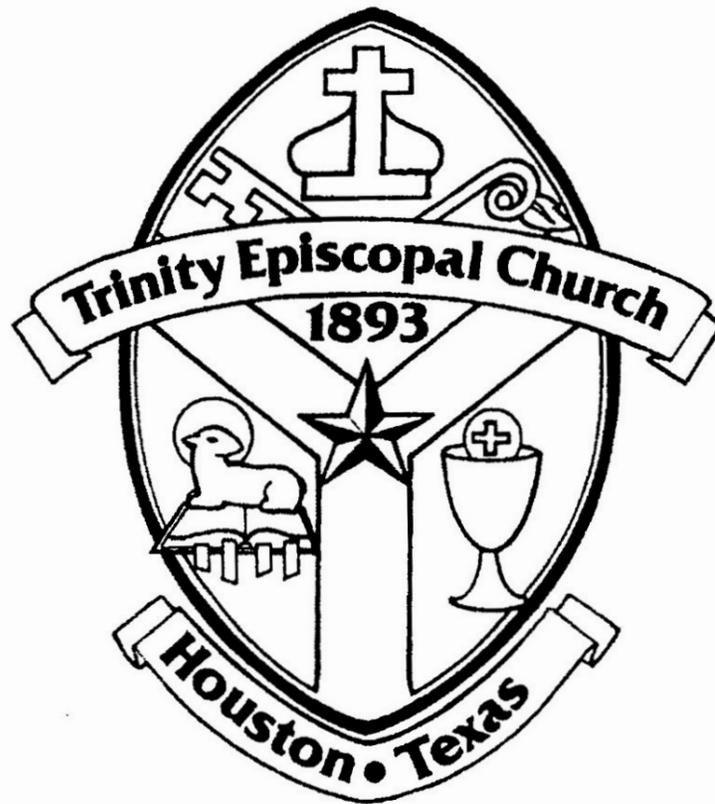


THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 2, 2022
12:30 p.m.



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector
The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Curate
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.

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

<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/childrens-bulletins/>

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Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*

John Escoto, *Junior Warden*

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Sheila Wainwright

Michele White

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Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*

Jim Castro, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

Gayle Davies-Cooley, *Historian and Archivist*

THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

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

SERVING TODAY

Acolyte: Angel Williams
Greeter: Sheila Wainwright
Usher: Bob Davenport
Lector: Linelle Clark
Prayers: Sheila Wainwright
Audio Visual: Jeremy Velasquez
Online Greeter: Pam Lawson
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport
Vestry of the Day: Jim Castro

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in grateful praise and deep thanksgiving to God for blessing us and the animals that are our beloved pets. This year's colors were chosen because of their association with Jesus Christ, and his servant St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals.

Red roses represent Christ's blood, and the stigmata later seen on Francis. Lavender signifies peace, white lilies and white snapdragons signify purity of faith. The large white lilies remind us of Christ's Resurrection, and Francis' pure thoughts, words, and deeds. Yellow roses are included to foster encouragement to those who join Francis in following Jesus Christ's examples throughout their lives.



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The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Please stand as able.

Presider The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end: The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him .

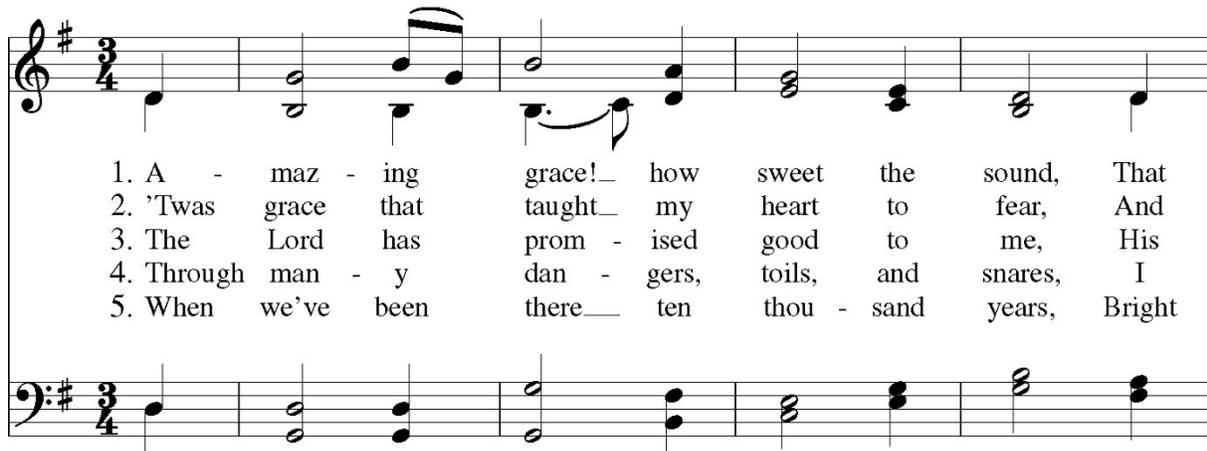
People God is with us, here we find new life!

