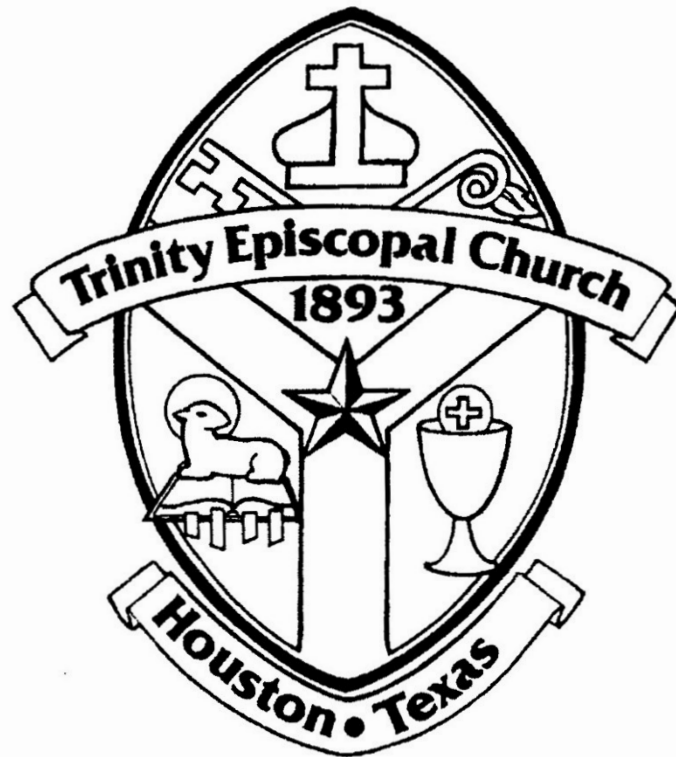


# THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 22, 2023  
12:30 p.m.



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

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

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

## WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

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

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

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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### 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

Michele White

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Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*

Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*

Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*

Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*

Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*

Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

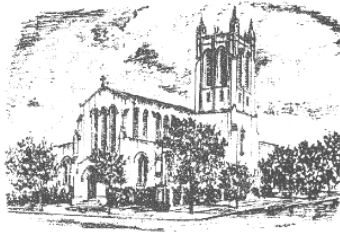
## THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

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

## SERVING TODAY

Lector: Marcella Marino  
Prayers: Harold Robertson  
Acolyte: Jackie Rose  
Usher: Lovette Browne  
Audio Visual: Paul Bower  
Online Greeter: Pam Lawson  
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport  
Vestry of the Day: Gladys Vallés

The 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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# The Liturgy of the Word

## INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

*Please stand as able.*

**Presider** Happy are they whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.

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

**Presider** Let us worship God.

## OPENING HYMN

Jesu, Jesu

LEVAS, page 74

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you. **Fine**

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
2. Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and  
3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should  
4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are  
5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

1. feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
2. white, neigh - bors are near and far a - way.  
3. love; all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
4. slaves, this is the way we should live with you.  
5. feet, this is the way we should live with you. **D.C.**

## OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.  
Almighty God, you teach us in your word that love is the fulfillment of the law: grant that we may love you with all our heart and our neighbor as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord .

**People Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**People Thanks be to God.**

## 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**People Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

*Please stand as able*

Matthew 22: 34-46

Presider The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
**People Praise and glory to God!**

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.

*(Continued on page 6)*

“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.

Presider This is the Gospel of Christ.  
**People Praise to Christ, the Word.**

*Please be seated*

SERMON The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Associate Rector

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

*Please stand as able*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Response**

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

**A**  
 5 F m7 B<sup>b</sup>m7 F m7 B<sup>b</sup>m7  
 prayer - O - Lord hea our - prayer O - Lord - - in -

9 G<sup>b</sup>maj7 ⊕ A<sup>b</sup>7sus A<sup>b</sup>7  
 cline-Thine ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our

**B**  
 13 F m7 B<sup>b</sup>m7 F m7 B<sup>b</sup>m7  
 prayer O - Lord - hear - our - prayer - O - Lord - - - in -

17 G<sup>b</sup>maj7 A<sup>b</sup>7sus A<sup>b</sup>7  
 cline-Thine ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord - - -  
 Soft piano improvisation during prayer, play intro to cue next response.

Let us pray for the preservation of the earth. We give thanks for the beauty and abundance of the earth.

Give us and all peoples grace to live in harmony with your creation, wisdom and generosity in our use of its bounty.

Let us pray for peace and shared prosperity, and for the end of systemic racism that divides us.

We pray for leaders to serve the common good: Give wisdom to those who have responsibility and authority in every land, especially Joseph, our president; Kamala, our vice-president; Greg, our governor; Lina, our county judge; Sylvester, our mayor; and the legislatures, and courts; that we may share with justice the resources of the world, and work together in trust.

**Response**

Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend 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.

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

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

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

We pray for our bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai (*pronounced "Kaye"*), and Hector, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale our clergy; and for all who minister in this place.

