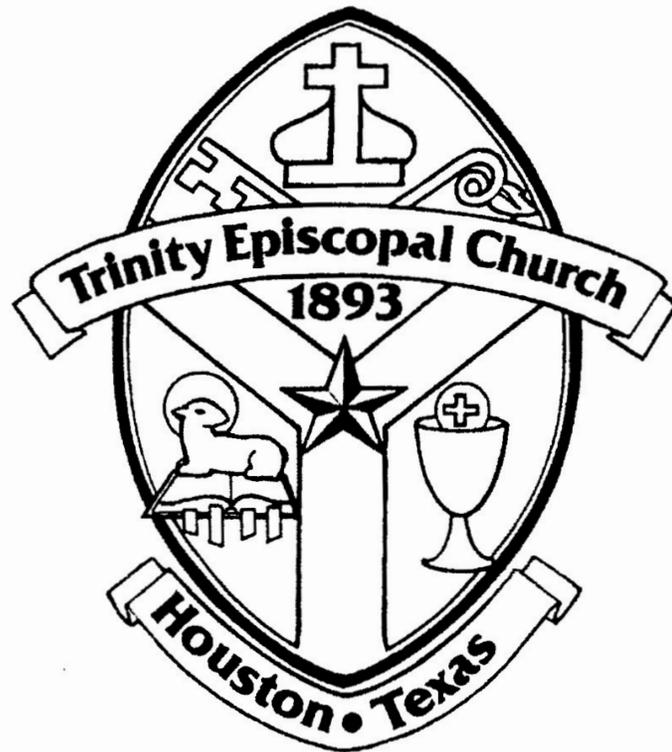


TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 24, 2021
12:30 p.m.



All attending please wear masks and maintain 6 feet social distancing with those not in your household

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector
The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Curate
The Reverend Canon Dr. Henry L. Atkins, Jr., Theologian in Residence

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 this afternoon. We adapted the liturgy for this service from *A New Zealand Prayer Book* to guide our worship. In this leaflet, you'll find everything you need to follow along printed.

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

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

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For more information, please visit our website:

www.trinitymidtown.org

For questions about how to connect with us, please email
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Facebook Live Stream. Please be advised that all services, including this 12:30 p.m. service, are live streamed through our Trinity Facebook and Youtube pages.

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

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VESTRY

Amy Luke, *Senior Warden*
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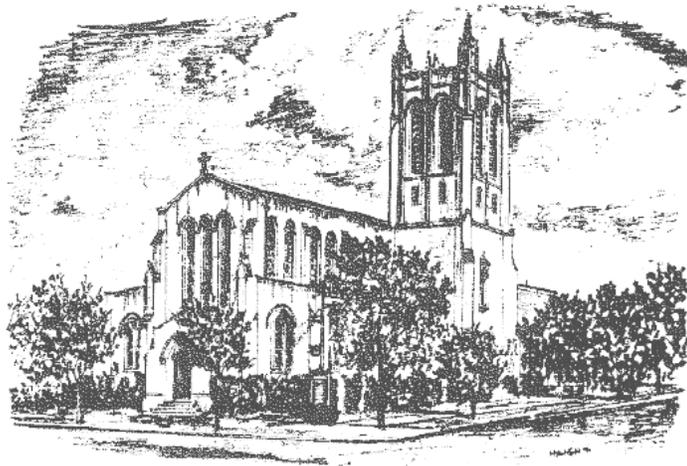
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Jim Castro, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*
Gayle Davies-Cooley, *Historian and Archivist*

THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

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

SERVING TODAY

Lector: Susan Gallagher
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The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Please stand as able.

Presider *Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt his Name together.*

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

Presider Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

LEVAS, page 88

1. My faith looks up to thee, Thou lamb of
2. May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my
3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a -
4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold,

1. Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine!
2. faint - ing heart, My zeal in - spire;
3. round me spread, Be thou my guide;
4. sul - len stream Shall o'er me roll;

1. Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt a - way;
2. As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
3. Bid dark-ness turn to - day, Wipe sor - row's tears a - way;
4. Blest Sav - ior, then in love, Fear and dis - trust re - move,

1. O let me from this day Be whol - ly thine.
2. Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire.
3. Not let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.
4. O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul.

OPENING PRAYER

Presider We praise you, God, that the light of Christ shines in our darkness and is never overcome; show us the way we must go to eternal day; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Job 42: 1-6, 10-17

Job answered the Lord: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 7: 23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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People Thanks be to God.

Presider The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

People Praise and glory to God!

were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Presider This is the Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to Christ, the Word.