Presider Let us worship God.

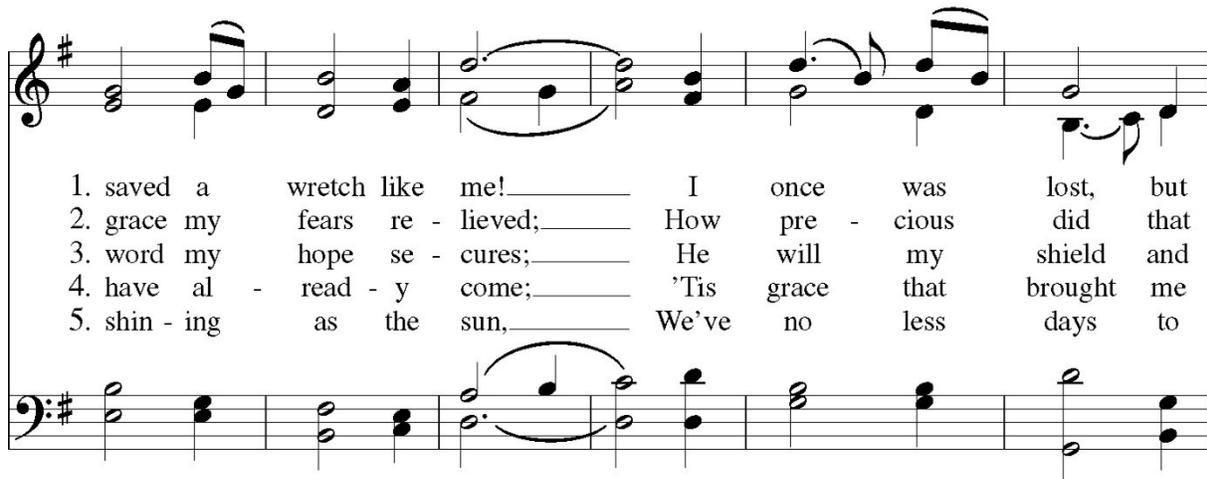
OPENING HYMN

Amazing Grace!

LEVAS, page 181



1. A - maz - ing grace!_ how sweet the sound, That
2. 'Twas grace that taught_ my heart to fear, And
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
5. When we've been there_ ten thou - sand years, Bright



1. saved a wretch like me!_____ I once was lost, but
2. grace my fears re - lieved;_____ How pre - cious did that
3. word my hope se - cures;_____ He will my shield and
4. have al - read - y come;_____ 'Tis grace that brought me
5. shin - ing as the sun,_____ We've no less days to



1. now am found, Was blind, but now_ I see._____
2. grace ap - pear The hour I first_ be - lieved!_____
3. por - tion be As long as life_ en - dures._____
4. safe thus far, And grace will lead_ me home._____
5. sing God's praise Than when we'd first_ be - gun._____

OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.
Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, keep us under the protection of your good providence, and help us continually to revere and love your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Lamentations 1: 1-6

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

THE GOSPEL *Please stand as able* Luke 17: 5-10
Presider The Holy Gospel according to Luke.
People **Praise and glory to God.**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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

Please be seated

SERMON The Reverend Glenice Robinson Como

MUSICAL REFLECTION *We will meditate quietly on God's word to us.*
Please stand as able

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Response

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

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

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 Linda Nicholls and the Anglican Church of Canada](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [All Saints', Stafford; Calvary, Richmond; and Christ Church, Eagle Lake](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Shelby Bradley and the Blessing of the Animals 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 (*pronounced "Kaye"*), our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale 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, Joyce, Bob, David, Steven, Robert, Phil, Susan, Armando, Kathy, Theresa, Susan, Don, Virginia, Renard, Richard, Patty, Jackie, Tony, Jim, José, Tom, Julie, Billie, and Rodney](#).

