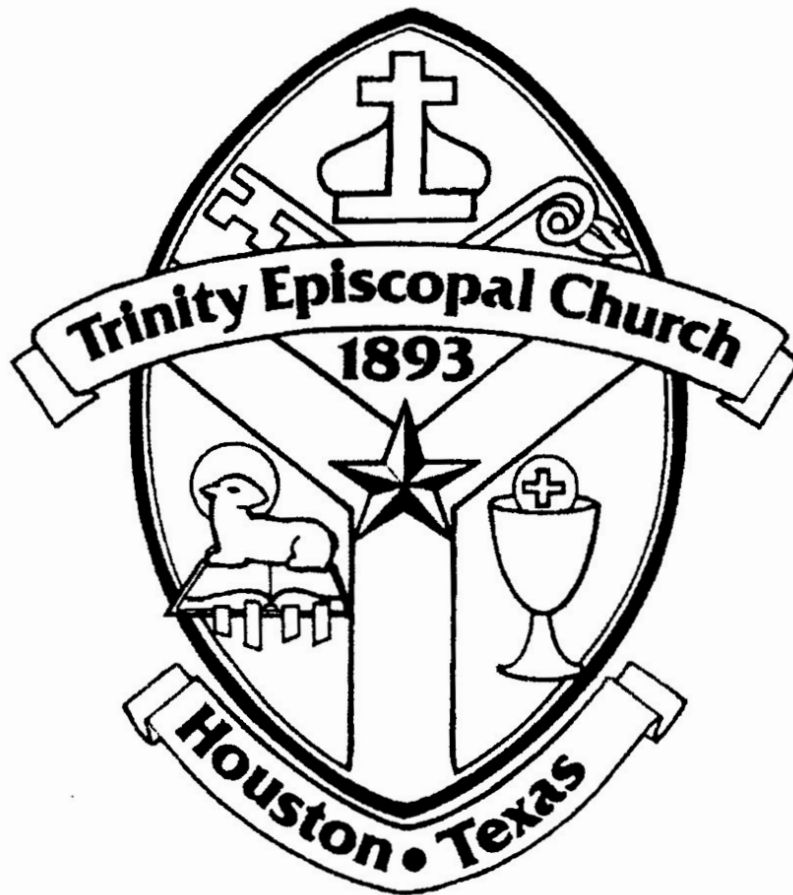


THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 8, 2023
8:00 a.m.



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector
The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Associate Rector
The Reverend Dale Klitzke, Priest Associate

Wendy Wentland, Pianist

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

WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

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

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

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

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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*

John Escoto, *Junior Warden*

Eric Beam
Ben Blanding
Pam Lawson
Mary Matteucci
Ann McCoy

John Merullo
Samantha Rainman
Gladys Vallés
David Villarreal
Michele White

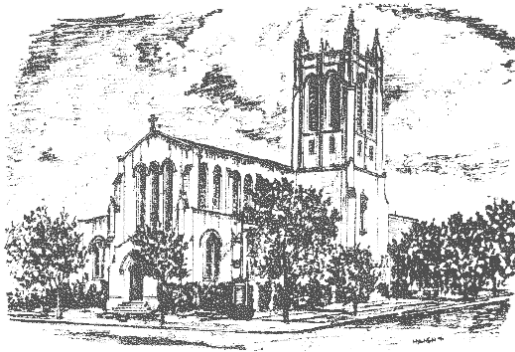
Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*
Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*
Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*
Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*
Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*
Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

SERVING TODAY

Reader: Edgar Marston
LEM: Samantha Rainman
Music: Wendy Wentland, piano
Vestry of the Day: Ann McCoy

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God
and in memory of Chester Stasney
by Leah Stasney.

The Baptistry flowers are given in grateful praise and deep
thanksgiving to God for blessing us and the animals
that are our beloved pets.
(More on page 14)



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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand as able.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, page 323

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Officiant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

BCP, page 324

Officiant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

CANTICLE

Gloria in excelsis

Read in unison.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,**

O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 5: 1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80: 7-14

Qui regis Israel
Alternately by whole verse.

