

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 1, 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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A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

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

VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*

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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 Ann Collier
Prayers: Marcella Marino
Acolyte: Barrett Hess
Usher: Bob Davenport
Audio Visual: Paul Bower
Online Greeter: Pam Lawson
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport
Vestry of the Day: Mary Matteucci

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God
and in memory of the love, strength, and laughter
of my mother Shirley Rainman
by Samantha Rainman



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The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Please stand as able.

Presider Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him.

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

Presider Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

When We Walk with the Lord

LEVAS, page 205

1. When we walk with the Lord In the light of His word, What a glo - ry He
2. Not a shad - ow can rise, Not a cloud in the skies, But His smile quick - ly
3. Not a bur - den we bear, Not a sor - row we share, But our toil He doth
4. But we nev - er can prove The de - lights of His love Un - til all on the
5. When in fel - low - ship sweet We will sit at His feet, Or we'll walk by His

1. sheds on our way! While we do His good will, He a - bides with us still,
2. drives it a - way; Not a doubt nor a fear, Not a sigh nor a tear,
3. rich - ly re - pay; Not a grief nor a loss, Not a frown nor a cross,
4. al - tar we lay; For the fav - or He shows, And the joy He be - stows,
5. side in the way; What He says we will do, Where He sends we will go,—

1. And with all who will trust and o - bey.
2. Can a - bide while we trust and o - bey.
3. But is blest if we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey, for there's
4. Are for them who will trust and o - bey.
5. Nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

no oth - er way To be hap - py in Je - sus, But to trust and o - bey.

OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

Merciful God, you gave your only Son to be both a sacrifice for sin and an example for godly life; help us gladly to receive all that has been done for us and follow in his footsteps; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2: 1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death -- even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Please stand as able

Matthew 21: 23-32

Presider The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

People Praise and glory to God!

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Presider This is the Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to Christ, the Word.

Please be seated

SERMON

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

MUSICAL REFLECTION

We will meditate quietly on God's word to us.

Please stand as able

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response

instrumental intro G^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: 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 Luke Ken-ichi Muto, and the Anglican Church in Japan](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [St. Mary's, Cypress; St. Stephen's, Huntsville; and Trinity, The Woodlands](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Erika Zavala and the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#). 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

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

[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 Ollin Chavez, victims of the earthquake in Morocco and the floods in Libya, 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 [Luz, Reagan, Andrew, and Wanda,](#) who are celebrating their birthdays.

Response

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

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

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

Final Response

The musical score is written in G-flat major (three flats) and 3/4 time. It begins with an instrumental introduction. The first line of music is an instrumental intro with the following chords: G^bmaj7, A^b7sus, and A^b7. The lyrics "Hear our -" are written below the staff. The second line, labeled 'A', starts at measure 5 and contains the lyrics "prayer - O - Lord hea our - prayer O - Lord - - in -". The third line, labeled 'B', starts at measure 9 and contains the lyrics "cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our". The fourth line, labeled 'C', starts at measure 13 and contains the lyrics "prayer O - Lord - hear - our - prayer - O - Lord - - - in -".

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

cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - plc - asc - hear - us - Lord _____

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

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

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Robinson

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as able.

Presider The Lord is here.

People God's Spirit is with us.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Presider

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the word "Amen". The first staff has a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The notes are: a whole note on G4, a half note on A4, a dotted half note on B4, and a whole note on C5. The second staff has a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The notes are: a whole note on G4, a half note on A4, a whole note on B4, and a whole note on C5. The third staff has a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The notes are: a whole note on G4, a half note on A4, a dotted half note on B4, a whole note on C5, and a whole note on C5. The lyrics "A - men," are written below each staff.

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 Alleluia. We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread. Alleluia, alleluia.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION



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

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

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion is prayed by those at home unable to partake of communion in person.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, our souls, and our minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together

LEVAS, page 152

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our
 2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our

1. knees); Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our
 2. knees); Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our

1. knees).
2. knees). When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, Oh— Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me). me).
1. 2.

Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees (yes, on our knees); Let us

praise God to - geth - er on our knees (yes, on our knees). When I

fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun, Oh—

Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me).

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as able.

- Presider Blessed be God who calls us together.
People Praise to God who makes us one people.
- Presider Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.
People Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.
- Presider Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.
People Praise to God who is revealed as love.
- Presider Blessed be God who alone has called us.
People Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.
- Presider Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.
People Accept our thanks for all you have done.
- Presider Send us now into the world you love.
People Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit. Amen.

THE BLESSING

- Presider The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics in English and Spanish. The lyrics are: Sent out in Je - sus' name, our hands are rea - dy now to En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá pa - ra make the earth the place in which the king - dom comes. cons - tru - ir con El un mun - do fra - ter - nal. The an - gels can - not change a world of hurt and pain in - Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar un to a world of love, of jus - tice and of peace. The mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do de paz. Me

task is ours to do, to set it real - ly free. O
 ha to - ca - do a mi ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad; a -

help us to o - bey and car - ry out your will.
 yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.

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

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





THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN
October 1, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

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Sunday In-Person Services

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

10:30 am (Historic Church)

Sandwich Makers: October 3rd

Hello, we continue to have increased demand for serving sandwiches at evening prayer. If you are able to join us on Tuesday at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall we would greatly appreciate extra hands to get the sandwiches made. If it's your first time and you want more info please email Pat at volunteer@trinitymidtown.org.

Garden Club: October 6th

We invite you to join us next Friday for our monthly garden club meeting. We will be working together to identify ways to maintain and beautify our church grounds. The Garden Club is also working on new Chrismon ornaments for our Chrismon tree. We welcome all who are interested. We will meet Friday, at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.