[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 Bob Guthrie, Jeanne Devine, Archbishop Emeritus of Galveston-Houston Joseph Fiorenza, Rob Montgomery, 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: [Andrew, Wanda, Patty, and Liz](#).

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

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

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

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

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

Online Giving is available through AccessACS.

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THE OFFERTORY

The Trinity Jazz Ensemble

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as able.

Presider The Lord is here.
People God's Spirit is with us.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Presider

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

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. In him we see you, the eternal God, revealing your glory in our flesh, for he is the light of the nations who illuminates our darkness. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

As we eat this bread and drink this wine, through the power of your Holy Spirit feed us with your heavenly food, renew us in your service, unite us in Christ, and bring us to your everlasting kingdom. From you, and through you, and for you are all things. To you be the glory for ever,



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.

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 continue to offer communion in one kind for those who wish to receive the bread only. Please come forward to receive communion from a priest in front of the altar. If you are partaking of the chalice, please use the hand sanitizer at the end of your pew before approaching the clergy and chalice-bearer. 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 do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing; simply cross your hands over your chest and the priest will know that you have come forward for a blessing.



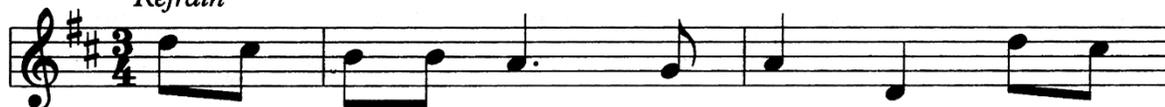
We offer a gluten-free bread option for those with dietary restrictions who wish to receive communion. To receive a gluten free wafer, please clasp your hands with palms facing each other when you come forward for communion.

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.

Refrain



With - out see - ing you, we love you; with - out



touch - ing you, we em - brace; with - out know - ing you, we

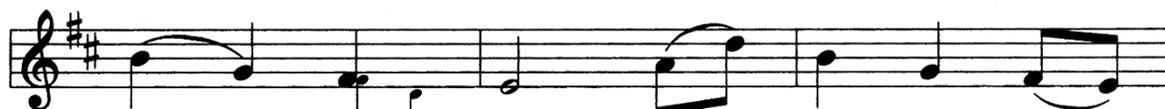
Fine



fol - low; with - out see - ing you, _____ we be - lieve. _____



1. We re - turn to you deep with - in, leave the
2. The spar - row will find a home, near to
3. For - ev - er we sing to you of your
4. For you are our shep - herd, there is



past to the dust; turn to you with tears and
 you, O God; how hap - py, we who
 good - ness, O God; pro - claim - ing to
 noth - ing that we need; in green pas - tures we will

D.C.



fast - ing; you are read - y to for - give. _____
 dwell with you, for - ev - er in your house. _____
 all the world of your faith - ful - ness and love. _____
 find our rest, near the wat - ers of peace. _____

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.

People

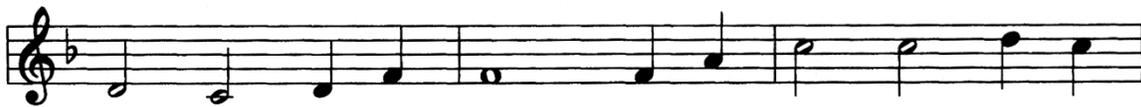
Amen



1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing with a bright and warm-ing
 2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; we are pil - grims on the
 3. As a green bud in the spring-time is a sign of life re -



flame, so the church is meant for mis - sion, giv - ing
 way. We are seek - ers; we are giv - ers; we are
 newed, so may we be signs of one - ness 'mid earth's



glo - ry to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or
 ves - sels made of clay. By our gen - tle, lov - ing
 peo - ples, man - y hues. As a rain - bow lights the



cus - toms, but to build a bridge of care, we join
 ac - tions we would show that Christ is light. In a
 heav - ens when a storm is past and gone, may our



hands a - cross the na - tions, find - ing neigh - bors ev - ery - where.
 hum - ble, lis - tening Spir - it we would live to God's de - light.
 lives re - flect the ra - diancy of God's new and glo - rious dawn.

