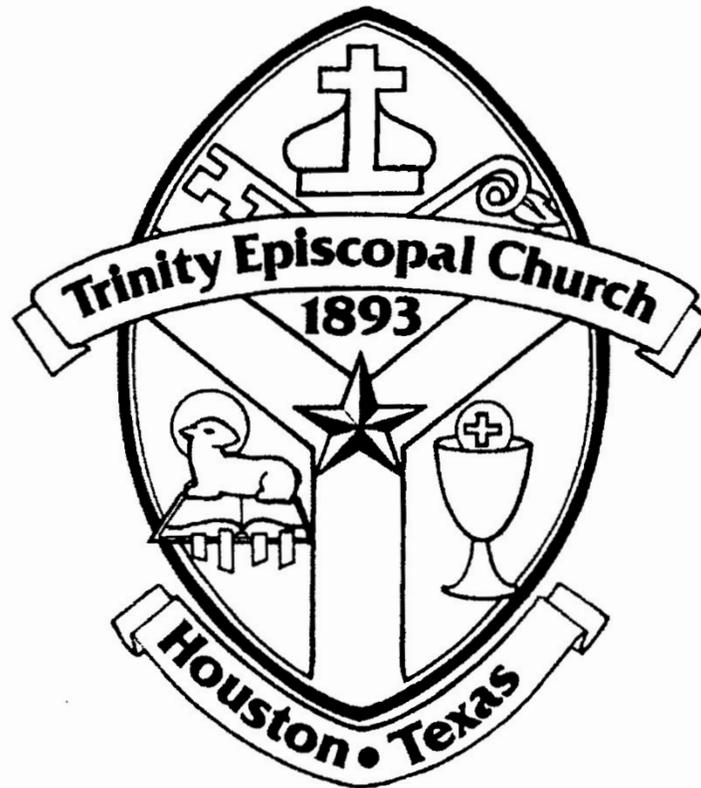


FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

10:30 a.m.



All attending please wear masks and maintain 6 feet social distancing with those not in your household.

Please turn off your WiFi on your cell phones to boost the quality of our livestream. This can be done by putting the phone in Airplane Mode.

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

Alex Jones, Organist and Choirmaster

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

WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning. We follow the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to guide our worship. In this leaflet, you'll find everything you need to follow along printed.

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

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

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Children's activity and worship bulletins are available for download from our website under the "Worship—Bulletins" tab, or following this link:

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VESTRY

Amy Luke, *Senior Warden*
John Escoto, *Junior Warden*

Eric Beam	Andy Durham
Ben Blanding	Pam Lawson
Jim Castro	Ann McCoy
Norma Cooper	David Theis
Terri DiRaddo	Michele White

Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*
Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*
Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*
Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*
Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*
Jim Castro, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*
Gayle Davies-Cooley, *Historian and Archivist*

LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Lector: John Merullo

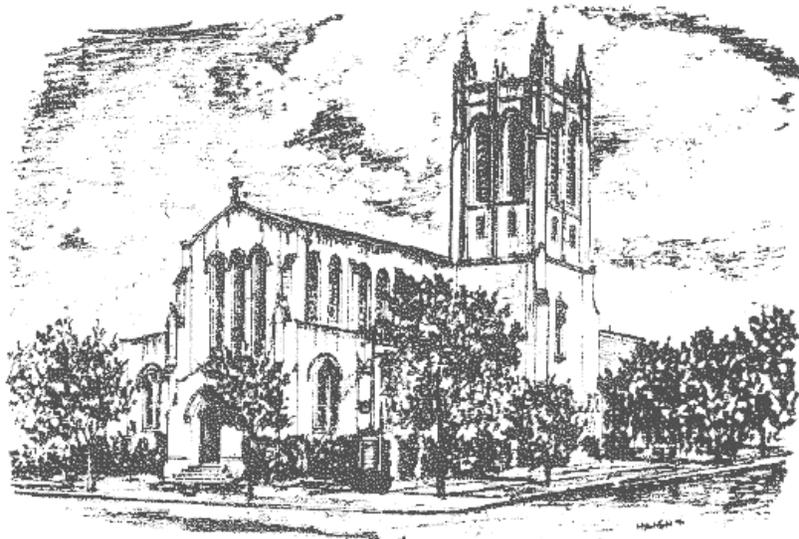
Acolytes: Mary Cloud, J. Bruton, A. Sennewald, J. Sennewald, L. Blanding

