Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021 10:30 a.m.



All attending please wear masks and maintain 6 feet social distancing with those not in your household. Please turn off your WiFi on your cell phones to boost the quality of our livestream. This can be done by putting the phone in Airplane Mode.

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

Hank Carrillo, Interim 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 this morning. We follow the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to guide our worship. In this leaflet, you'll find everything you need to follow along printed.

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

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

https://forms.gle/dvuRW2FUDny2hpRz5

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

For questions about how to connect with us, please email connections@trinitymidtown.org

Facebook Live Stream. Please be advised that all services, including this 10:30 a.m. service, are live streamed through our Trinity Facebook Page and YouTube channels.

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

https://www.trinitymidtown.org/childrens-bulletins/



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LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

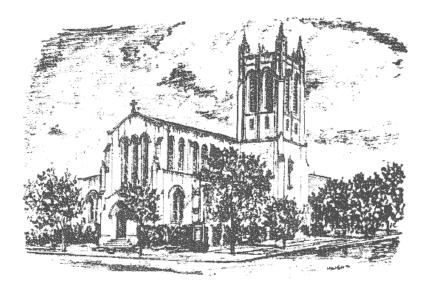
Lector: Ron Starbuck Acolytes: Mary Cloud, Joanne Starbuck, L. Blanding Verger: Alex Bruton Ushers: Steve Lee, Ileda David, Larry Laubach

The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration of the life of my husband, Richard Edgar, by Judith Edgar.

The Side Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of our father, Richard Edgar by Matthew and John Edgar.

The Baptistery flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of Richard Edgar by the Trinity Vestry.

The Columbarium flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of Richard Edgar by his family.



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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

VOLUNTARY

Sonata IV, III. Allegretto

Felix Mendelssohn

Please stand as able.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 522

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Austria





OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

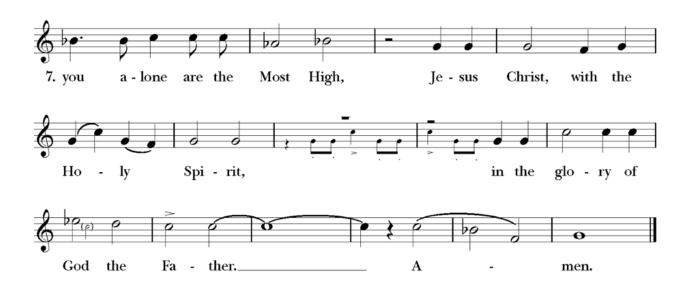
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Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;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

CANTICLE \$278 Gloria in excelsis

William Mathias





COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you
Celebrant	Let us pray.
	O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People	Amen.

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

Proverbs 1: 20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Cæli enarrant Sung by the choir The choir introduces the antiphon; all repeat it

Antiphon I



- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, * and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, * and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, * and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, * and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; * nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; * the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; * the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
 let them not get dominion over me; *
 then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, * O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

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Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. **People** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Officiant	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

Please stand as able.

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THE 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.

The Prayers	OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI BCP, page 392 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	Bless Afghanistan, Haiti, and all nations of the world facing tumults and natural disasters, with Christ's gifts of healing and peace. We pray for Joseph our president, Kamala, our vice-president, Greg our governor, Lina, our county judge, Sylvester our mayor, for the legislatures and courts, and 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 Maimbo Mndolwa and the Anglican Church of Tanzania. In the diocesan cycle of prayer for St. James the Apostle, Conroe; St. Luke's, Livingston; and St. Mary's, Cypress. In the ministry cycle of prayer for Amy Luke and the Trinity Vestry. 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, Hector and Kai our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Henry, 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, Eula, Kensington, Jimmie, Charlee, Reiss, Karen, Susan, Stewart, Jeff, Ben, Errin, Evelyn, Wilder, Patrick, Madelaine, Catherine, Chris, Ileda, Charles, Henry, Steve, and Myron. Hear us, Lord;
People	For your mercy is great.
Reader	We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for Libby, Dax, Jimmie, Pauline, Donna, Kristyn, Billie, Kylene, Libby, Nick, and Rhonda, who celebrate their birthdays this week.
	We will exalt you, O God our King;
People	And praise your Name for ever and ever.
Reader	We pray for all who have died, especially Richard Edgar, Marcia Moore, Patricia Emerson, Melodee Berlanti, Juanita Lee, Ben Garza, all who have perished by contracting the Coronavirus, 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.