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

**Response**

We give thanks that you are the God who brings mercy and wholeness. Comfort and heal, we pray, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble, especially for those we now name: [Bill, Nick, Kathy, Bob, Dale, Edith, Phil, Graeme, Christopher, Rose, Junetta, Bart, Marie, Donna, and Gary](#).

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

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, [especially for Pam LeGrande, the victims of war in Israel and Palestine, the shooting victims in Lewiston, 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 [Margaret, Patty, Dick, Jeremiah, and Sylvia](#), who are celebrating their birthdays.

**Response**

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

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

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

## Final Response

instrumental intro  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $A^{\flat}7sus$   $A^{\flat}7$

Hear our -

**A**

5  $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$   $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$

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

9  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $A^{\flat}7sus$   $A^{\flat}7$

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

**B**

13  $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$   $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$

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

17  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $A^{\flat}7sus$   $A^{\flat}7$

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

Soft piano improvisation during prayer, play intro to cue next response.

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

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

### THE CONFESSION

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

God forgives and heals us.

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

Presider God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself.

### THE PEACE

Presider Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.

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

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

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

MUSIC AT THE PEACE

Mercy, Mercy!

Cannonball Adderley



*Please be seated.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## The Liturgy of the Table

*Please be seated.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

OFFERING

**Online Giving** is available through AccessACS.

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THE OFFERTORY

Come Sunday

Duke Ellington

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please stand as able.*

Presider

The Lord is here.

**People**

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Presider

Lift up your hearts.

**People**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People**

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Presider

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

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory, in him you made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

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



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

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

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

COMMUNION HYMN

As the Deer

1. As the deer pant-eth for the wa-ter, So my soul long-eth af - ter Thee.  
 2. You're my friend and You are my broth-er, E-ven though You are a King.  
 3. I want You more than gold or sil-ver, On-ly You can sat - is - fy.

You a - lone are my heart's de - sire, And I long to wor - ship Thee.  
 I love You more than an - y oth - er, So much more than an - y - thing.  
 You a - lone are the real joy giv - er, And the ap - ple of my eye.

*Refrain*

You a - lone are my strength, my shield; To You a - lone may my  
 spir - it yield. You a - lone are my  
 heart's de - sire, And I long to wor - ship Thee.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Please stand as able.*

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

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

Presider Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

**People Praise to God who is revealed as love.**

Presider Blessed be God who alone has called us.

**People Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.**

Presider Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

**People Accept our thanks for all you have done.**

Presider Send us now into the world you love.

**People Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

#### THE BLESSING

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

#### CLOSING HYMN

#### In His Time



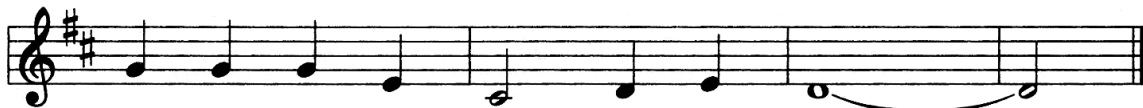
1. In his time, \_\_\_\_\_ in his time; \_\_\_\_\_ he makes  
2. In your time, \_\_\_\_\_ in your time; \_\_\_\_\_ you make



all things beau - ti - ful in his time. \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, please  
all things beau - ti - ful in your time. \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, my



show me ev - ery day as you're teach - ing me your way, that you  
life to you I bring; may each song I have to sing be to



do just what you say in your time. \_\_\_\_\_  
you a love - ly thing in your time. \_\_\_\_\_

#### THE DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People We go in the name of Christ.**

*Thank you for worshipping with us this afternoon.*

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*Please consider signing up to help livestream this service once a month.  
Training will be provided.*

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

*Please note that Sundays after November 12 are open to host (part/all) coffee  
hour.*

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







# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN  
October 29, Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

Trinity Episcopal Church | [www.trinitymidtown.org](http://www.trinitymidtown.org)  
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**Sunday In-Person Services**  
8:00 am and 12:30 pm (Chapel)  
10:30 am (Historic Church)

## Community Engagement Opportunities

### Amazon List for Erica Zavala's Class

We invite you to partner with us in supporting our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 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 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 your book to bring to the event for signing. Books available at [www.brimmerverses.com](http://www.brimmerverses.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](http://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  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

### 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/zoom-withus>





### PRAYERS

Our custom is to read aloud each week the names of those who request our prayers. We also remember in our Prayer Chain and Bulletin those who desire prayers. Please email to keep us informed. For information or comments about prayer names, please contact the Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero. If you would like to participate as a member of the prayer chain, please contact Norma Cooper.

Allegra, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Jill, Stephen, Emily, Van, Dick, Theresa, 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.

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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.**



*Happy Birthday!*

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

#### Office Hours

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

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



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## BULLETIN INSERTS

**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](https://www.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.

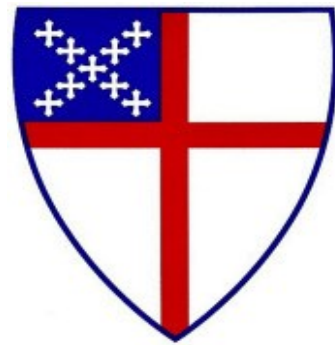
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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