Ushers: Ron Mailloux, Elmer Romero

Altar Guild: Alice Davidson, Madeline Mauk, Linda Davenport

Online Greeter: Miguel Stonecipher

The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God,



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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

VOLUNTARY

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659

Johann Sebastian Bach

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Escoto family

Please stand as able.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 66

Come, thou long expected Jesus

Stuttgart

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant 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.**

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.
 Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.
 Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him
 God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly
 God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of
 God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they

barred! Not robbed in roy - al splen - dor, in
 heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who
 God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All
 need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And

power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the
 have not learned to heed the Christ who is the
 things are in his hand, all a - ges and all
 light his yoke shall be, for he would have us

poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!
 Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.
 peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!
 bear it so he can make us free!

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

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Reverend Charles Graves, IV, Canterbury Campus Missioner

Please stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, page 358

**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.

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 Bless Afghanistan, Haiti, and all nations of the world facing tumults and natural disasters, with Christ's gifts of healing and peace. We pray for Joseph our president, Kamala, our vice-president, Greg our governor, Lina, our county judge, Sylvester our mayor, for the legislatures and courts, and 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 Naudal Alves Gomes and the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil. In the diocesan cycle of prayer for Holy Apostles, Katy; Holy Spirit, Houston; and Hope, Houston. In the ministry cycle of prayer for Daniel Romero Atkins, Angel Williams, and the Audio Visual 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, Hector and Kai our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Henry, 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, Eula, Kensington, Reiss, Stewart, Henry, Joyce, Bob, Theorphlis, Paul, and Eddie.

Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for Jean, Catherine, Stephen, Anne, Jason, Leah, Allison, Oliver, Stephen, Beatrix, and Winifred, who celebrate their birthdays this week.

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 all who have perished by contracting the Coronavirus, 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.**

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.**

ABSOLUTION

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.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please pass the peace in a socially distanced manner.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated

OFFERING

For those worshipping in person, there are offering plates by the doors.

Online Giving is available through AccessACS.

Go to www.trinitymidtown.org and click the "Give" button on the top right, or click: <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=156477>

Texting. Send the message **heartofmidtown** to **73256**. The prompt will ask for a credit card number which can be kept on file for future contributions.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

OFFERTORY

There Is No Rose

Gerald Near

There is no rose of such virtue,
as is the rose that bare Jesu;
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The angels sung the shepherds to:
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gaudeamus.

For in this rose contained was
Heav'n and earth in little space;
Res miranda.

Leave we all this wordly mirth,
And follow we this joyful birth;
Transeamus.

By that rose we may well see
That he is God in persons three;
Pari forma.



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



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



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



Refrain

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



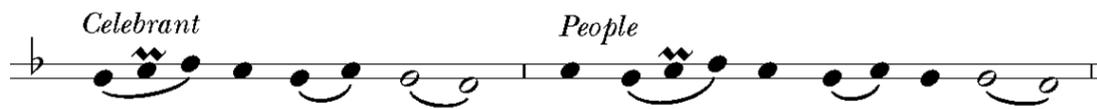
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