Please be seated

SERMON The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, 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^bmaj7 A^b7sus A^b7

Hear our -

[A] 5 F m7 B^bm7 F m7 B^bm7

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

9 G^bmaj7 ⊕ A^b7sus A^b7

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

[B] 13 F m7 B^bm7 F m7 B^bm7

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

17 G^bmaj7 A^b7sus A^b7

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: [Bless Afghanistan, Haiti, and all nations of the world facing tumults and natural disasters, with Christ's gifts of healing and peace](#). Give wisdom to those who have responsibility and authority in every land, especially Joseph, our president; Kamala, our vice-president; Greg, our governor; Sylvester, our mayor; Lina, our county judge; and for 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 Howard Gregory and the Church of the Province of the West Indies](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [All Saints', Stafford; Calvary, Richmond; and Christ Church, Eagle Lake](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Saba Blanding and the Wellness Open House ministry](#). For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

We give thanks for the good news of salvation for all people. Strengthen us for our work in the world, empower your Church to proclaim the gospel in service, word and sacrament.

Unite in the truth all who confess your name, that we may live together in love to your glory.

Let us pray for ourselves and our community. We give thanks for the fellowship of the communities in which we live and work, especially Trinity Church.

We pray for our bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Hector, Jeff and Kai, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Henry our clergy.

We commend to your keeping ourselves and each other, our families, those with whom we work and learn, our neighbors and our friends. Enable us by your Spirit to live in love for you and for one another.

Response

We give thanks that you are the God who brings mercy and wholeness.

Comfort and heal, we pray, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble, especially for those we now name: [Bill, Eula, Kensington, Reiss, Stewart, Henry, Steve, Joyce, Bob, and Theorphlis](#).

[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 Ricardo Garcia, all who have perished by contracting the Coronavirus, and all victims of gun violence](#). Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfillment of your kingdom.

We give you thanks for your servants in every age, especially for these who are celebrating their birthdays: [Brian, Cameron, and Alex](#).

Response

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

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

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

Response

instrumental intro $G^b\text{maj}7$ $A^b7\text{sus}$ A^b7
Hear our -

A
5 $F\text{m}7$ $B^b\text{m}7$ $F\text{m}7$ $B^b\text{m}7$
prayer - O - Lord hea our - prayer O - Lord - - in -

9 $G^b\text{maj}7$ $A^b7\text{sus}$ A^b7
cline-Thine ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our

B
13 $F\text{m}7$ $B^b\text{m}7$ $F\text{m}7$ $B^b\text{m}7$
prayer O - Lord - hear - our - prayer - O - Lord - - - in -

17 $G^b\text{maj}7$ $A^b7\text{sus}$ A^b7
cline-Thine ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord _____
Soft piano improvisation during prayer, play intro to cue next response.

21 $G^b\text{maj}7$ $A^b7\text{sus}$ A^b7 $D^b\text{maj}7$
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

The Liturgy of the Table

Please be seated.

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OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

THE OFFERTORY

The Trinity Jazz Ensemble

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as able.

Presider The Lord is here.
People God's Spirit is with us.

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Presider

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

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. 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 have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit.

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

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

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

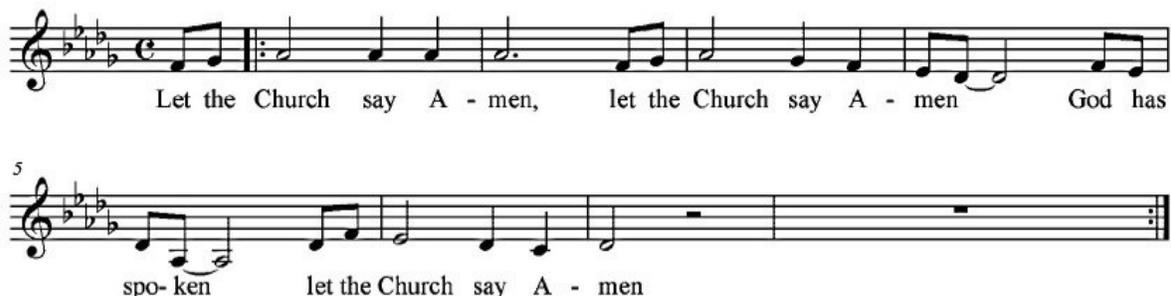
After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

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

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

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

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



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

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Prisider 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

For the duration of the current pandemic we will offer communion in one kind, the bread only. The priest will bring communion to your seat.



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.

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness

of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and

see the good - ness of the Lord. of the Lord. **Fine**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
3. Wor - ship the Lord all you peo - ple.

