THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 29, 2023 10:30 a.m.



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

Alex Jones, Organist and Choirmaster

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

WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

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

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

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

https://www.trinitymidtown.org/contact-card-page/

For more information, please visit our website: www.trinitymidtown.org

Facebook Live Stream. Please be advised that this service is live streamed through our Trinity Facebook Page and YouTube channels. By participating in the service, you are consenting to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your children who participate.

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

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

- Your children are welcome here at Trinity! First, please relax and enjoy your time here. We know that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it.
- Each Sunday, your child may pick up a pew activity in the back of the church.
- To make things easier for your family, dare to sit closer to the front where your child can see what's going on at the altar. Guide them in the liturgy and be models for them. Help them sing the hymns and encourage them to stand/sit when appropriate, say "Amen" and "Thanks be to God," and generally help them be a part of the service. The liturgy belongs to them too.
- If you have to leave, hurry back! Jesus wants the children here, and we do too. If you need help, just ask. There are many here who are willing to lend you a hand.

VESTRY

Andy Durham, Senior Warden John Escoto, Junior Warden

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Ben Blanding Pam Lawson
Jim Castro Ann McCoy
Norma Cooper David Theis
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Dana Gannon, Assistant Chancellor
Larry Laubach, Treasurer
Steve Lee, Assistant Treasurer
Ben Blanding, Clerk of the Vestry
Samantha Rainman, Assistant Clerk of the Vestry

LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Lector: Stan Tubbs

Prayers: Andy von Holten

LEMs: Larry Laubach, Pat Laubach

Acolytes: Barrett Hess, David Villarreal, Joanne Starbuck, Mary Cloud, Mark Goza

Ushers: Larry Laubach, Ben Blanding, Will Sager, Kerry Ward

Verger: Ron Mailloux Vestry of the Day: Gladys Vallés

Altar Guild: Joanne Starbuck, Alex Bruton, Ron Mailloux

Audio Visual: Jeremy Velasquez

The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Charles Grunewald by Caroline, Sebastian, and Conrad





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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

10:30 a.m. Historic Church

Please enter in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.

VOLUNTARY

The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand as able.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

St. Denis



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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, page 355

Celebrant

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

People Amen.

CANTICLE \$280 Glory to God

Robert Powell





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



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



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

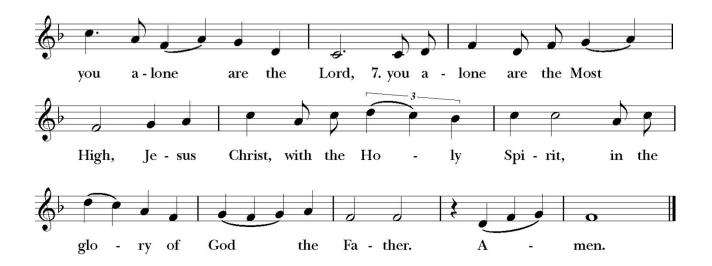


take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



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





COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1

Beatus vir qui non abiit Sung by the Choir. Walford-Davies, #183

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, * nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, * and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; * everything they do shall prosper.

- 4 It is not so with the wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, * nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, * but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 22: 34-46

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet""? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Associate Rector

Please stand as able.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

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

Reader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Reader We pray for Joseph, our president; Kamala, our vice-president; Greg, our

governor; Lina, our county judge; Sylvester, our mayor; and the legislatures,

and courts: For this community, the nation, and the world:

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Reader For the end of systemic racism that divides us; for the just and proper use of

your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Reader For all women and men, boys and girls who are homeless this day, and for

all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Reader In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for the Most Reverend George Takeli, and

the Anglican Church of Melanesia. In the diocesan cycle of prayer for All Saints', Stafford; Calvary, Richmond; Christ Church, Eagle Lake; and Christ Church, Matagorda. In the ministry cycle of prayer for Theresa McClellan and the Listening Post ministry. For the peace and unity of the Church of

God.

People For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Reader For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai (pronounced "Kaye"), and

Hector, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale, our clergy; for all who minister

in this place; and for all bishops and other ministers.

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those

who are on our prayer list: Bill, Nick, Kathy, Bob, Dale, Edith, Phil, Graeme,

Christopher, Rose, Junetta, Bart, Marie, Donna, and Gary.

Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for Margaret,

Patty, Dick, Jeremiah, and Sylvia as they celebrate their birthdays.

We will exalt you, O God our Kina;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader We pray for all who have died, especially for Pam LeGrande, the victims of

war in Israel and Palestine, the shooting victims in Lewiston, and all victims of

gun violence, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

Confession BCP, page 392

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

People Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown, things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION BCP, page 360

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our

Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of

the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People Amen.