BCP, page 703

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.**

9 You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.

**10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.

**12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

**14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3: 4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

(Continued on page 6)

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21: 33-46

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Associate Rector

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Wendy Wentland, piano

Please stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, page 326

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP, page 328

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and ever-living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all 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, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend Hosam Naoum, and the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [Christ Church, San Augustine; Holy Trinity, Port Neches; and St. John's, Silsbee](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Shelby Bradley and the Animal Blessing ministry](#).

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and 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 they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [Bill, Nick, Kathy, Bob, Dale, Edith, Phil, Graeme, Christopher, Holly, Ray, Larry E., Rose, Junetta, Bart, Henry, Marie, Thomas](#), and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Almighty God, thou lovest all thy children and art a home to those who are in any need or trouble; inspire thy Church with the Spirit of Christ's love, empower us to battle the root causes of homelessness, and help us to live as one with one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever.

We offer you, O Lord, our prayers of thanksgiving, [especially for Patty, Liz, Sandra, and Martin](#) as they celebrate their birthdays.

And we also bless thy Holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [especially for Vesta Eidman, Ollin Chavez, and all victims of gun violence](#), beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Officiant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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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VERSE AND RESPONSE AT PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord

People **and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

BCP, page 340

Please stand as able.

SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant *The Lord be with you.*

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant *Lift up your hearts.*

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant *Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.*

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People AMEN.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, page 336

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 the priest administering the bread approaches you.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou has prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Presider The peace of God which passeth 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 Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

We would like to thank Madeline Mauk, Jeanne Sommerfeld, Stan Tubbs, and Randy Goswick for hosting this morning's coffee hour.

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

The Baptistry flowers are given

In Honor of:

Annie Antiuk

Sophia Baylor

Tom Baylor

Daisy Blair

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Bella Christianson

Olive Christianson

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Daisy Longino

Sassy Longino

Sunny Longino

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L.D. Mauk

Rhea Mauk

Curby McClellan

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Pete Merullo-Zemanek

Ringo Merullo-Zemanek

Rufus Peterson

Teddy Peterson

Ace Rainman

Buster Rainman

Lucy Rainman

Walter Rainman

Gib Roach

Molly Roach

Shadow Roach

Paco Cipitio Romero Atkins

Roreaux Rayo del Sol Romero

Atkins

Sage Saad

Foca Schuller-Sodders

Gringo Schuller-Sodders

Komo Schuller-Sodders

Mac Schuller-Sodders

Maggie Schuller-Sodders

Flora Sennewald-Frazier

Remi Skarich

Sonny Stewart

Daniel Tsubai

Kit Tsubai

Luna Yap Bowen

Esmé Yap Bowen

Curby McClellan

Remi Skarich

Lulu Vallés

Barley Ward-Hopson

Bernie Ward-Hopson

Jan Ward-Hopson

Jack Ward-Hopson

Pearl Ward-Hopson

Paisley Wilderman



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Frixie Baylor

Pashmina Bossalker

Pickles Bowen

Blackberry Caldwell

Lola Aucutt Christianson

Fred Cloud

Kitty Two Cloud

Bella Cooper

Champagne Cooper

Cole Cooper

Daisy Cooper

King Cooper

Spanky Cooper

B.D. Dykes

Munchkin Dykes

Pepper Dykes

Lady Avery Fox

Nylo Garcia

Lance Goswick-Tubbs

Lilly Goswick-Tubbs

Louie Goswick-Tubbs

Pete Goza

Yolanda Goza

Lucy Hensman

Crankee Jones

Fannee Jones

Jeffrey Jones

Martha Jones

Mink Jones

Seymour Jones

George Lee

Mercy Lee

Oscar Lee

Sandy Lee

Tino Lee

Pecas Legarda

Brunnhilde Mauk

Duffy Mauk

Ethel Mauk

Hilde Mauk

Lucy Mauk

Rocky Mauk

Daisy McClellan

Adam Merullo

Babycakes Merullo

Hypfydol Merullo-Zemanek

Lord Fennyson Merullo-Zemanek

Big Ears Miquon-Bradley

Spanky Miquon-Bradley

Alfie Rainman

Asia Rainman

Eli Rainman

Ethan Rainman

Evie Rainman

Jinx Rainman

Stella Rainman

William Rainman

Winkie Rainman

Wyndson Rainman

Buckwheat Roach

Honey Boy Roach

Rufo Roach

Jona Sager-Ward

Lulu Sager-Ward

Jona Sennewald-Frazier

Alphie Spencer

Cubkie Starbuck

Dominick Starbuck

Nick Starbuck

Ginger Treadwell

Bandit Tsubai

Chester Vallés

Crespo Vallés

Lala Vallés

Spike Walton-Brady

Buster Wilderman

Loki Wilderman

Daisy Willing

Jack Zemanek





Pet Blessing Flowers

The flowers on the Baptismal are given to God in grateful praise, deep thanksgiving and loving memory for blessing us and the animals that are and have been, our beloved pets and companions. Note those which most closely connect you with your pet and your special relationship. These flowers and colors were chosen because of their association with Jesus Christ and His servant, Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals. One special person in Francis's life was Clare of Assisi so the flower associated with her is also present.

Red roses represent Christ's blood, as well as the stigmata later seen on Saint Francis prior to his death.

Lavender Roses are associated with peace which was exhibited between Saint Francis, the wolf and the townspeople that had been harassed by the wolf.

Yellow Roses represent the encouragement given to those who join Francis in following Christ's examples throughout their lives.

White Lilies remind us of Christ's Resurrection, pure thoughts, pure words, and pure deeds in Saint Francis, Saint Clare, and all who follow in Christ's steps.

Sunflowers are associated with Saint Clare of Assisi because of her optimism and happiness, dedication and love, lasting friendship, warmth, faith and strength with God and Saint Francis.

Our pets, like Christ, love and trust us unconditionally. Although they do not speak in human languages, their wagging tails, patting paws, sitting on and beside us, leave no questions about their feelings toward us. Let us always remember that God created them before He created us, and always treat them with the love and respect that they deserve.



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From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace.
John 1:16





THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN
October 8, Nineteenth 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)

Blessing of the Animals: October 8th, 4-6pm

We are looking forward to seeing you and your beautiful furry friends this Sunday from 4-6pm for our Annual Pet Blessing. Additionally, we will honor our fur-babies during the Sunday services. Thank you to all who have helped to organize this event, especially Shelby Bradley.

Baptism Class: October 14th, 10am

At Trinity, we love baptisms and confirmations! Babies, children and adults are baptized here each year, and we invite you to join in the process of preparing for baptism for yourself or your child by attending our next Baptism class scheduled for Saturday, October 14th at 10am with Rev. Luz in the Smith Room. Our next baptisms will take place on Sunday, Nov. 9th. You can RSVP to attend the class [here](#).

Taste of Trinity – Upcoming Dinners, Oct. 14th and 28th

If you missed signing up for our Taste of Trinity dinner groups, there is still time! We meet monthly to have fellowship and try fun food – this is a social group to get to know people at Trinity. There will be a dinner on Saturday, October 14th at the home of John Merullo and George Zemanek and Saturday, October 28th at the home of Catherine and Chris Reed. If you would like to attend either dinner please email John at rockhopperlad@gmail.com for more details.

Book Study – Mujerista Theology : October 16th, 6:30pm

Please join Rev. Hannah for our fall adult education book study on October 16th at 6:30pm via Zoom. Mujerista Theology is a comprehensive introduction to Hispanic feminist theology written by Ada Maria Isasi Diaz reflecting the heart and convictions of her experience. For more information and link to purchase book click [here](#). RSVP [here](#) (Zoom information provided upon registration).

Women's Circle: October 17th, 11am (DATE CHANGE)

Our next women's circle will meet on Tuesday, October 17th at 11am in the Masterson room. Please note this is a date change. We welcome all women of Trinity and friends to join us for fellowship, prayer, and reflection as we resume our monthly gatherings this fall. For more information please email Sara Flick at sarahflick2009@gmail.com.

Bishop's Visit/Annual Kick-Off: October 22nd

Please make sure to plan to join us for services and coffee hour on Sunday, October 22nd. We will welcome Bishop Monterroso, receive new members, and celebrate our Annual Giving Stewardship Campaign for 2024! We will have a wonderful celebration and look forward to seeing you on this important date!