SURSUM CORDA



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



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



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

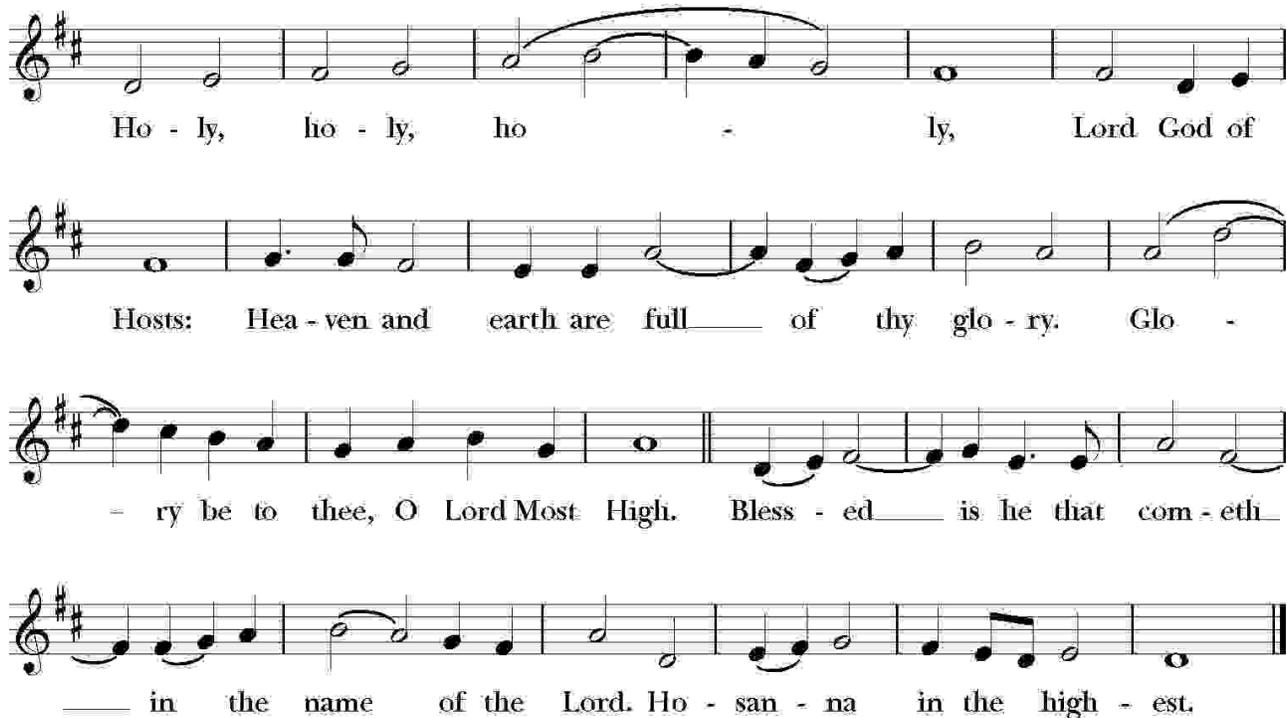
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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 S114

Healey Willan



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please kneel or stand as able.

The celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

People AMEN.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, page 364

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM S154

David Hurd

This setting is not used in Lent.

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

BCP, page 338

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

For the duration of the current pandemic we will offer communion in one kind, the bread only. Please come forward to receive communion from a priest at the chancel steps.



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

E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Ruth and Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him
Who freed us from our sins
Who loved us all and shed his blood
That we might saved be
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord
The Lord, Almighty God
Who was, and is, and is to come
Sing Holy, Holy Lord
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below
For Christ is coming, is coming soon
For Christ is coming soon
E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come
And night shall be no more
They need no light nor lamp nor sun
For Christ will be their All!

Please stand or kneel as able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

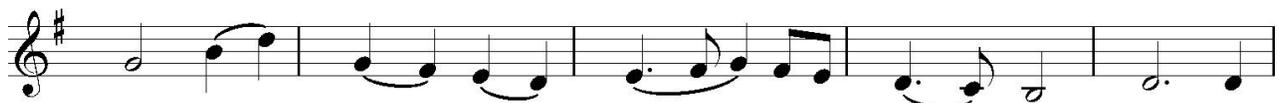
COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

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

BLESSING

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People Amen.