Please stand as able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

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

Please be seated.

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION Please be seated

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

OFFERING

Online Giving is available through AccessACS.

Go to www.trinitymidtown.org and click the "Give" button on the top right, or 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.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O How Amiable Are Thy Dwellings

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!

My soul has a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,

And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:

Even thy altars, O Lord of hosts,

My King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:

They will be alway praising thee.

The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:

Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.

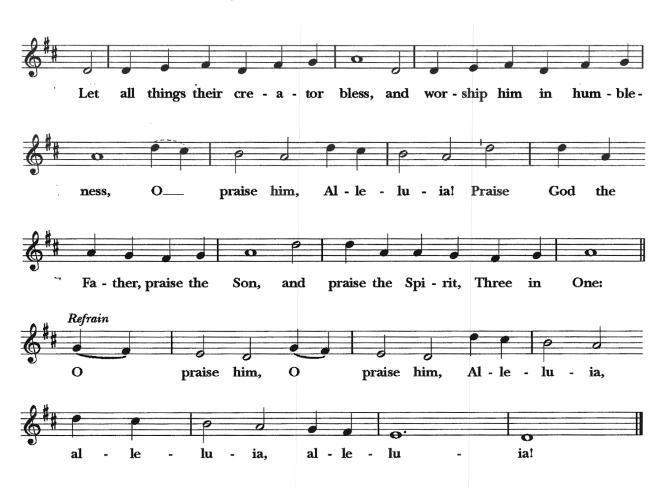
O prosper thou our handiwork.

O God our help in ages past,

Our hope for years to come,

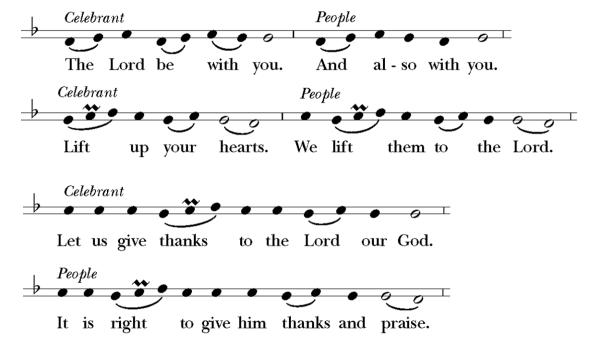
Our shelter from the stormy blast,

And our eternal home.



GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

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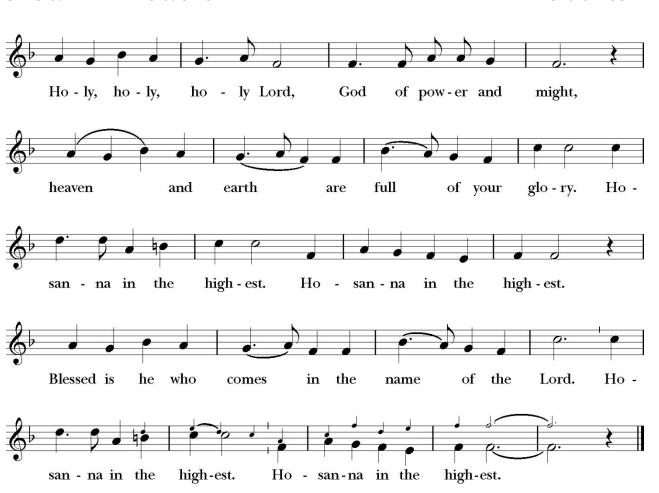
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,

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

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



Richard Proulx



Please stand or kneel, as able.

The Celebrant continues

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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

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

The Celebrant continues

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

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

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

AMEN.

The Celebrant then continues

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

Celebrant and People

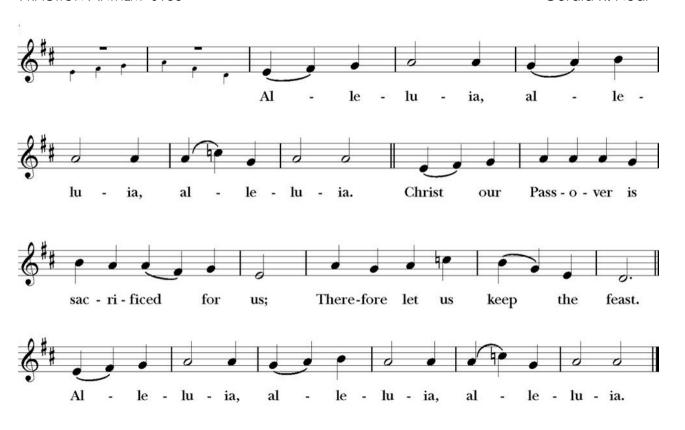
Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.



INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

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

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

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



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

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

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



The Celebrant distributes a communion kit saying,

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

People Amen.

Please kneel or stand as able.

Celebrant and People

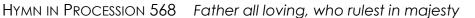
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness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

THE BLESSING

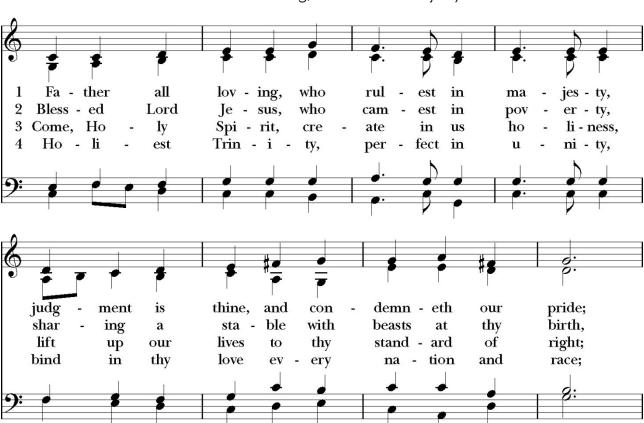
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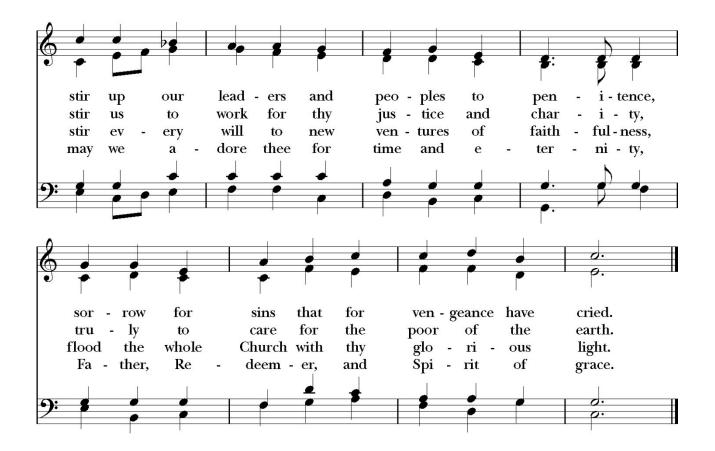
The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. **Amen.**

Please stand as able



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DISMISSAL Officiant People

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

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

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

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

We would like to thank Jamie Chambers for hosting this morning's coffee hour.

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



Sunday In-Person Services





Community Engagement Opportunities

Amazon List for Erica Zavala's Class

We invite you to partner with us in supporting our Catechesis of the Good Sheperd 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 your generosity!

Nov. 7th Election Day Hospitality: DONATIONS NEEDED

Please consider donating water (small bottle size) and snack bars (no nuts please) for those voting at Trinity on November 7th.

Drop them off between October 29- November 6 at the church. Thanks!

Book Launch and Author Event - Thursday, Nov. 9th, 7pm

Join us on November 9th at 7pm as we celebrate Trinity Member, John Merullo's book 5:30 pm Evening Prayer launch and author event! Behold All The Dwellers Upon Earth is a new fantasy novel. Meet the Brimmer Family as they use their gifts to save the nation and world from a looming threat. We encourage you to pre-purchase you book to bring to the event for signing. Books avaiable at www.brimmerverse.com.

Drag Me To Church - December 5th, 6:00pm

We invite you to get your tickets and submit your sponsorships for our excited winter FUNdraiser - Drag Me To Church! This is going to be an evening full of folly, fun, and laughs as we kick-off the holiday season. We are excited to be raising funds for the ministries of Trinity as well as our community partner, The Montrose Center. We hope you will join us and secure your spot today! Seats are limited and the event is for ages 21+ only. Don't delay, reserve your spot today! Visit www.trinitymidtown.org/dmtc to purchase tickets/sponsorships and more information.

2024 Annual Giving Stewardship Campaign Kick-Off Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who made our Kick-Off Sunday a great success last week! We are so thankful for you, your gifts, and your giving to support Trinity and the ministries of our congregation. We truly do impact our community.

We want to remind you that our Giving Goals for this year are 25 New Pledges and 98 Pledges with increased giving. Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to be a part of all the WONDERFUL ministry at Trinity with your financial pledge today.

