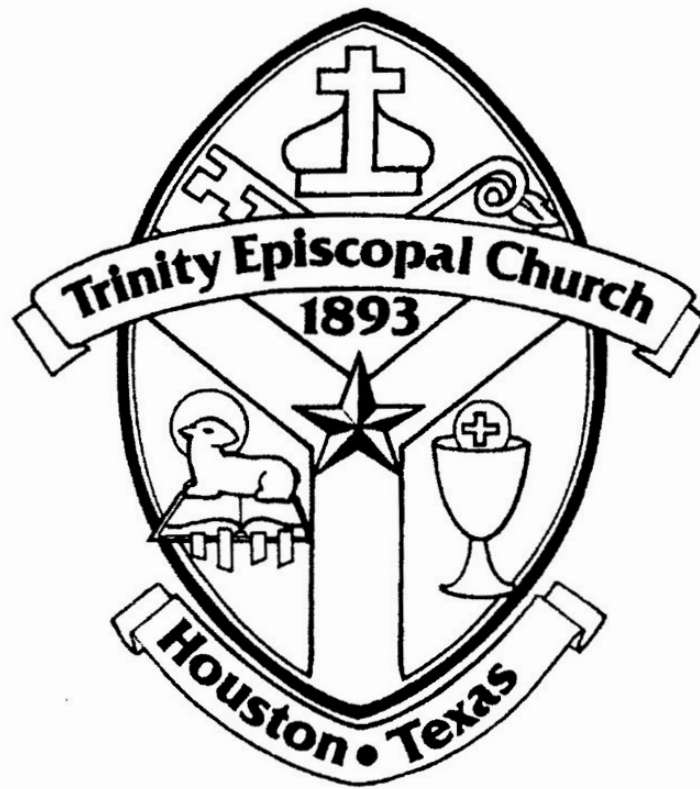


THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 8, 2023
10:30 a.m.



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

Alex Jones, Organist and Choirmaster

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

WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

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

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

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

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Children 3yrs through 3rd grade *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* Meets in room 112 at 9:30 a.m. and the children return to their parents at the passing of the peace.

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.
- Each Sunday, your child may pick up a pew activity in the back of the church.
- 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
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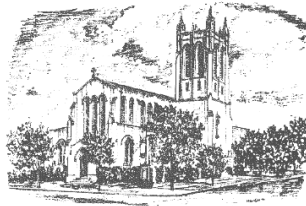
Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*
Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*
Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*
Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*
Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*
Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Lector: Stan Tubbs
Prayers: John Merullo
LEMs: Joanne Starbuck, Ron Starbuck
Acolytes: A. Sennewald, B. Walton, J. Sennewald, G. Chambers, L. Chambers
Ushers: Ken Jones, Barrett Hess, Will Sager, Kerry Ward
Vergers: Ron Mailloux
Vestry of the Day: Ann McCoy
Altar Guild: Mark Goza, Catherine Guthrie, David Villarreal
Audio Visual: Jeremy Velasquez

The High 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 22)



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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

10:30 a.m. Historic Church

Please enter in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.

VOLUNTARY

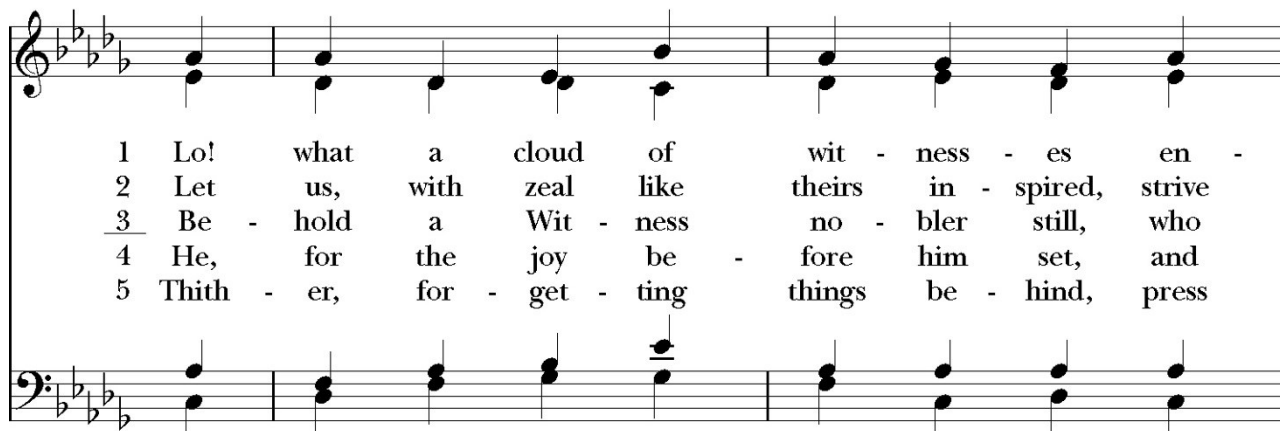
The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand as able.