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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The flowers at the High Altar are given
to the glory of God and in joyful recognition of our beloved pets:

In Honor of:

*Annie Anituk
Paco Cipitio Romero Atkins
Roreaux Rayo del Sol
Romero Atkins
Sophia Baylor
Tom Baylor
Bella Christianson
Olive Christianson
Keysee Clark
F.J. Cloud
Flora Sennewald Fraizer
Molly Galmon
Bailey Goza
Chelo Goza*

*Dan Guthrie
Ghost Guthrie
Ranger Guthrie
Scarlett Guthrie
Shane Guthrie
Boots Feltenberger Marsh
Smoke Feltenberger Marsh
Eben Willie Chivas Mullen
Ace Rainman
Buster Rainman
Lucy Rainman
Walter Rainman
Charley Roach
Poppy Roach*

*Shadow Wonder Dog Roach
Behemoth Skarich
Charlie Skarich
Foca Schuller Sodders
Gringo Schuller Sodders
Koma Schuller Sodders
Mac Schuller Sodders
Daniel Tsubai
Ket Tsubai
Lord Fennyson Merullo Zemanek
Paul Merullo Zemanek
Ringo Merullo Zemanek*

In Memory of:

*Josephine Antiuk
Lola Aucutt
Buddy Baylor
Wags Baylor
Spanky Miquon-Bradley
Big Ears Miquon-Bradley
Belle McCullum
Rio Bilski Byrd
Jona Sennewald Fraizer
Ettoupee Guthrie
Adam Merullo
Asia Rainman
Winkie Rainman
Jinx Rainman
Eli Rainman*

*Evie Rainman
Ethon Rainman
William Rainman
Wyndor Rainman
Rufo Roach
Honey Boy Roach
Buckwheat Roach
Nick Starbuck
Cubbie Starbuck
Dominick Starbuck
Bandit Tsubai
Becky Williams Wainwright
Hyfyrdol Merullo Zemanek
Lady Avery Foxx Zemanek*

and with thanksgiving for all animals and all of creation.

*The Vestry and Congregation of
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Cordially invite you to attend*

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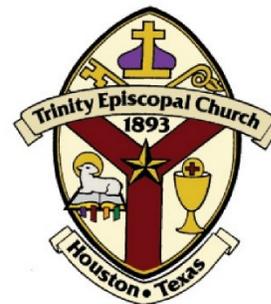
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*"...the fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace ..."
Galatians*





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October 4th, 2022 | The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost–Year C

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Sunday In–Person Services

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

10:30 am (Historic Church)

Please continue to mask up
and practice social distancing.

Blessing of the Animals is Sunday, October 2nd.

21st Blessing of the Animals returns Sunday, October 2nd from 2 pm–4 pm to the Francis Street lawn. We will have food, music, and some activities for the kids. Please remember to bring a bag of dry dog or cat food as we also use this event as a way to gather food for Houston area animals that are in need.

<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/blog/trinitys-21st-annual-blessing-of-the-animals-is-coming-sunday-october-2nd/>

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, October 2, 2022

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00 am Sunday Meditations (Zoom)

9:30 am Education Hour for all – Smith room and (Zoom)

10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III

2:00 pm Animal Blessing on Francis St lawn

8:00 pm Compline

Monday, October 3, 2022

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

10:00 am Sandwich Makers in Fellowship Hall

12:00 pm Yoga with Saba in Atrium II and Zoom

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

10:30 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

7:00 pm Trinity Vision Conversation – Heights

Thursday, October 6, 2022

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday, October 7, 2022

10:00 am Trinity Garden Club meeting in FH

12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Saturday, October 8, 2022

9:00 am Episcopal way Class in Fellowship Hall

Our Weekly Zoom links can be found at

<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/zoom-with-us/>

The Episcopal Way

Our Episcopal Way class will be this October on Saturday the 8th. The class teaches a deeper understanding of the Episcopal Church and its ways. Open to all who desire a fuller appreciation of the Episcopal Church; especially those who are new to the tradition, desiring to be baptized, Confirmed, or Received into the Episcopal Church. Topics include Anglican History, Episcopal History, Theology and Mission of the Episcopal Church, Ecclesiology, Liturgy, and the Book of Common Prayer.