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 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.

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THE PEACE

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Please pass the peace in a socially distanced manner.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated

Offering

For those worshiping in person, there are offering plates by the doors.

Online Giving is available through AccessACS.

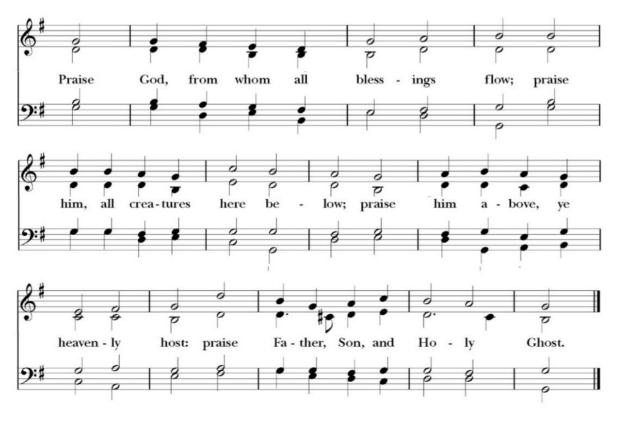
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Texting. Send the message **heartofmidtown** to **73256**. The prompt will ask for a credit card number which can be kept on file for future contributions.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

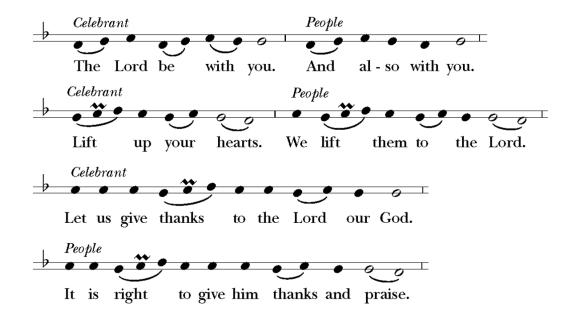
OFFERTORY Cantate Domino Heinrich Schütz Cantate Domino canticum novum; Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle: laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum. let his praise be in the church of the saints. Lætetur Israël in eo qui fecit eum, Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: et filii Sion exsultent in and let the children of Sion be joyful in rege suo. their king. Laudent nomen ejus in choro; Let them praise his name in choir: in tympano et psalterio let them sing to him with the timbrel and psallant ei. the psaltery.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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Sursum Corda



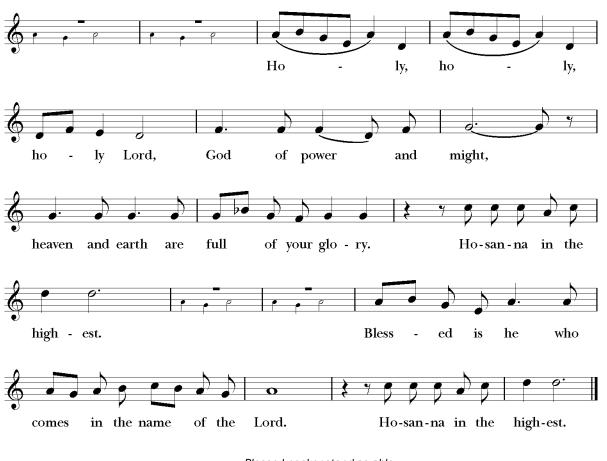
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS \$128

William Mathias



Please kneel or stand as able.

The celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

People AMEN.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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

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Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

AGNUS DEI S164

Franz Peter Schubert



INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

For the duration of the current pandemic we will offer communion in one kind, the bread only. Please come forward to receive communion from a priest at the chancel steps.