> Pledge Here The Stewardship Committee

2024 Annual Giving Stewardship Campaign Pledges To Date Total: \$37,192.00 Total # of Pledges: 12 New Pledges: 3

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, October 29th, 2023

7:30am - 1:30pm Nursery Open 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel) 9:00 am Sunday Meditations (Zoom) 9:30 am Adult Education Hour 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church) 12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Chapel) 8:00 pm Compline (Facebook)

Monday, October 30th, 2023

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

Tuesday, October 31st, 2023

12:00 pm Listening Post

Wednesday, November 1, 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, November 2nd, 2023

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

Friday, November 3rd, 2023

10:00 am Trinity Garden Club (Smith Rm.) 12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Saturday, November 4th, 2023

Our Weekly Zoom links can be found at https://www.trinitymidtown.org/zoomwithus



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, 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, Holly, Ray, Larry E., Thomas, Pete.

For the faithful departed:

Pam LeGrande, the victims of war in Israel and Palestine and all victims of gun violence.

Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up at www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/.

The next available dates: November 19th, December 10th and 17th.

Sign-ups for coffee hour hosts are available, please signup online to volunteer here or scan QR code below. For questions or further information please click here to contact Jamie Chambers

Next available dates: November 5th, 12th, and 19th.



Margaret Caldwell, Patty Murchison, Dick White, Jeremiah Hatter Alexander, and Sylvia Drew

@trinitychurchhouston

Friday 9 am – 1 pm

Rev. Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector rector@trinitymidtown.org

Rev. Luz Cabrera Montes, Associate Rector

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Lauren Santerre, Parish Life Coordinator plc@trinitymidtown.org

Alex Jones Organist/Choirmaster alexjonesorganist93@gmail.com

Pat Laubach, Volunteer Coordinator volunteer@trinitymidtown.org

Carol Turley, Membership Secretary membership@trinitymidtown.org

Larry Laubach, Treasurer finance@trinitymidtown.org

*Please note we will never ask you for money or gifts via email. Scams are circulating again, so please be aware and cautious.

Office Hours

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

If you have building concerns please email frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org. Thanks!





For more information on annual giving visit 2023 Stewardship Campaign.





October 29, 2023 – Pentecost 22 (A) Meet Your Episcopal Service Corps Programs: On Sacred Ground - Wyoming Service Corps

Through Wyoming Service Corps, an Episcopal Service Corps (ESC) program in Cody, Wyoming, young adults share a contemplative environment to discern their greater place in the world and explore the natural and social world around them.

Service

Corps members serve 32 hours a week at a variety of community organizations in the area. Because we are a small community in which nonprofit organizations have limited funds to pay staff, a corps member may serve part time at multiple sites.

The volunteer site placements are oriented to social and environmental justice as well as social welfare, providing opportunities for the growth of each participant vocationally, personally, and spiritually.

Community

Wyoming Service Corps members call Thomas the Apostle Center (TAC) home. TAC is a spiritual retreat center that provides communal living space complete with a chapel, labyrinth, and a Stations of the Cross/prayer walk up Dinosaur Ridge, against which TAC is built. This sacred space has served as a place of healing, rejuvenation, and growth for thousands over the years.

Corps members share rooms, a kitchen, dining area as well as common areas for meeting, gathering, and play. The entire campus was originally built by an artist, and there is a small gallery in the Studio House as well. One of the rooms is handicapped accessible.

Corps members receive health insurance, subsidized therapy, spiritual direction, mentoring, housing, internet, utilities and a \$250 a month personal stipend, \$900 collective food monies, \$400 collective transportation monies.



Spiritual Life

It is in looking after others that we find our best selves. Where do we fit in this world? What is a task that we can undertake that will help us bring our world closer to the kingdom of God on earth? Through On Sacred Ground's 10-month program, corps members explore these questions and more through spiritual direction, daily and weekly devotions, worship, discernment, and time spent in personal reflection in Cody and in the greater region of Wyoming's natural beauty.

Applications for the 2024-2025 Corps will open December 1. Visit ESC's website to learn more about On Sacred Ground – Wyoming Service Corps or to take the ESC Discernment Quiz, EpiscopalServiceCorps.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.

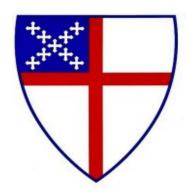
During the late 1910s and 1920s, Trinity entered an era of explosive growth, paralleling that of the city, and became an important center of the Episcopal faith. The congregation's many youth and adult activities were community events that attracted wide attention among the general populace. An integral 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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