Episcopal Way Class: October 7th

The Episcopal Way is a class designed to give you a deeper understanding of the Episcopal Church and help you find your place in the life of our church. These classes are free open to everyone; people new to the Episcopal Church are especially encouraged to attend. After completing the course, you will be ready to be Baptized, Confirmed, or Received into the Episcopal Church on the date of the next bishop visit: October 22nd. Please RSVP to attend [here](#).

Blessing of the Animals: October 8th

Bring your pets to get blessed and stay for some food, music, and activities. We also invite you to bring dry pet food to donate to local organizations. Flowers on the High altar will be dedicated to the glory of God and the blessings and love freely given by our pets. The names of our pets will be published in the Sunday Bulletins. A donation of \$5.00 per name is requested to defray the costs of this event. The deadline to have your pets' names published in the bulletin will be Tuesday, September 26th at 9 am. Pet listing sign up is [here](#).

Tania Candiani: Lifeblood, Sept. 22–Nov 19th

We invite you to view the Lifeblood exhibit beginning this Friday. This exhibit is dedicated to the life and memory of our former parishioner, Vinod Hopson. The exhibit focuses on histories and lives embedded in the land – and particularly the waterways that have alternately built and destroyed Houston over time. Candiani initiates explorations and collaborations that convene communal meditations on the past via music, architecture, and craft, with an emphasis on early technologies and vernacular practices of record-keeping. Lifeblood is on view at Blaffer Art Museum and more information can be found [here](#).

Walking the Mourner's Path: Late October, Palmer Memorial

Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church, 6221 Main Street, adjacent to the Texas Medical Center, is planning to offer a small group for those grieving the death of a loved one, whether family or friend. Beginning this fall, "Walking the Mourner's Path" is an eight-week program facilitated by trained leaders. Participants are guided in celebrating the life of the deceased, honoring their own feelings of grief and loss, and finding new ways to incorporate fond memories of their loved ones into their own ongoing lives. For information, please contact The Rev. Deacon Linda Shelton at lindarshelton@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, October 1st, 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 Rector Meet and Greet
12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Chapel)
8:00 pm Compline (Facebook)

Monday, October 2nd, 2023

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

Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023

10:00am Sandwich Makers (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer
6:30pm Jazz Festival Meeting (Smith)

Wednesday, October 4th, 2023

10:00 am Staff Meeting
12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm
5:30 pm Evening Prayer
6:00 pm Healing Service (Zoom)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 5th, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm
6:30 pm Listening Heart (Masterson)

Friday, October 6th, 2023

10:00am Trinity Garden Club (Fellowship Hall)
12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Saturday, October 7th, 2023

10:00am Episcopal Way (Smith Room)

Our Weekly Zoom links can be found at
<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/zoom-withus>

Save the Date

October 22nd – Bishop's Visit/Annual Giving Kick-Off and Four Choirs Evensong



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 (Fobbs), Victims of Violence, Ric, Barbara, Sylvia, Joyce, Bob, Cristine, David, Robert, Susan, Cindy, Patty, Dana, Emilia, Gaby, Florence, Carolyn, Rick Charles, Harrison, Kathy, Erma, Henry, Mary, Chris, Jane, Mark, Eliana, Laura Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Guillermo.

For the faithful departed:

Ollin Chavez, victims of the earthquake in Morocco, flooding in Libya, 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: October 15th, 22nd, and November 5th.



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

Next available dates: October 1st, 15th, and November 5th.



Reagan Gilmore, Andrew Durham, and Wanda Mullen

Office Hours

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October 1, 2023 – Pentecost 18 (A) Evangelism Grants

Episcopal institutions are invited to apply for evangelism grants to support local and regional efforts to grow Episcopal ministries, resources, and gatherings. The application deadline is **Oct. 13**.

The grant application, criteria, requirements, budget information, and more are available online in English, Spanish, and French: <https://iam.ec/evangelismgrants>.

The grants committee will consider proposals for up to \$2,000 for individual faith communities and up to \$8,000 for multichurch, diocesan, provincial, and other regional collaborations. A total of \$125,000 is available for this funding cycle.

The 2023 grant focus is on evangelism initiatives that minister across barriers. Projects that would fit this theme include the following:

- Collaborative, lay-led ministries that are not clergy dependent.
- Ministries that explicitly support and include communities traditionally underrepresented in The Episcopal Church.
- Ministries that engage new ways of being the church in new spaces.

“Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has noted that evangelism is not about building bigger churches but rather about building a better world,” said Jerusalem Greer, manager of evangelism and discipleship. “The same is true for this evangelism grant cycle; we are looking for applicants and projects committed to sharing the Good News of God in Christ in ways that build relationships, heal brokenness, and invite people to create a better world together.”



The Episcopal Evangelism grants program began in 2017 in response to the 2015 General Convention’s increased investment in evangelism. The program is coordinated by the Executive Council Joint Standing Committee on Mission Within The Episcopal Church in collaboration with evangelism staff. During the 2018-2021 triennium, 12 Episcopal communities were awarded grants, out of 59 applicants.

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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.

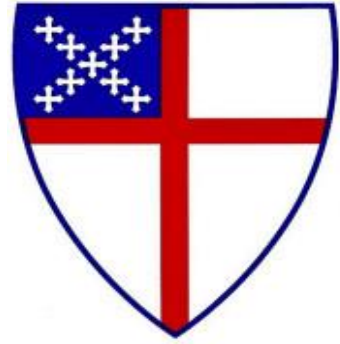
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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