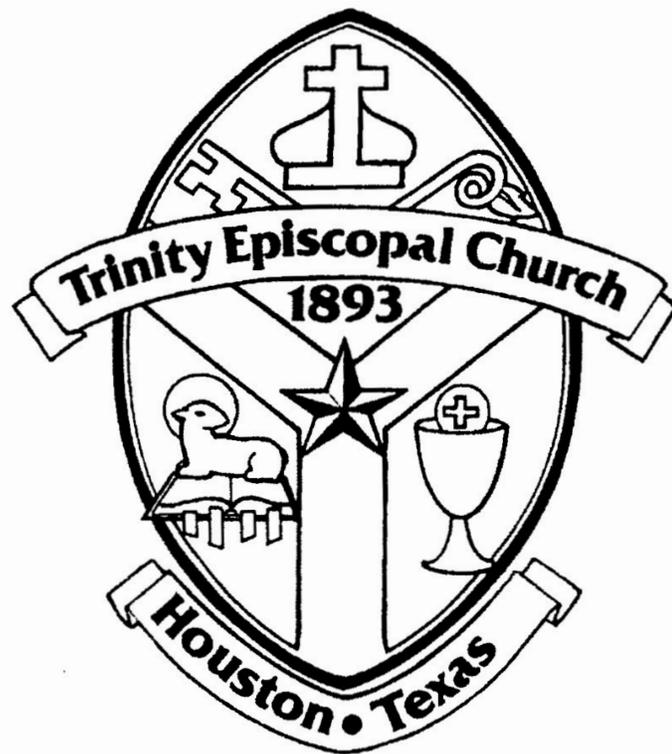


FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 2021
12:30 p.m.



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

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

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 this afternoon. 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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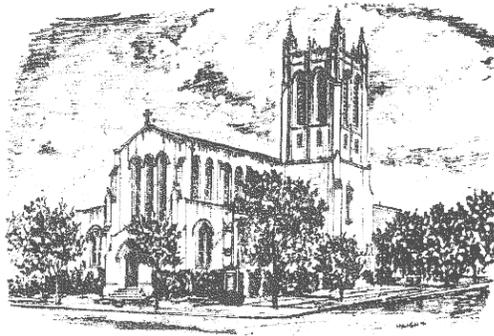
THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

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

SERVING TODAY

Lector: Mary Matteucci
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The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Please stand as able.

Presider Gracious and upright is the Lord: He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

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

Presider Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

Christ Is Coming

LEVAS, page 6

Christ is com - ing: Pre - pare the way.

The first system of the hymn features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The piano accompaniment consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, with a key signature of one flat. The time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Christ is com - ing: Pre - pare the way.

The second system continues the hymn. It includes a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign, followed by the word "Fine" and a 2/4 time signature. The piano accompaniment also ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign, followed by the word "Fine" and a 2/4 time signature.

Christ is com - ing. Christ is com - ing.

The third system features a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has a 2/4 time signature and includes the lyrics "Christ is com - ing. Christ is com - ing." The piano accompaniment also has a 2/4 time signature and includes the word "D.C." (Da Capo) at the end. The system concludes with a double bar line and a common time signature (C).

OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.
Come, O come Emmanuel, you are the way, the truth and the life;
Come, living Savior come to your world which waits for you. Hear this
prayer for your love's sake.

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Please stand as able

Luke 21: 25-36

Presider The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

People Praise and glory to God!

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."

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

Please be seated

SERMON The Reverend Charles Graves, IV, Canterbury Campus Missioner

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^bmaj7 A^b7sus A^b7
 Hear our -

A
 5 F m7 B^bm7 F m7 B^bm7
 prayer - O - Lord hea our - prayer O - Lord - - in -

9 G^bmaj7 A^b7sus A^b7
 cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our

B
 13 F m7 B^bm7 F m7 B^bm7
 prayer O - Lord - hear - our - prayer - O - Lord - - - in -

17 G^bmaj7 A^b7sus 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: [Bless Afghanistan, Haiti, and all nations of the world facing tumults and natural disasters, with Christ's gifts of healing and peace.](#) Give wisdom to those who have responsibility and authority in every land, especially Joseph, our president; Kamala, our vice-president; Greg, our governor; Sylvester, our mayor; Lina, our county judge;

and for 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 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.