If you are interested in attending classes please email curate@trinitymidtown.org

Trinity Vision Conversations

Our Fall conversations on the vision for Trinity's future are about to begin. These conversations are very important for us to have as it helps us shape Trinity's mission going forward with how best we can use our resources to help our community. It is a great time for voices and opinions to be shared on how we can improve or do things better. We want to make sure as many people get an opportunity to participate in these discussions so we are offering several different places and times to be as accommodating as we can for these to take place. To find and sign up for a conversation that is the closest to you please click on the link below.

<https://rsvp.church/r/zRKEFS5z>

You're Invited to Together For Joy on Sunday, October 16th, 2022

The Vestry and Congregation of Trinity Episcopal Church, Midtown Houston Cordially invite you to attend Together For Joy! The Celebration of Fifteen Years with our Fifteenth Rector to Kick-Off our 2023 Annual Giving The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop of Texas, will preside and preach at The Holy Eucharist at ten thirty in the morning with combined traditional and jazz music on Sunday, the sixteenth day of October. Followed by a dynamic, music, food, and fun-filled reception in Fellowship Hall.



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, Mary, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Jill, Stephen, Emily, Van, Kensington, Theresa, Marvin, Ric, Margaret, Livia, Barbara, Larry, Carolyn, Sylvia, Norma, Be, Jeanne, Linda, Shelby, Stewart, Stephen, Barbara, Daniel, Minnie, Jeanette, Eddie, Theorphilis, Lynn, Vanessa, Ellis, Margaret, Cindy, Cristine, Tony, Dick, Maribel, Emma, Armando, and Kathy.

For the faithful departed

Bob Guthrie, Jeanne Devine, Archbishop of Galveston Emeritus Joseph Fiorenza, Rob Montgomery, and all who have perished by contracting the coronavirus, and all victims of gun violence.

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New Fall Office Hours
Monday–Thursday 9 am – 4 pm
Friday 9 am – 1 pm

If you have building concerns please email frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org. Thanks!



Altar Flower Dedications This Week

The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles Grunewald by Caroline, Sebastian, and Conrad

The flowers on the Holy Trinity Chapel Altar are given in grateful praise and deep thanksgiving to God for blessing us and the animals that are our beloved pets.

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up at www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/



Andrew Durham, Wanda Mullen, Patty McGinty, and Liz Christensen.



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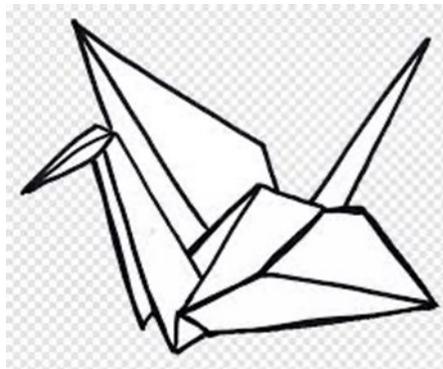
For more information on annual giving visit [2023 Stewardship Campaign](#).

Lamentation - Remembrance - HOPE

We are folding **orange** origami peace cranes as a memorial to children (ages 0 - 17) who have died in the US as a result of gun violence. Our goal is to fold a crane for every child lost in 2022. Sadly, as of mid-July, that number stands at nearly 1,000 and will undoubtedly grow. (Over 20,000 people in the US have died as a result of gun violence in the first half of 2022.) If we know the name and age of a child, it will be written on the crane. As strings of cranes are completed they will be incorporated into the Gun Violence Memorial, adjacent to the Columbarium.

Folding cranes will not stop gun violence, but it is a spiritual practice that our ministry has found helpful, whether done individually or in a group. Folding is conducive to prayer and reflection, and when done in community the conversations we have and connections we make are healing. This project seeks to help us lament the tragedy of gun violence, remember victims, and create hope for the future.

If you're interested please contact Libby Tsubai (tsubaie@yahoo.com), or drop by our demonstration table at Coffee Hour during the month of August.



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.

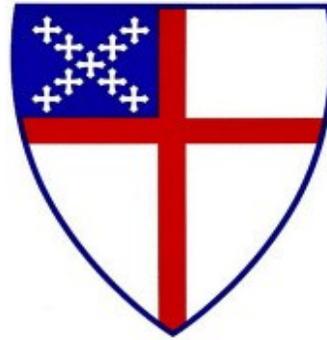
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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