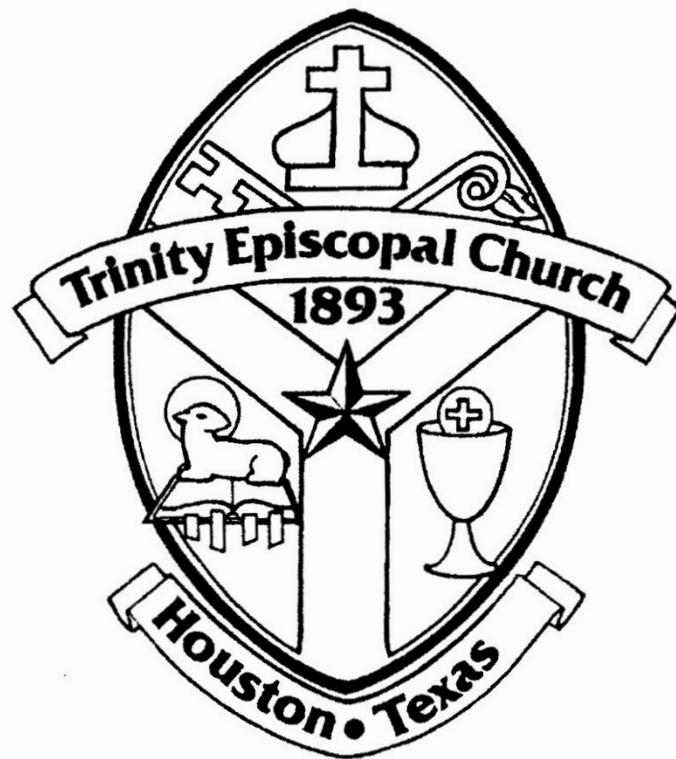


# THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 8, 2023  
12:30 p.m.



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

April Sloan-Hubert, Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble  
Pelayo Parlade, Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble

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

# WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! We're glad you chose to worship with us. We adapted the liturgy for this service from *A New Zealand Prayer Book* to guide our worship. In this leaflet, you'll find everything you need to follow along printed.

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

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- 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.



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Ben Blanding  
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John Merullo  
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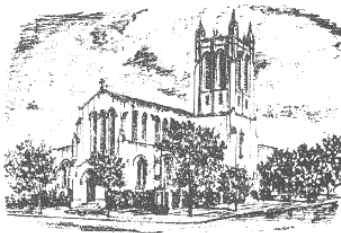
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Bass: Alfred Kennedy

## SERVING TODAY

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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 18)



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# The Liturgy of the Word

## INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

*Please stand as able.*

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

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

*Presider* Let us worship God.

## OPENING HYMN

This Is the Day

LEVAS, page 219

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the

Lord hath made, we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be

glad in it, and be glad in it; This is the day that the

Lord hath made, we will re-joyce and be glad in it;

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

## OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.  
Merciful God, in Christ you make all things new; transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

**People Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People Thanks be to God.**

Presider      The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**People      Praise and glory to God!**

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.

Presider      This is the Gospel of Christ.

**People      Praise to Christ, the Word.**

*Please be seated*

SERMON

The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Associate Rector

MUSICAL REFLECTION

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

Please stand as able

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### Response

instrumental intro G<sup>b</sup>maj7 A<sup>b</sup>7sus A<sup>b</sup>7

Hear our -

**A**

5 F m7 B<sup>b</sup>m7 F m7 B<sup>b</sup>m7

prayer - O - Lord hea our - prayer O - Lord - - in -

9 G<sup>b</sup>maj7 A<sup>b</sup>7sus A<sup>b</sup>7

cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our

**B**

13 F m7 B<sup>b</sup>m7 F m7 B<sup>b</sup>m7

prayer O - Lord - - - in -

17 G<sup>b</sup>maj7 A<sup>b</sup>7sus A<sup>b</sup>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 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.  
We give thanks for the good news of salvation for all people. Strengthen us for our work in the world, empower your Church to proclaim the gospel in service, word and sacrament.  
Unite in the truth all who confess your name, that we may live together in love to your glory.