HYMN IN PROCESSION 545

Lo! what a cloud of witnesses

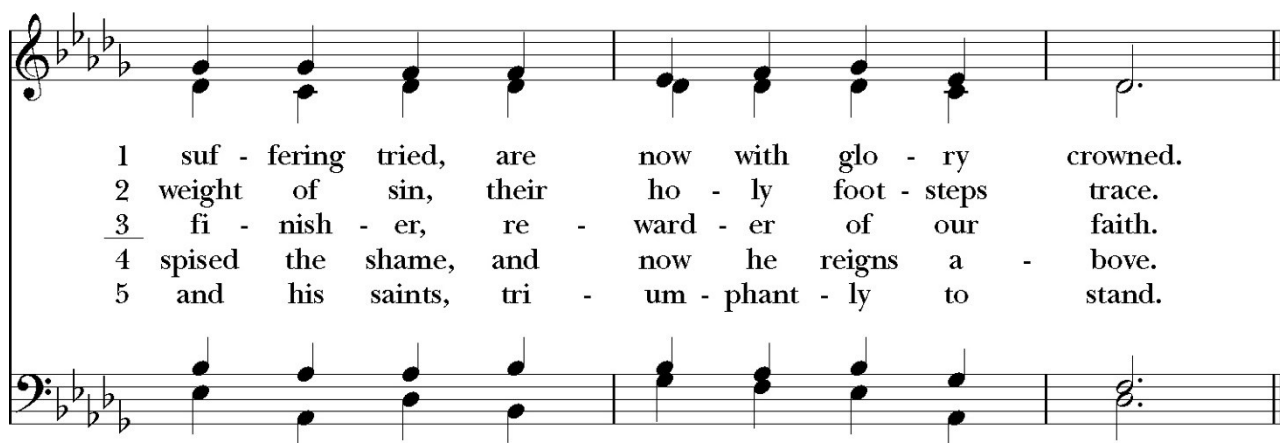
St. Fulbert



1 Lo! what a cloud of wit - ness - es en -
2 Let us, with zeal like theirs in - spired, strive
3 Be - hold a Wit - ness no - bler still, who
4 He, for the joy be - fore him set, and
5 Thith - er, for - get - ting things be - hind, press



1 com - pass us a - round! They, once like us with
2 in the Chris - tian race; and, freed from ev - ery
3 trod af - flic - tion's path: Je - sus, the au - thor,
4 moved by pit - ying love, en - dured the cross, de -
5 we to God's right hand; there, with the Sa - vior



1 suf - fer - ing tried, are now with glo - ry crowned.
2 weight of sin, their ho - ly foot - steps trace.
3 fi - nish - er, re - ward - er of our faith.
4 spised the shame, and now he reigns a - bove.
5 and his saints, tri - um - phant - ly to stand.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, page 355

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, page 355

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

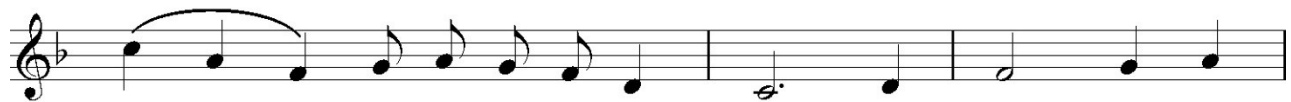
People Amen.

CANTICLE S280 Glory to God

Robert Powell



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you 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.**

- 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.

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.**

1 O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di - vine,
 3 O make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of old;

we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip - ture's page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,
 O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21: 33-46

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

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

We invite you to offer any prayers you wish to share in the comment section.

- Reader* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
For all people in their daily life and work;
- People** **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**
- Reader* We pray for Joseph, our president; Kamala, our vice-president; Greg, our governor; Lina, our county judge; Sylvester, our mayor; and the legislatures, and courts: For this community, the nation, and the world:
- People** **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**
- Reader* For the end of systemic racism that divides us; for the just and proper use of your creation;
- People** **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**
- Reader* For [all women and men, boys and girls who are homeless this day, and for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.](#)
- People** **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**
- Reader* In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend 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.](#) For the peace and unity of the Church of God.
- People** **For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**
- Reader* For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai (*pronounced "Kaye"*), and Hector, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale, our clergy; for all who minister in this place; and for all bishops and other ministers.
- People** **For all who serve God in his Church.**
- Reader* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those who are on our prayer list: [Bill, Nick, Kathy, Bob, Dale, Edith, Phil, Graeme, Christopher, Holly, Ray, Larry E., Rose, Junetta, Bart, Henry, Marie, and Thomas.](#)
- Hear us, Lord;
- People** **For your mercy is great.**
- Reader* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for [Patty, Liz, Sandra, and Martin](#) as they celebrate their birthdays.
- We will exalt you, O God our King;
- People** **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**
- Reader* We pray for all who have died, [especially for Vesta Eidman, Ollin Chavez, and all victims of gun violence,](#) that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
- Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
- People** **Who put their trust in you.**

CONFESSION

BCP, page 392

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

- People** **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

Please stand as able.