1. His praise shall al - ways be on my
2. To - geth - er let us all praise His
3. You'll want for noth - ing if you

1. lips; my soul shall
2. name. I called the
3. ask. Taste and

1. glo - ry in the Lord; for
2. Lord and He an - swered me; from
3. see that God is good; in

1. He _____ has been _____ so good to me. _____
 2. all _____ my trou - bles _____ He set me free. _____
 3. Him _____ we need _____ put all our trust. _____

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.**

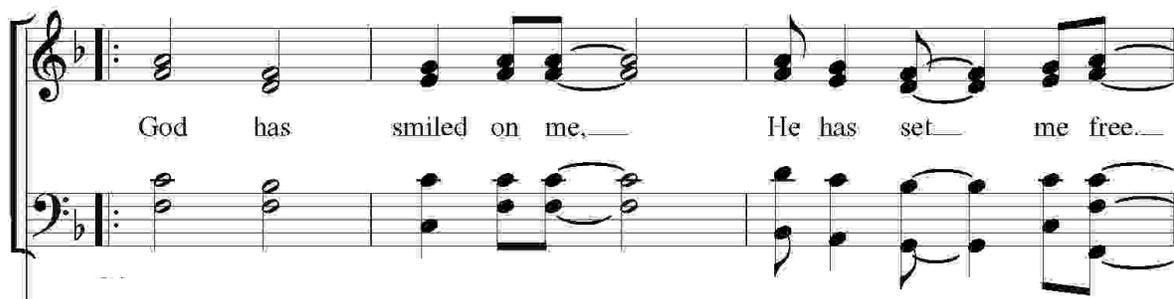
COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

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

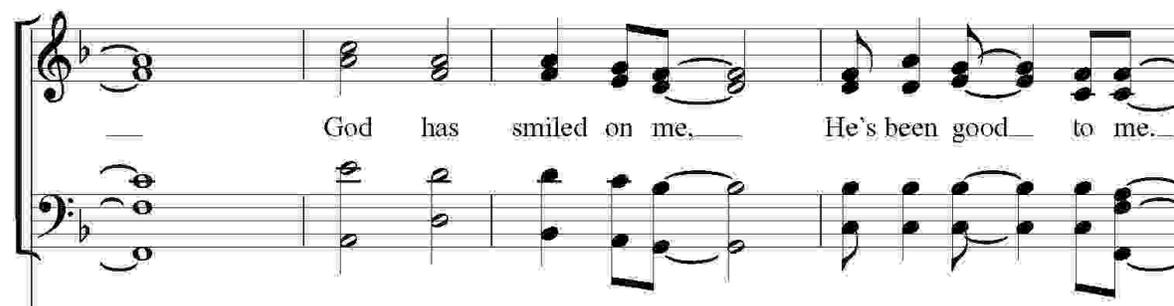
THE BLESSING

Presider Christ who has nourished us with himself, the living bread, make you one in praise and love, and raise you up at the last day, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

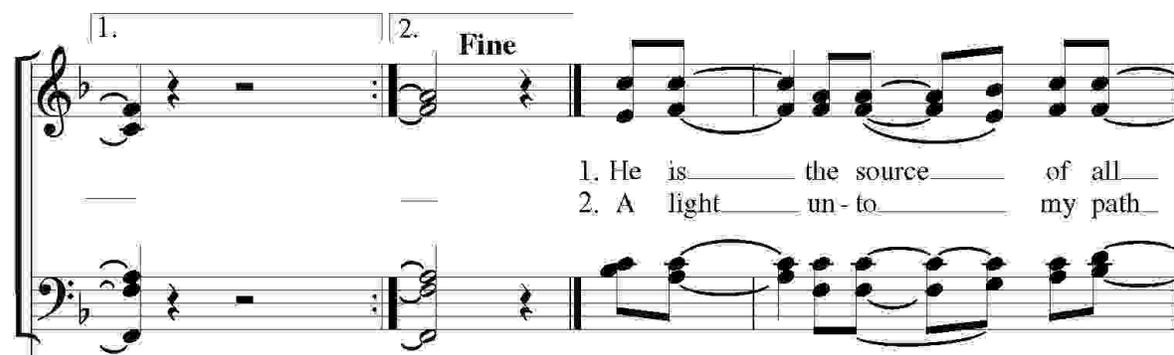
People Amen



God has smiled on me, — He has set — me free. —

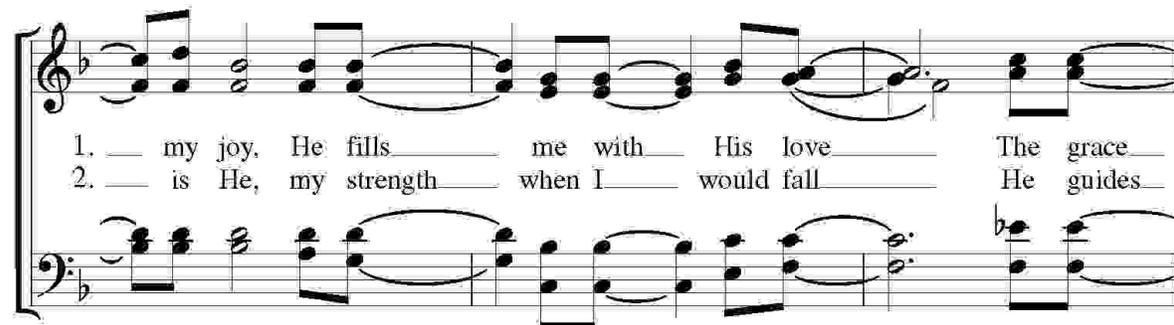


— God has smiled on me, — He's been good — to me. —



1. — — — — — 2. **Fine**

1. He is — the source — of all —
2. A light — un- to — my path —



1. — my joy, He fills — me with — His love — The grace —
2. — is He, my strength — when I — would fall — He guides —



