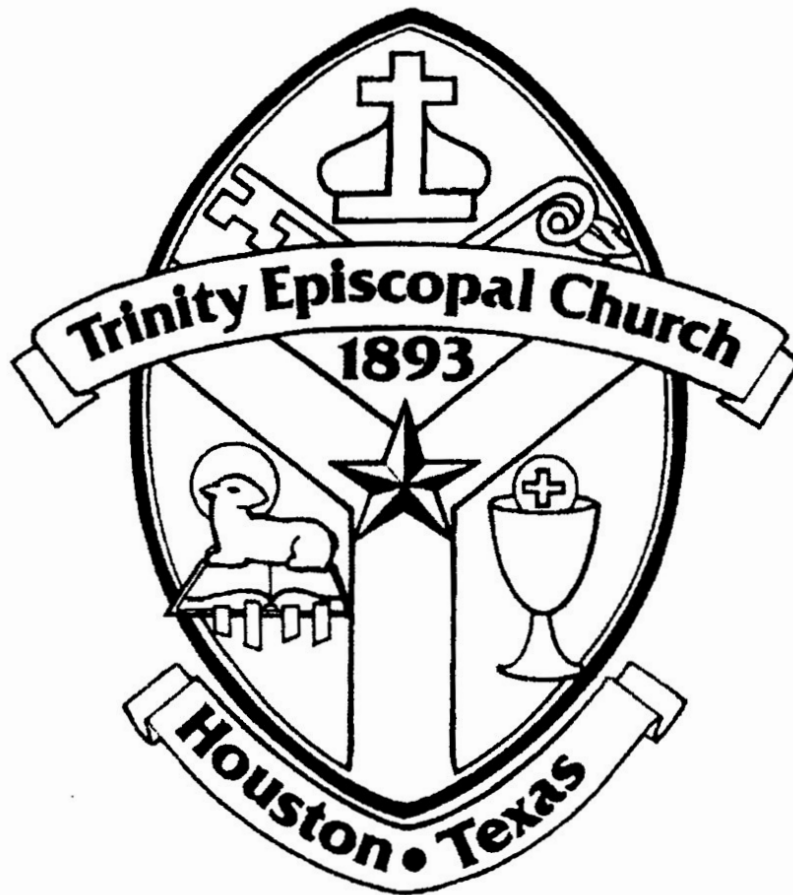


# THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 15, 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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For more information, please visit our website:

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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

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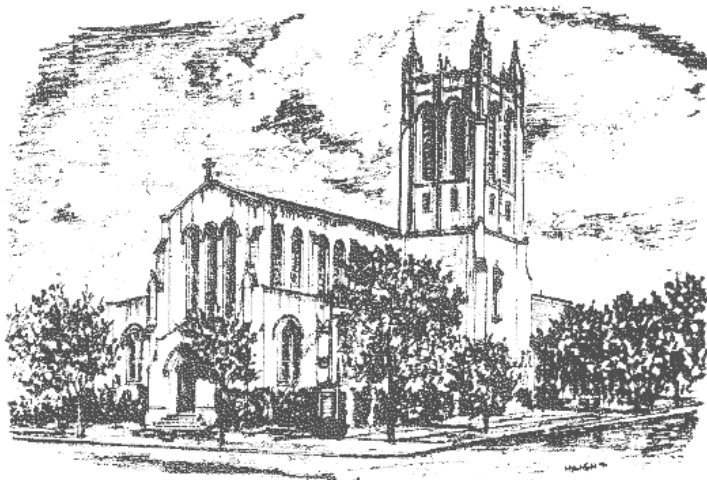
Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*

Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

## SERVING TODAY

Reader: Donna Cloteaux  
LEM: Toni Longino  
Music: Wendy Wentland, piano  
Vestry of the Day: John Merullo

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God  
and in thanksgiving for Charles and Germaine Field,  
wonderful parents and wonderful friends  
by Caroline Levander



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# HOLY BAPTISM AND 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.**  
*Officiant* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
**People** **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
*Officiant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
**People** **One God and Father of all.**

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
**People** **And with thy spirit.**  
*Officiant* Let us pray.  
Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**People** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 25: 1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
**People** **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 23

*Dominus regit me*  
*Alternately by whole verse.*

BCP, page 612

1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

**4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4: 1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22: 1-14

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

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him,

*(Continued on page 6)*



## BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

**People** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People** **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People** **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People** **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People** **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People** **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People** **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People** **I will, with God's help.**

## PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

*The Celebrant then says to the people*

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

*Leader* Deliver **him**, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open **his** heart to your grace and truth.

**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill **him** with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep **him** in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach **him** to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send **him** into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring **him** to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. We pray also today for our beloveds named on our memorial page and in our hearts.

**Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

*The Clergy and baptismal party process to the Baptismal font.*

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*The Celebrant then says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## THE BAPTISM

*The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant who pours water upon the candidate, saying*

**Don**, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**



Then the Celebrant places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying to him:

**Don**, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

**Amen.**

A candle (which may be lighted from the Paschal Candle) is given to the newly baptized, using these or similar words:

**Don**, receive the light of Christ, a sign of the new life enkindled within you.

**Amen.**

The Celebrant, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over her, saying  
Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised **him** to the new life of grace. Sustain **him**, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give **him** an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

**Amen.**

The Celebrant then says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood. 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.

Go to [www.trinitymidtown.org](http://www.trinitymidtown.org) and click the "Give" button on the top right, click:

<https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=156477>

**Texting.** Send the message **heartofmidtown** to **73256**. Be sure to type heartofmidtown with no spaces, or autocorrect may insert information about a different church. The prompt will ask for a credit card number which can be kept on file for future contributions.