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

DISMISSAL

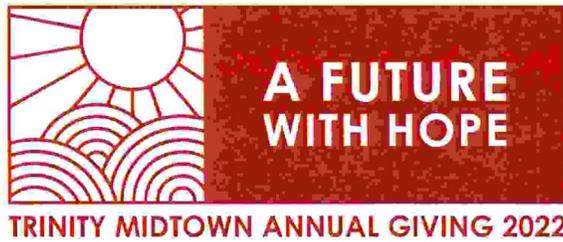
Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY Trio super "Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Ehr" BWV 664 Johann Sebastian Bach

*Thank you for worshiping with us this morning.
 Please remember to maintain social distancing as you depart.*

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Suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. Romans 5:3-5

We endure. We build character. We cling to the Holy Spirit. We hope. Trinity looks toward the future with a hope grounded in God.

This year has left us reeling, leaning on, and also struggling with our faith more than ever. Trinity's core values of worship, community, and responding to God's call certainly changed expression during the pandemic - yet never ceased. We put our values to work in service to God and each other. Now resilience and hope characterize our community and our future together.

Trinity's mission impacts the lives of those connected to us. Whether parishioners are active or inactive, neighbors are rich or poor, seekers are far or near, friends and family are in person or online, we all belong. Our beautiful, solid, limestone presence stands as both a beacon and anchor of hope. Please give to keep that anchor grounded and that beacon bright.

Take a look at the enclosed Parish Life Guide to see what your pledge contributions make possible. Look at the love and the hope generated through the mission and ministry of Trinity, Houston. Of course, many of our ministries had to be suspended in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic. One by one we are bringing them back in a layered, intentional approach depending on financial capacity and volunteer availability. Some ministries are in the process of redevelopment, some are on hold, some are brand new. All help generate a future with hope.

When we give an annual pledge to Trinity, the impact we have is multiplied exponentially. When we pledge, we are strengthened to our spiritual core by this act of hope. Hope grows with every act of love, generosity, gratitude, and faithfulness.

Last year many in our community kept giving but did not fill out a pledge card. If you pledged, we thank you. We also thank all of you who gave last year but did not pledge. Now, we urge you to put pen to paper or fingertips to keyboard and make a pledge for 2022. To those who have never pledged before, start with an amount you know you can offer and then make additional contributions as able. If you are able to increase your pledge, please do. If you are not able to pledge, you are not alone.

MAKING GOD'S PRESENCE REAL BY SHARING CHRIST'S LIFE CHANGING LOVE

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May our love and generosity allow us to face the future ahead with renewed hope. Please join us for the following offerings for our Annual Giving 2022 Stewardship Events.

1st Sunday, October 31, 2021

Coffee and Cookies with the Bishop in the Bishop's Garden and Fellowship Hall
11:45 am – 12:30 pm

2nd Sunday, November 7, 2021

All Saints Sunday, Remembrances All Services, Baptism at 10:30 am service

3rd Sunday, November 14, 2021

Sandwich Makers Community Engagement – Fellowship Hall, 11:45 am – 12:30 pm

4th Sunday, November 21, 2021

Ingathering, Giving Thanks Parish Picnic in Bishop's Garden and Fellowship Hall
11:45 am – 12:30 pm
Blessing of pledge cards all services

Faithfully,

The Trinity Vestry, Clergy and Staff



A FUTURE WITH HOPE

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THE WEEKLY WINDOW

of TRINITY *The Heart of Midtown*

November 28th, 2021

The First Sunday of Advent – Year C

Sunday In-Person Services.

8:00 am and 12:30 pm are in the Chapel.
10:30 am is held in the Historic Church. Please make sure to continue to mask up and social distance.

Announcements



November 28th 1st Advent

Wreath Making, 9:30 am – 10:15 am, Fellowship Hall.

Gifts that Matter Drive begins.

Harris County Advent Book drive begins.

HISD Christmas wish list.

December 01st

Combined World Aids Day Vigil and Healing Service, 6:00 pm Online and in-person in the Chapel.