1. — that I — em-ploy, — He sends: down from — a-bove. —
2. — each day — for me, — God is my all — in all. —

D.S.

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.
Please remember to maintain social distancing as you depart.*

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THE WEEKLY WINDOW

of TRINITY *The Heart of Midtown*

October 24th, 2021

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost – Year B

Sunday In-Person Services.

8:00 am and 12:30 pm are in the Chapel.
10:30 am is held in the Historic Church. Please make sure to continue to mask up and social distance.

Announcements



A Future with Hope

2022 Annual Giving Campaign

1st Sunday, October 31, 2021

Coffee and Cookies with the Bishop in the Bishop's Garden, 11:45 am to 12:30 pm.

2nd Sunday, November 7th, 2021

All Saints Sunday, Remembrances All Services Baptism at 10:30 am Service

3rd Sunday, November 14th, 2021

Sandwich Makers Community Engagement Fellowship Hall, 11:45am – 12:30pm

4th Sunday, November 21, 2021

Ingathering, Giving Thanks Parish Picnic Bishop's Garden and Fellowship Hall, 11:45 am– 12:30 pm Blessing of pledge cards all services



A FUTURE WITH HOPE

TRINITY MIDTOWN ANNUAL GIVING 2022

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, October 24th, 2021

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (live in-person)
- 9:30 am Lectionary Bible Study– Smith Room
- 9:30 am Sunday Meditations (via Zoom)
- 9:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in Atrium rm 112
- 9:30 am ECC Tweens rm 207
- 9:30 am Youth Forum (via Zoom)
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (live in-person and on Facebook)
- 11:45 am Sandwich Makers Sunday (Fellowship Hall)
- 12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (live in-person and on Facebook)
- 8:00 pm Compline (In Spanish via Zoom)

Monday, October 25th, 2021

- Clergy at Clergy Conference
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

Tuesday, October 26th, 2021

- Clergy at Clergy Conference
- 4:00pm Endowment Board Meeting
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

Wednesday, October 27th, 2021

- Clergy at Clergy Conference
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook
- 6:00 pm Healing Service (via Zoom)
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 28th, 2021

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday, October 29th, 2021

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer



Lectionary Bible Study with Rev. Hannah: This group will meet in the Smith Room from 9:30–10:15.

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Outreach



Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston – Refugee Services has quickly prepared to welcome 1,000 Afghan refugees by launching the One Thousand Neighbors One Thousand Reasons campaign to raise \$1 million to help these families. For More information on how to help click [here](#).

The Emergency Aid Coalition (EAC) uses peanut butter and jelly for their sack lunches and family grocery programs.

Let's share a jar of

Peanut Butter! or **Jelly!**



Trinity collects Food for the EAC every Sunday at the back of the church



THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration of all the October family birthdays! (Rena, Raedeahna, and Regan!) by Samantha Rainman

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up for a flower dedication by clicking [here](#)

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, Vivian Jane, Bob, Theresa, Marvin, Sue, Tom, Nick, Ric, Margaret, Livia, Joshua, Sandi, Barbara, Larry, Monica, Carolyn, Sylvia, Danielle, Lynelle, Mary, Leonard, Jim, Be, Norma, Jean, Karen, Susan, Randy, Mark

For the faithful departed
Ricardo Garcia, and all who have perished by contracting the coronavirus and victims of gun violence.

For our Iona Seminarian
Carrie Hirdes



Brian Bannerman
Cameron Tull
Alex Bruton



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Thank you Shelby for all your hard work making this year's Blessing of the Animals a success!



Trinity celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month by honoring civil rights leaders!

Readings for this week

Job 42: 1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34: 1-8, 19-22
Hebrews 7: 23-28
Mark 10: 46-52

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.

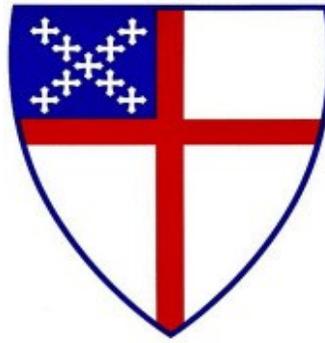
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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