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.



Post Communion Prayer

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. COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT Please see our complete announcements and the Weekly Window at the end of this bulletin.

Blessing

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

People

Please stand as able. Hymn in Procession 409 The spacious firmament on high (on next page)

Creation





VOLUNTARY

Prelude in G Major

Johann Sebastian Bach

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning. Please remember to maintain social distancing as you depart.

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WINDOWN

September 12th, 2021

Announcements

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.



THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration of the life of my husband, Richard Edgar, by Judith Edgar If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up for a flower dedication by clicking here

Laudato Si, Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor. Discussion with the Rev. Henry Atkins, September 19th, 2021 at 11:45 am-12:30 pm in Room 218

Lectionary Bible Study with Rev. Hannah: This group will begin to meet September 19th, in the Smith Room from 9:30-10:15.

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, September 12th, 2021 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (live in-person) 9:30 am Parenting with Grace (via Zoom) 9:30 am Sunday Meditations (via Zoom) 9:30 am Tweens Open House Room 207 9:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Open House in the Atrium 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (live in-person and on Facebook) 12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (live in-person and on Facebook) 8:00 pm Compline (In Spanish via Zoom)

Monday, September 13th, 2021 5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

<u>Tuesday, September 14th, 2021</u> 10:30 am Staff Meeting 4:00 pm Pastoral Care team meeting (Zoom) 6:00 pm Property Committee meeting (Zoom) 7:00 pm Finance Committee meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, September 15th, 2021 12:15 pm Spanish Conversation Lunch with the Rev. Hannah Atkins Romero, (bring your lunch to the Masterson room) 5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook 6:00 pm Healing Service (via Zoom) 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

> <u>Thursday, September 16th, 2021</u> 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday, September 17th, 2021 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Emergency Aid Coalition (EAC) is helping Louisianans who evacuated from Hurricane Ida.

They especially need food snacks that need little preparation, for those staying in hotels.

granola bars fruit cups cheese & crackers peanut butter & crackers small pop-top Vienna sausage small pop-top tuna

Trinity collects donations for EAC every Sunday. Thanks for helping our neighbors!

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Year B



Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM), the refugee and migration ministry of The Episcopal Church, needs your support to welcome our Afghan allies to communities across the country. EMM is one of nine national refugee resettlement agencies tasked with the challenging and life-saving work of supporting Afghans who arrive with parolee status. For more information on how you can be of help click <u>here</u>.



On Sunday, August 29, sixteen years after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, Hurricane Ida made landfall in the same region. This Category 4 storm brought flooding and damaging winds that caused a loss of water to hundreds of thousands and a loss of electricity to over 1 million people. Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with the Diocese of Louisiana and other regional partners in what will be a long-term response. Your generous gift will help alleviate suffering for the most vulnerable residents impacted by Hurricane Ida. Please visit episcopalreleief.org/hurricane-relief to make a gift today.

September 12th, 2021

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. Myron, 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, Randy, Sylvia, Danielle, Lynelle, Mary, Leonard, Jim, Be,

For the faithful departed Richard Edgar, Marcia Moore, Patricia Emerson. Melodee Berlanti, Juanita Lee, Ben Garcia, and all who have perished by contracting the coronavirus and victims of gun violence. For our Iona Seminarian Carrie Hirdes

Norma, Jean



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RECOVERY SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

SUPPORT ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY ADDICTION DURING NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

* The Episcopal Diocese of Tex

Readings for this week Proverbs 1: 20-33 PSALM 19 James 3: 1-12 Mark 8: 27-38

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.

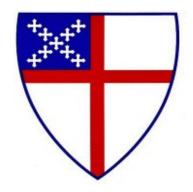
During the late 1910s and 1920s, Trinity entered an era of explosive growth, paralleling that of the city, and became an important center of the Episcopal faith. The congregation's many youth and adult activities were community events that attracted wide attention among the general populace. An integral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