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, Hector, Jeff and Kai, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Henry our clergy.

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

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, Eula, Kensington, Reiss, Stewart, Henry, Joyce, Bob, Theophilis, Paul, and Eddie](#).

[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 all who have perished by contracting the Coronavirus, 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 these who are celebrating their birthdays: [Jean, Catherine, Stephen, Anne, Jason, Leah, Allison, Oliver, Stephen, Beatrix, and Winifred](#).

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

instrumental intro $G^{\flat}maj7$ $A^{\flat}7sus$ $A^{\flat}7$

Hear our -

A

5 $Fm7$ $B^{\flat}m7$ $Fm7$ $B^{\flat}m7$

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

9 $G^{\flat}maj7$ \emptyset $A^{\flat}7sus$ $A^{\flat}7$

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B

13 $Fm7$ $B^{\flat}m7$ $Fm7$ $B^{\flat}m7$

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17 $G^{\flat}maj7$ $A^{\flat}7sus$ $A^{\flat}7$

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Soft piano improvisation during prayer, play intro to cue next response.

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21 $G^{\flat}maj7$ $A^{\flat}7sus$ $A^{\flat}7$ $D^{\flat}maj7$

A - nd Gra - nt - us Thy - Pe - ace _____

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

Lovely Day

Bill Withers

The Liturgy of the Table

Please be seated.

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OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

THE OFFERTORY

People Look East

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.

In your Son you suffered with us and for us, offering us the healing riches of salvation and calling us to freedom and holiness. In his coming among us, the day of our deliverance has dawned, and through him you will make all things new when he comes in power and majesty to judge the world.

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.

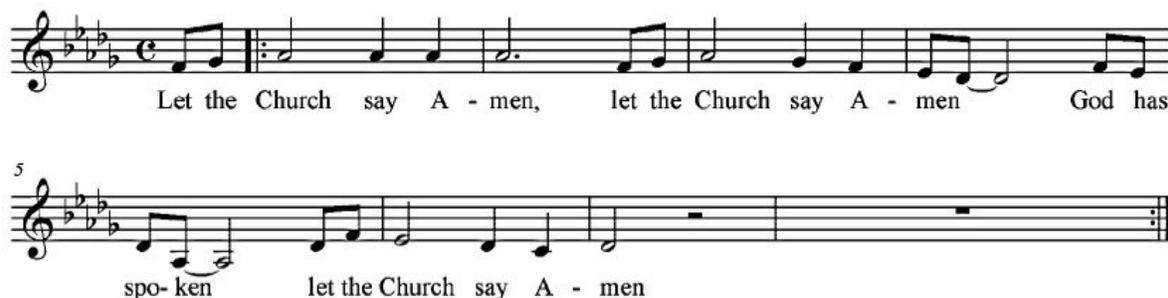
After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

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,



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 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.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

For the duration of the current pandemic we will offer communion in one kind, the bread only. The priest will bring communion to your seat.



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



1. Lord I have seen thy sal - va - tion, _____ Lord I have seen thy sal -
 2. Lord I have heard of thy king - dom, _____ Lord I have heard of thy



1. va - tion, _____ drank of the blood, held the
 2. pro - mise, _____ looked on thy birth, cried at



1. bo - dy, _____ Lord I have seen, seen with my eyes, seen with my
 2. Cal - v'ry, _____ Lord I have heard, Lord I have heard, Lord I have



1. heart. Fell on my knees, down at the al - tar, _____ bowed down my
 2. heard.



head, whisp - ered a pray - er. _____ Have mer - cy



Lord, I'm not wor - thy, _____ I _____ be -



lieve, Yes, I be - lieve, now I am sure.