Four Choir Evensong: October 22nd, 5pm

The choirs of Trinity, St. Mark's Bellaire, St. Andrew's in The Heights and St. Thomas Episcopal churches will be combining forces on the evening of Sunday, October 22nd at 5pm to present a special Festival Evensong service at St. Thomas as part of a collaborative multi-parish musical initiative. The service will feature a wide selection of some of the best music in the Anglican choral repertoire, including Hubert Parry's wonderful, yet seldom-heard anthem "Hear My Words, Ye People" for double-choir, organ and Soprano and Bass soloists as well as David Hogan's "Mount St. Alban's Service" which was commissioned in 1990 in celebration of the completion of Washington National Cathedral. This is a must-see event and will be a beautiful, reflective occasion of music and the spoken word. There will also be a barbeque-themed reception following the service!

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, October 8th, 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)
12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Chapel)
4:00 pm Blessing of the Animals
8:00 pm Compline (Facebook)

Monday, October 9th, 2023

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

Tuesday, October 10th, 2023

5:00 pm Pastoral Care Team (Zoom)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer
6:00 pm Property Committee (Zoom)
6:30 pm Finance Committee (Zoom)

Wednesday, October 11th, 2023

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

Thursday, October 12th, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday, October 13th, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Saturday, October 14th, 2023

10:00 am Baptism Class (Smith Rm)

Our Weekly Zoom links can be found at

<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/zoom-withus>



PRAYERS

Our custom is to read aloud each week the names of those who request our prayers. We also remember in our Prayer Chain and Bulletin those who desire prayers. Please email to keep us informed. For information or comments about prayer names, please contact the Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero. If you would like to participate as a member of the prayer chain, please contact Norma Cooper.

Allegra, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Jill, Stephen, Emily, Van, Dick, Theresa (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:

Vesta Eidman, Ollin Chavez, 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 15th, November 5th and 19th.**



Happy Birthday!

Patty McGinty, Liz Christensen, Sandra Montes, Martin Garcia

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Friday 9 am – 1 pm

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BULLETIN INSERTS

October 8, 2023 – Pentecost 19 (A) Young Adult and Campus Ministry Grants

Episcopalians are invited to consider how their community might serve young adults—on and off college campuses—and apply for an Episcopal Church Young Adult and Campus Ministry grant for the 2024-25 academic year.

The deadline to apply is **Nov. 13**, with decisions announced in early 2024. Applicants are encouraged to use a discernment and planning guide prior to submission. Find application forms, selection criteria, sample applications, a timeline, budget guidelines, and more here: iam.ec/yacmgrants.

A total of \$140,000 is available for awarding in four grant categories to eligible dioceses, congregations, and/or college and university ministries that engage in or are seeking new relationships with young adults.

Applicants are asked to include a 1- to 2-minute video explaining how this grant would help their ministry grow, change, or do something new. Grant categories include the following:

- **Development grants:** Establish new, restore a dormant, or reenergize an existing ministry. Grants range from \$8,000-\$30,000; can be used over two years; and can only be awarded to a specific ministry once every five years.
- **Campus ministry grants:** Provide seed money to help in the startup of new, innovative campus ministries or to enhance an existing ministry. Grants \$1,000-\$8,000.
- **Young adult ministry grants:** Provide seed money to help in the startup of new, innovative young adult ministries or enhance existing ministries. Grants \$1,000-\$8,000.
- **Project grants:** Provide money for a one-time project to enhance and positively impact a campus or young adult ministry. Grants \$100-\$2,000.



During last year's grant cycle, 20 grants were awarded to ministries from dioceses across the U.S. and Cuba.

“The Young Adult and Campus Ministry grants enable communities throughout the church to dream about what is possible, what is next, and where God is calling their ministry to do a new thing,” said the Rev. Shannon Kelly, director for the Department of Faith Formation and officer for Young Adult and Campus Ministries. “As we continue to think creatively about what church looks like, these grants enable our young adults, ministers, congregations, and dioceses to dream big and learn more about themselves and their communities.”

For more information, contact the Rev. Shannon Kelly: skelly@episcopalchurch.org.

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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.

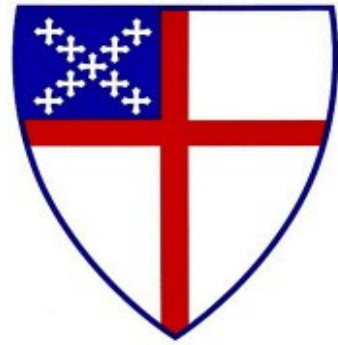
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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