Let us pray for ourselves and our community. We give thanks for the fellowship of the communities in which we live and work, especially Trinity Church. We pray for our bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai (*pronounced "Kaye"*), and Hector, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale our clergy; and for all who minister in this place. We commend to your keeping ourselves and each other, our families, those with whom we work and learn, our neighbors and our friends. Enable us by your Spirit to live in love for you and for one another.

**Response**

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

*Heavenly Father, our neighbor has nowhere to call home: help us be aware. Our neighbor needs love and community: help us be active. Our neighbor is crying out for justice: help us be adamant to see an end to homelessness.*

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, *especially for Vesta Eidman, Ollin Chavez, 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 *Patty, Liz, Sandra, and Martin,* who are celebrating their birthdays.

**Response**

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

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

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

**Final Response**

The musical score is written in G-flat major (three flats) and 3/4 time. It begins with an instrumental intro. The first line of music is labeled 'instrumental intro' and includes the chords G<sup>b</sup>maj7, A<sup>b</sup>7sus, and A<sup>b</sup>7. The lyrics 'Hear our -' are written below the notes. The second line is marked with a box 'A' and a measure number '5'. It includes the chords Fm7, B<sup>b</sup>m7, Fm7, and B<sup>b</sup>m7. The lyrics are 'prayer - O - Lord hear our - prayer O - Lord - - in -'. The third line is marked with a measure number '9' and includes the chords G<sup>b</sup>maj7, a whole rest symbol (⊘), A<sup>b</sup>7sus, and A<sup>b</sup>7. The lyrics are 'cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our'. The fourth line is marked with a box 'B' and a measure number '13'. It includes the chords Fm7, B<sup>b</sup>m7, Fm7, and B<sup>b</sup>m7. The lyrics are '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.

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

A - nd Gra - nt - us Thy - Pe - ace \_\_\_\_\_

THE CONFESSION

Presider Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. I will confess my sins to the Lord. I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

God forgives and heals us.

**People We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us; some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.**

Presider God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself.

THE PEACE

Presider Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.

**People Who breaks down the walls that divide.**

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

**People Praise to Christ who makes us one.**

MUSIC AT THE PEACE

Today

Richard Smallwood

*Please be seated.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# The Liturgy of the Table

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

## OFFERING

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## THE OFFERTORY

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. By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory, in him you made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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,

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the word "Amen". The first staff is in 4/4 time and features a melodic line with a slur over the second and third notes. The second and third staves provide alternative rhythmic patterns for the same text. The lyrics "A - men," are written below each staff.

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

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



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

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

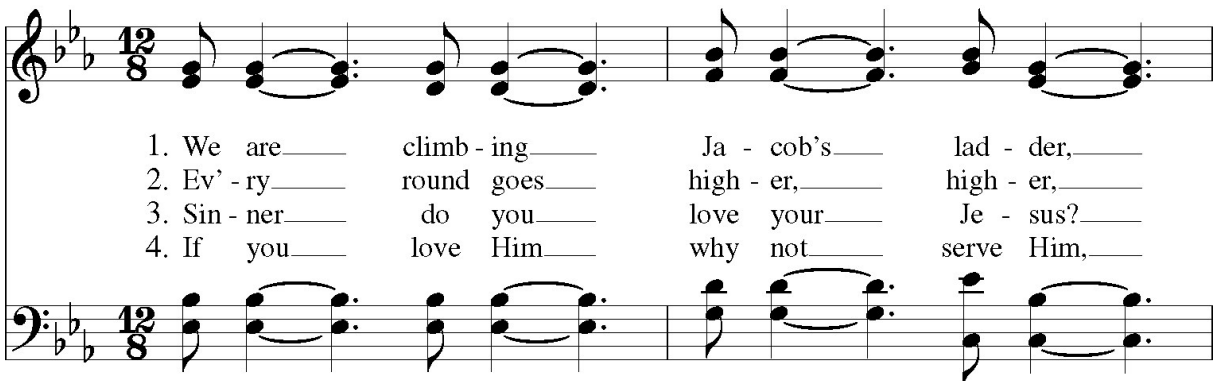
*The Prayer for Spiritual Communion is prayed by those at home unable to partake of communion in person.*