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.**

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

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

THE BLESSING

Presider May Christ, as he comes, deliver you from your guilt, anxiety and
resentment, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and
Giver of life be with you always.
People **Amen**

Unison

Em Bm G Am G D G D Bm G C G
 D B C B D G D Bm B C B

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, thou Day - spring, come and cheer our spir - its by thine
 3 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, and or - der all things,
 4 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind all peo - ples in one

Am Em Bm Em Am Am Em B7 Em Bm C D Em
 B Bm C G F#

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, un -
 ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, and
 far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show, and
 heart and mind; bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels cease; fill

Refrain (Harmony)

D Bm G G Am Am G D G D Em Bm G
 B C B D G B

til the Son of God ap - pear.
 death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 cause us in her ways to go.
 the whole world with heav - en's peace.

Am Am G D Em D G G C G Am Em D Em
 C B B F# B C B G F#

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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.
Please remember to maintain social distancing as you depart.*

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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!**



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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

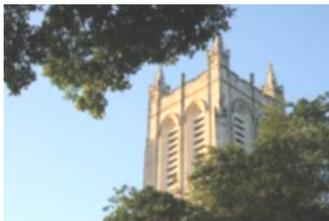


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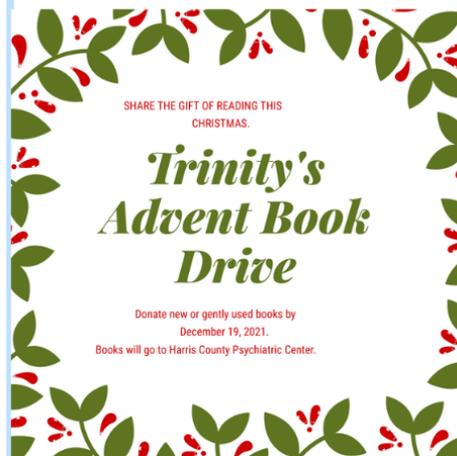
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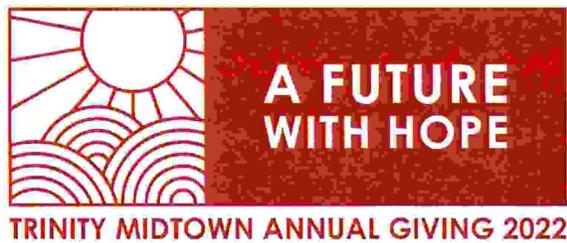
THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

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



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.

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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

TRINITY MIDTOWN ANNUAL GIVING 2022

I/We pledge the following financial support for January 1 – December 31, 2022.

\$ _____
TOTAL ANNUAL PLEDGE

NAME(S) *Please print clearly*

ADDRESS

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EMAIL

SIGNATURE

METHOD OF PAYMENT

- By check in offering plate, mail, or hand-delivered to church office.
- Credit card or automatic deduction through your own bill pay system or AccessACS at trinitymidtown.org/Give or finance@trinitymidtown.org
- Other: _____

I will pay weekly monthly quarterly
 twice per year yearly other: _____

I would like my pledge to be listed as anonymous.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED TRINITY MIDTOWN IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING?

- I would like to be contacted regarding a legacy gift to Trinity Midtown.

MORE INFORMATION

- Please have a member of the clergy or staff call.

A pledge to Trinity Midtown is more than just a dollar amount, it is an investment in the future of mission and ministry. Everyone has a story to tell, share yours here.



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TELL US HOW YOU RECOGNIZE A FUTURE WITH HOPE AND HOW YOU HOPE THAT TO CONTINUE IN 2022:

For questions regarding pledging payments, contact Trinity Midtown's church office at 713-528-4100 or finance@trinitymidtown.org. Contributions to Trinity are deductible under the new tax laws. For more information please contact your tax professional or financial institution.

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.

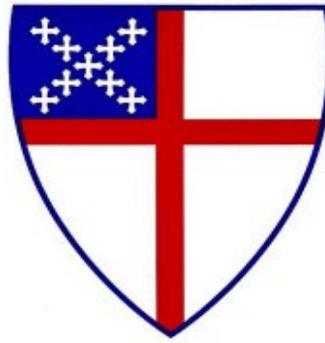
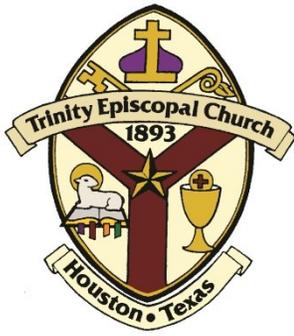
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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