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.

The children who attended Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will return at this point so that they can participate with their families in the Holy Communion.

Please be seated.

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see our complete announcements and the Weekly Window at the end 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

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OFFERTORY

My Eyes for Beauty Pine

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

My eyes for beauty pine, My soul for Goddes grace;
 No other care nor hope is mine, To heaven I turn my face.
 One splendor thence is shed from all the stars above:
 'Tis named when God's name is said, 'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.
 And every gentle heart that burns with true desire,
 Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

The Celebrant proceeds

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

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S125

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please stand or kneel, as able.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

AMEN.

The Celebrant then continues

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

Celebrant and People

**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.**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
 sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

AGNUS DEI S166

Gerald R. Near

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on
 us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.
 Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to come participate in Holy Communion. If for any reason you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms across your chest for a blessing.

Our tradition is to receive both bread and wine, sharing in the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips, or you may "intinct" by dipping the wafer into the chalice. If you prefer, you may also receive the bread only: After consuming the wafer, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine.

If you do not wish to "intinct" from the common cup, there will be a third chalice, for intinction only, available in the baptistery. If you wish to partake of this chalice, please proceed to the baptistery after receiving a wafer from the priest .



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

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

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

1 And now, O Fa - ther, mind - ful of the love that
 2 Look Fa - ther, look on his a - noint - ed face, and
 *3 And then for those, our dear - est and our best, by
 *4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet, most

bought us, once for all, on Cal - vary's tree, and hav - ing with us
 on - ly look on us as found in him; look not on our mis -
 this pre - vail - ing pres - ence we ap - peal; O fold them clos - er
 pa - tient Sa - vior, who canst love us still! And by this food, so

him that pleads a - bove, we here pre - sent, we here spread
 us - ings of thy grace, our prayer so lan - guid, and our
 to thy mer - cy's breast! O do thine ut - most for their
 awe - some and so sweet, de - liv - er us from ev - ery

forth to thee, that on - ly of - fering per - fect in thine
 faith so dim: for lo! be - tween our sins and their re -
 soul's true weal! From taint - ing mis - chief keep them pure and
 touch of ill: in thine own ser - vice make us glad and

eyes, the one true, pure, im - mor - tal sac - ri - fice.
 ward, we set the pas - sion of thy Son our Lord.
 clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to per - se - vere.
 free, and grant us nev - er - more to part from thee.

The Celebrant distributes a communion kit saying,

Celebrant On behalf of God and Trinity Parish, we send forth these holy gifts that those who will be visited may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please kneel or stand as able.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.**

Please stand as able

HYMN IN PROCESSION 449

O love, how deep, how broad

Deo gracias



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

DISMISSAL

Officiant
People

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

*Those who wish to listen to the closing Voluntary
are invited to come and sit in the Choir.*

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

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*Please join us for Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall
immediately following this service.*

*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

Reese Bowen

Bella Christianson

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Keysee Clark

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Bailey Goza

Chelo Goza

Cece Graves

Flora Hensman

Gizmo Jones

Stryppe Jones

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Mia Karakhanova-Whitesell

Pumpkin Karakhanova-Whitesell

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H.C. Lee

Popsicle Lee

Bella Longino

Bunny Longino

Daisy Longino

Sassy Longino

Sunny Longino

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Curby McClellan

Little Guy Merullo

Paul Merullo-Zemanek

Pete Merullo-Zemanek

Ringo Merullo-Zemanek

Rufus Peterson

Teddy Peterson

Ace Rainman

Buster Rainman

Lucy Rainman

Walter Rainman

Gib Roach

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Atkins

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Gringo Schuller-Sodders

Komo Schuller-Sodders

Mac Schuller-Sodders

Maggie Schuller-Sodders

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Pearl Ward-Hopson

Paisley Wilderman



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In Memory of:

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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
Hyfyrdol 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
Wyndsor Rainman
Buckwheat Roach
Honey Boy Roach
Rufe Roach
Jona Sager-Ward
Lulu Sager-Ward
Jona Sennewald-Frazier
Alphie Spencer
Cubbie 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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October 22nd, 2024
Kick-Off Sunday

November 12, 2024
The In-Gathering

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.**



Patty McGinty, Liz Christensen, Sandra Montes, Martin Garcia

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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:

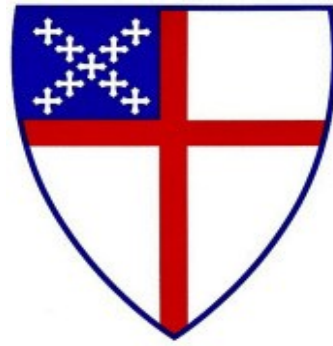
- **Development grants:** Establish new, restore a dormant, or reenergize an existing ministry. Grants range from \$8,000-\$30,000; can be used over two years; and can only be awarded to a specific ministry once every five years.
- **Campus ministry grants:** Provide seed money to help in the startup 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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