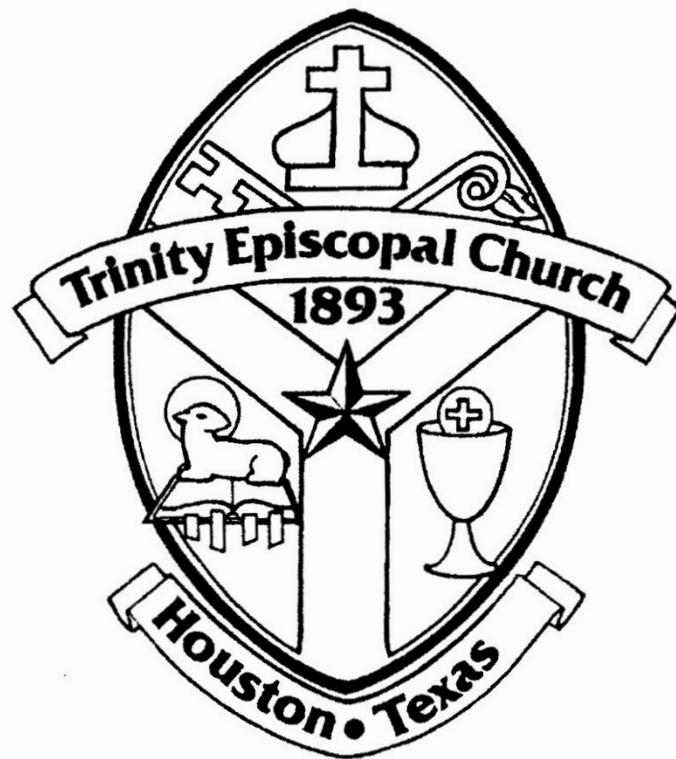


THE REIGN OF CHRIST

NOVEMBER 26, 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.

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- 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

Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*

Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*

Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*

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: Marcella Marino
Prayers: Abby Swearingen
Acolyte: Barrett Hess
Usher: Bob Davenport
Audio Visual: Paul Bower
Online Greeter: Pam Lawson
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport
Vestry of the Day: Eric Beam

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for family and friends
by Donna Cloteaux.

The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of David M. Nelson
by his family



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The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Please stand as able.

Presider Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

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

Presider Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

At the Name of Jesus

1. At the Name of Je - sus Ev - 'ry knee shall bow, _____
2. Hum - bled for a sea - son, To re - ceive a Name _____
3. Bore it up tri - um - phant, With its hu - man light, _____
4. In your hearts en - throne - him; There let him sub - due _____
5. Je - sus, Lord and Sav - ior, Shall re - turn a - gain, _____

1. Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess - him King of glo - ry now; _____
2. From the lips of sin - ners, Un - to whom he came, _____
3. Through all ranks of crea - tures, To the cen - tral height, _____
4. All that is not ho - ly, All that is not true: _____
5. With his Fa - ther's glo - ry O'er the earth to reign; _____

1. 'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure We should call him Lord, _____
2. Faith - ful - ly he bore - it Spot - less to the last, _____
3. To the throne of God - head, To the Fa - ther's breast; _____
4. Crown him as your Cap - tain In temp - ta - tion's hour; _____
5. For all wreaths of em - pire Meet up - on his brow, _____

1. Who from the be - gin - ning Was the might - y Word. _____
2. Brought it back vic - to - rious, When through death - he passed. _____
3. Filled it with the glo - ry Of that per - fect rest. _____
4. Let his will en - fold you In its light - and power. _____
5. And our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now. _____

OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.
Almighty God, the Redeemer of all who trust in you; give heed to the cry of your people, deliver us from the bondage of sin that we may serve you in perfect freedom and rejoice in your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL *Please stand as able* Matthew 25: 31-46

Presider The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
People Praise and glory to God!

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.' 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."

Presider This is the Gospel of Christ.
People Praise to Christ, the Word.

Please be seated

SERMON The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Associate 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 $G^b\text{maj}7$ A^b7_{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 $G^b\text{maj}7$ \oplus A^b7_{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_{sus} A^b7

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 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.

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 $F\text{m}7$ $B^b\text{m}7$ $F\text{m}7$ $B^b\text{m}7$

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

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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, Bob, Dale, Edith, Phil, Graeme, Christopher, Rose, Junetta, Bart, Marie, Donna, Gary, Johnny, Jason, and Yvonne.](#)

[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, Palestine, and Ukraine, 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 [Laurie](#), [Katherine](#), [Israel](#), [Edward](#), [Catherine](#), [Stephen](#), [Jason](#), and [Leah](#), 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

Response

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.

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

Let It Be

Paul McCartney

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

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THE OFFERTORY

Trinity Jazz Ensemble

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. In him we see you, the eternal God, revealing your glory in our flesh, for he is the light of the nations who illuminates our darkness. In him you have 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,

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the word "Amen". The first staff is in 4/4 time and features a melodic line with a long note on "A" and a shorter note on "men,". The second staff continues the melody with another long note on "A" and a shorter note on "men,". The third staff concludes the phrase with a final long note on "A" and a shorter note on "men." with a fermata. The lyrics "A - men," are written below each staff.

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.

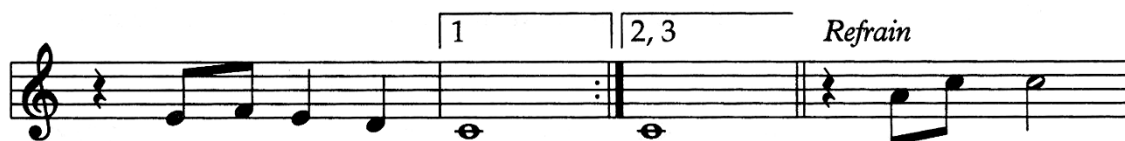
In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, 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.



1. Here is bread, here is wine: }
 2. Here is grace, here is peace: } Christ is with us:
 3. Here we are, joined in one: }



He is with us. { Break the bread; taste the wine:
 Know his grace; find his peace:
 We'll pro-claim till he comes



Christ is with us here. here. In this bread
 Feast on Je - sus here. fied.
 Je - sus cru - ci -



there is heal - ing; in this cup there's life for - ev - er.



In this mo-ment by the Spir-it Christ is with us here.

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 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.**

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful
Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord. Em - man - u - el, God is
with us, bless - ed Re - deem - er, liv - ing Word.

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 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:



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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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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.



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

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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.

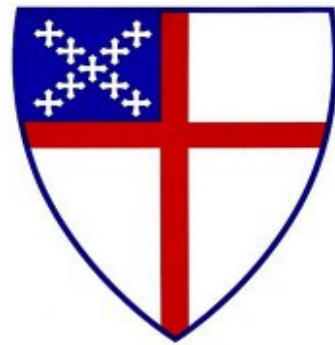
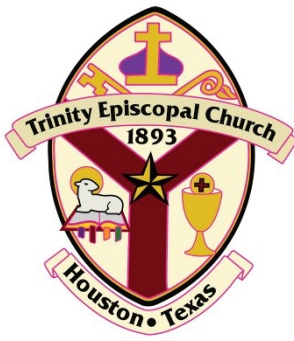
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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