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

## COMMUNION HYMN

## We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

LEVAS, page 220



1. We are \_\_\_\_\_ climb - ing \_\_\_\_\_ Ja - cob's \_\_\_\_\_ lad - der, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Ev' - ry \_\_\_\_\_ round goes \_\_\_\_\_ high - er, \_\_\_\_\_ high - er, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Sin - ner \_\_\_\_\_ do you \_\_\_\_\_ love your \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus? \_\_\_\_\_  
4. If you \_\_\_\_\_ love Him \_\_\_\_\_ why not \_\_\_\_\_ serve Him, \_\_\_\_\_

1. We are \_\_\_\_\_ climb - ing \_\_\_\_\_ Ja - cob's \_\_\_\_\_ lad - der; \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Ev' - ry \_\_\_\_\_ round goes \_\_\_\_\_ high - er, \_\_\_\_\_ high - er; \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Sin - ner \_\_\_\_\_ do you \_\_\_\_\_ love your \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus? \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. If you \_\_\_\_\_ love Him \_\_\_\_\_ why not \_\_\_\_\_ serve Him; \_\_\_\_\_

1. We are \_\_\_\_\_ climb - ing \_\_\_\_\_ Ja - cob's \_\_\_\_\_ lad - der, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Ev' - ry \_\_\_\_\_ round goes \_\_\_\_\_ high - er, \_\_\_\_\_ high - er, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Sin - ner \_\_\_\_\_ do you \_\_\_\_\_ love your \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus? \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. If you \_\_\_\_\_ love Him \_\_\_\_\_ why not \_\_\_\_\_ serve Him, \_\_\_\_\_

1. Sol - diers \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ cross. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Sol - diers \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ cross. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Sol - diers \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ cross. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Sol - diers \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ cross. \_\_\_\_\_

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Please stand as able.*

Presider Blessed be God who calls us together.  
**People Praise to God who makes us one people.**

Presider Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.  
**People Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.**

Presider Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.  
**People Praise to God who is revealed as love.**

Presider Blessed be God who alone has called us.  
**People Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.**

Presider Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.  
**People Accept our thanks for all you have done.**

Presider Send us now into the world you love.  
**People Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
 in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

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

CLOSING HYMN

Amen

LEVAS, page 233

Amen, Lord-y, good Lord - y,  
1. See the lit - tle ba - by  
Amen, A - men, A - men.  
1. Ly - ing in a man-ger On Christ - mas morn - ing.  
2. Talk-ing to the eld-ers, They mar-v'ld at His wis - dom.  
3. Pray-ing to his fa-ther As Ju - das be-trays Him.  
4. Dy - ing for us sin-ners but He rose on Eas - ter.  
Amen, Amen

1., 2., 3. | 4.

2. See Him in the tem-ple,  
3. See Him in the gar-den,  
4. See Him there at Cal-v'ry,

A - men, A - men, A - men. men.

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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 Stan Tubbs, and Randy Goswick for hosting this morning's coffee hour.*

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 Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or online, or scan this QR code:*



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In Honor of:

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*Spanky Cooper*

*B.D. Dykes*

*Munchkin Dykes*

*Pepper Dykes*

*Lady Avery Foxx*

*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*

*Fino Lee*

*Pecas Legarda*

*Brunnhilde Mauk*

*Duffy Mauk*

*Ethel Mauk*

*Hilde Mauk*

*Lucy Mauk*

*Rocky Mauk*

*Daisy McClellan*

*Adam Merullo*

*Babycakes Merullo*

*Kyfyrdol 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*

*Wyndor 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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## **JOIN US AT TRINITY**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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/](http://www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/).  
The next available dates: **October 15th, 22nd, and November 5th.**



Sign-ups for coffee hour hosts are available, please sign up 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

#### Office Hours

Tuesday–Thursday 9 am – 4 pm  
Friday 9 am – 1 pm

If you have building concerns please email [frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org). Thanks!



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**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](http://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](mailto: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.

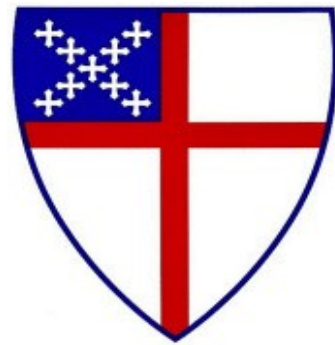
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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