Pub Theology in person at the Community Bar at 7:00 pm

December 05th 2nd Advent

Wreath Making, 9:30 am – 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall

St. Nicholas Visit, 11:45 am – 12:30 pm, Fellowship Hall, and Sing Along with Carver

December 12th 3rd Advent

Festive Coffee Hour and Sing along with Thanh 11:45 am – 12:30 pm, Fellowship Hall,

Youth Outreach to Covenant House 11:45 am – 12:30 pm,

December 15th

Tidings of Comfort Service, 6:00 pm, Morrow Chapel

December 19th 4th Advent

Lessons and Carols, Chrismon Tree Dedication, 10:30 am, Church

Sandwich Makers 11:45 am – 12:30 pm, Fellowship Hall.

Youth Holiday Lunch 12:30 pm

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, November 28th, 2021

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 am Advent Wreath Making in Fellowship Hall

9:30 am Sunday Meditations (via Zoom)

9:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in Atrium rm 112

9:30 am ECC Tweens rm 207

9:30 am Youth Forum

10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III

8:00 pm Compline (In Spanish via Zoom)

Monday, November 29th, 2021

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday, November 30th, 2021

10:30 am Staff Meeting

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday, December 1st, 2021

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

6:00 pm Healing Service/World Aids Day Vigil – in Chapel

7:00 pm Pub Theology at Community Bar

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, December 2nd, 2021

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday, December 3rd, 2021

10:00 am Trinity Garden Club Meeting – Fellowship Hall

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Outreach

The Emergency Aid Coalition (EAC) uses peanut butter and jelly for their sack lunches and family grocery programs.

Let's share a jar of

Peanut Butter! or **Jelly!**



Trinity collects Food for the EAC every Sunday at the back of the church



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2021 Christmas Flower Order Form is Now Live!!

The deadline for Christmas flower/dedications in order to be included in the Christmas Service Bulletin is December 19th, 2021. Click [Here](#) to go to our form.



TRINITY MIDTOWN ANNUAL GIVING 2022

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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, Vivian Jane, Bob, Theresa, Marvin, Sue, Tom, Nick, Ric, Margaret, Livia, Joshua, Sandi, Barbara, Larry, Monica, Carolyn, Sylvia, Danielle, Lynelle, Mary, Leonard, Jim, Elise, Be, Norma, Jeanne, Karen, Susan, Charlee.

For the faithful departed
Steve Wentland and all who have perished by contracting the coronavirus and victims of gun violence.

For our Iona Seminarian
Carrie Hirdes



Jean Dorsey
Catherine Callaway
Stephen Davidson
Anne Sloan
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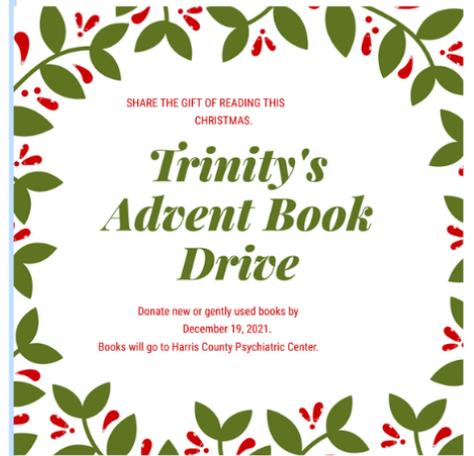
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THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up for a flower dedication by clicking [here](#)

Readings for this week

Jeremiah 33: 14-16
PSALM 25: 1-9
1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13
Luke 21: 25-36

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.

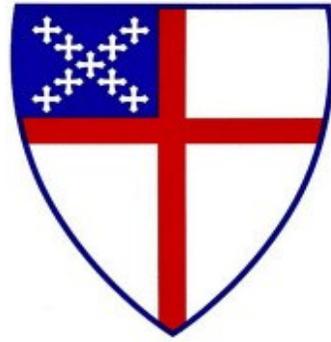
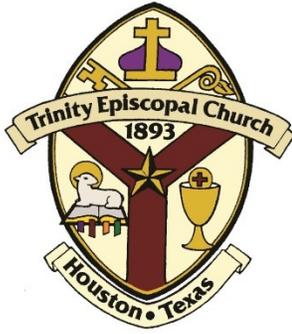
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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