 2023

- 10:00am Baptism Class (Smith Rm.)

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, Romy, and Carol.

For the faithful departed:

Maria Victoria Zubiria Calbeton, D.J. Hayden, Zachary McMillian, Ralph Oragwu, David Nelson, the victims of war in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine 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: December 10th, 17th and 24th.



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

Next available dates: Jan 7th and 14th.



Happy Birthday!

Laurie Christensen, Katherine Rooney, Israel LaCour, Edward Adams, Catherine Callaway, Stephen Davidson, Jason Fielder, Leah Stasney

Office Hours

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

If you have building concerns please email parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org.



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BULLETIN INSERTS

November 26, 2023 – Christ the King (A) Christ the King Sunday

Today, many parishes within The Episcopal Church celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This feast day falls on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Sunday before the beginning of Advent. The feast is a relative newcomer to the liturgical calendar; it was first instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, when he wrote the encyclical *Quas Primas*. Here, he lays out the different understandings of kingship that Jesus Christ possesses.

Pius XI also explains how Christians ought to live as a result of Christ's kingship: "He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, as instruments of justice unto God." By the 1970s, the Feast of Christ the King had been more or less institutionalized throughout many Christian denominations and was fixed as occurring the last Sunday before Advent.



The lessons for this day support the understanding of Christ as sovereign. Jeremiah writes, "The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land." The Song of Zechariah bridges the seasons beautifully as we hear the prophecy foretelling the ministry of St. John the Baptist, from whom we'll hear more very shortly. The Letter to the Colossians explains, "[The Father] has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." It is only in the Gospel reading that we see the most difficult aspect of Jesus' kingship: "The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'" We remember that Jesus' kingship is not distant and remote in some capital city thousands of miles away. His kingship is not detached nor aloof. No, he reigns for now in the very hearts of the faithful, freeing us and bringing us together under his most gracious rule.

Collect for the Feast of Christ the King

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen (BCP 236).

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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.

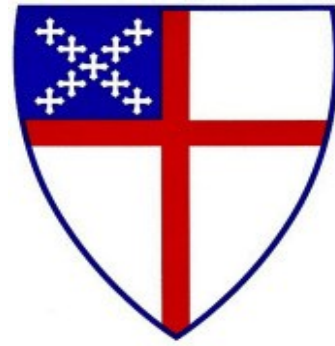
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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