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.**

*The celebrant continues*

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.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*BCP, page 338*

*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.*

**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.*

Thank you to everyone who participated in making this year's Annual Blessing of the Animals a big success. Please see Shelby after each service in order to receive your certificate and bag that were not picked up on Sunday. Also, a pair of eyeglasses in a black case were found, if yours please see Shelby.

*We would like to thank the Christianson family for hosting this morning's coffee hour.*

*Please note that Sundays starting November 5 are open to host (part/all) coffee hour. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or online, or scan this QR code:*







## BULLETIN INSERTS

**October 15, 2023 – Pentecost 20 (A)**

### **Meet Your Episcopal Service Corps Programs: Johnson Service Corps**

Johnson Service Corps is a diverse, ecumenical community of young adults ages 21 to 28 dedicated to service and social justice in Chapel Hill and Durham, N.C.

A year in the Johnson Service Corps is an opportunity to grow personally, professionally, and spiritually through a well-supported mix of justice work, leadership training, spiritual practice, and living in intentional community in Durham.

JSC internship placements involve 32 hours a week serving through economic, environmental, and racial justice-oriented nonprofits and offer experience in areas like policy development and implementation, direct service to marginalized women and families or the homeless, or rural agriculture cooperatives. Types of service include: Addiction and recovery support, Arts, Congregation-based ministry, Community organizing, Education, Employment Services, Conservation, Disability services, Food justice, Healthcare, Homelessness, Housing insecurity, Immigrant/refugee services, Legal services, LGBTQIA+ support, Racial reconciliation, Special education, Violence prevention, Women's empowerment, Youth-based services, public policy/advocacy.

Corps members live in a house with four to six other young adults: sharing space, cooking, cleaning, praying, and learning to navigate conflict. Corps members participate in weekly leadership training and in a faith community of their choice. All corps members are supported with a network of relationships that includes peers, mentors, therapists, and other partners.

The JSC community welcomes people of all spiritual traditions and those who are new to exploring spirituality. Every corps member is encouraged to adopt a daily personal practice and to adapt it over the course of the year. Popular practices have included book studies, music, yoga, and a wide variety of prayer. The corps may also participate in the wide variety of faith expressions in the Durham-area, including Buddhist temples, a local farm church, and a synagogue, along with more mainline Christian congregations.

Corps members serving through JSC arrive in mid-August and commit to participation through June of the following year. JSC provides housing, utilities, food stipend, health insurance, group counseling, quarterly retreats, mentorship, \$500 monthly stipend, and \$1000 completion bonus.

Applications for the 2024-2025 Corps will open December 1. Visit ESC's website to learn more about Johnson Service Corps or to take the ESC Discernment Quiz at [EpiscopalServiceCorps.org](https://www.episcopalServiceCorps.org).



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## THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN  
October 15, Twentieth 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)

### Community Engagement Opportunity – Amazon List for Erica Zavla’s Class

We invite you to partner with us in supporting our Catechesis of the Good Shepard lead teacher in her Spring Branch ISD classroom this year! She has compiled an Amazon Wishlist and would love any and all donations. You may find the list [here](#). Thank you in advance for all your awesome support!

### 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!

We are also seeking volunteers to help us with set-up (10:00am-11:30am) and cleanup (12:30-12:45pm). We need 4 volunteers for each time slot. You can email Pam at [pamela-lawson@hotmail.com](mailto:pamela-lawson@hotmail.com) or sign up [here](#) to volunteer (10/22 slot). Thank you!

### 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!

### Pub Theology – October 25th, 7:00pm

We invite you to our October Pub Theology gathering at our new location – The Mucky Duck (2425 Norfolk St.). This is a casual gathering where we talk about deep ideas, theological topics, and enjoy great fellowship. Join us!

### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

#### Sunday, October 15th, 2023

7:30am – 1:30pm Nursery Open  
8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)  
9:00 am Sunday Meditations (Zoom)  
9:30 am Education Hour for All  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)  
11:45 am Sandwich Makers (Fellowship Hall)  
12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Chapel)  
2:00 pm Yoga at Trinity (Atrium 2)  
8:00 pm Compline (Facebook)

#### Monday, October 16th, 2023

12:00 pm Yoga w/Saba (Atrium 2)  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer  
6:30 pm Mujerista Theology Study (Zoom)

#### Tuesday, October 17th, 2023

11:00 am Women’s Circle (Masterson)  
12:00 pm Listening Post  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer  
6:30 pm Vestry (Zoom)

#### Wednesday, October 18th, 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 19th, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer  
6:30 pm Listening Heart (Masterson)

#### Friday, October 20th, 2023

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

#### Saturday, October 21st, 2023

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

**SAVE THE DATE - DECEMBER 5, 2023, 6-9pm!**  
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### 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, Mary, Chris, Jane, Mark, Eliana, Laura, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Guillermo.

#### For the faithful departed:

For all the victims of war in Israel and Palestine and 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: November 19th, December 10th and 17th.**



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: November 5th, 12th, and 19th.**



Mark Goza, Karen Roach, Marilyn Lewis  
John Peterson, Suzanne Kupiec, Eli Hensman

#### Office Hours

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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



## 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.

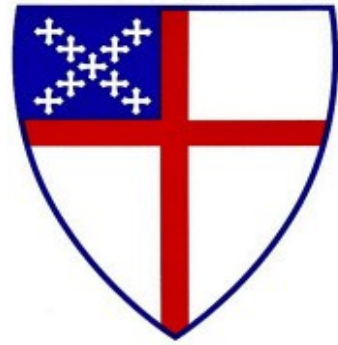
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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