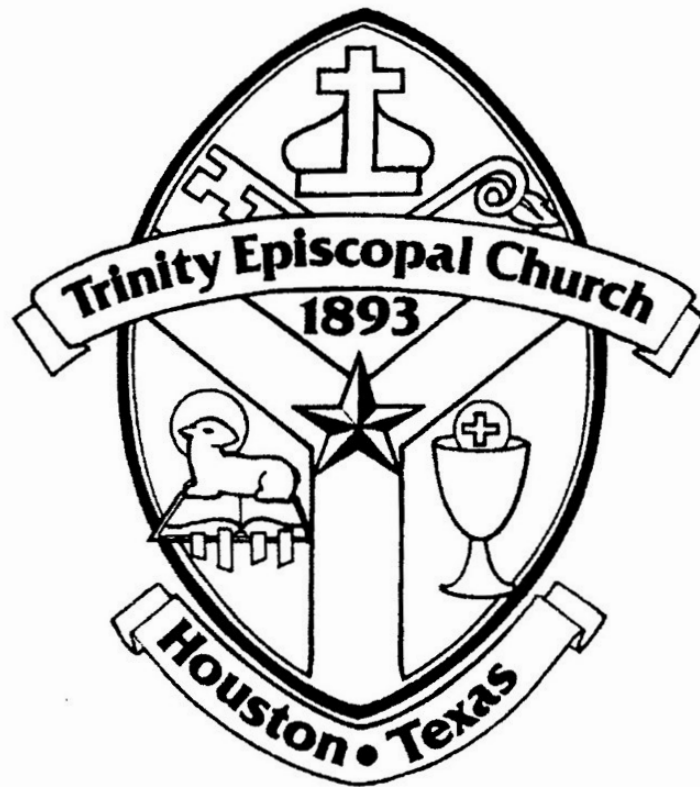


THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 17, 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*

Eric Beam
Ben Blanding
Pam Lawson
Mary Matteucci
Ann McCoy

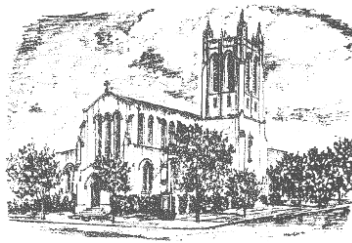
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Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*
Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*
Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Lector: Norma Cooper
Prayers: Ron Starbuck
LEMs: Norma Cooper, Larry Laubach
Acolytes: Joanne Starbuck, Mark Goza, David Villarreal, Mary Cloud, Barrett Hess
Ushers: Ben Blanding, Lovette Brown, Charles Cooper
Verger: Ron Mailloux
Vestry of the Day: Ben Blanding
Altar Guild: Joanne Starbuck, Alex Bruton, Ron Mailloux
Audio Visual: Jeremy Velasquez

The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God
in memory of my husband Robert Guthrie, and in
thanksgiving for 33 years of loving marriage
by Catherine Guthrie



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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 397

Now thank we all our God

Nun danket alle Gott

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, evermore.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, page 355

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.

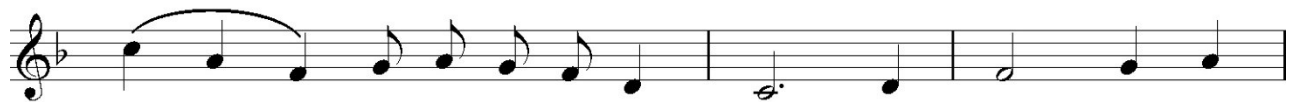
People Amen.

CANTICLE S280 Glory to God

Robert Powell



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



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



King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



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 -



ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 50: 15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103: 1-13

*Benedic, anima mea
 Sung by the Choir.*

Crotch, #248

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;

- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 14: 1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

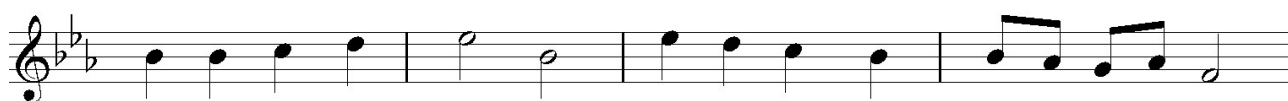
People **Thanks be to God.**



1 Praise our great and gra - cious Lord, call up - on his ho - ly Name;
2 God has given the cloud by day, given the mov - ing fire by night;



raisi - ng hymns in glad ac - cord, all his might - y acts pro - claim:
guides his Is - rael on their way from the dark - ness in - to light.



how he leads his cho - sen un - to Ca - naan's prom - ised land,
God it is who grants us sure re - treat and re - fuge night;



how the word we have heard firm and change - less still shall stand.
light of dawn leads us on: 'tis the Day - spring from on high.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18: 21-35

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he

Step 5: We admit to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Step 6: We are entirely ready to have God remove all our defects of character.

Step 7: We humbly ask God to remove our shortcomings.

Step 8: We make a list of all persons we have harmed, and become willing to make amends to them all.

Reader Remembering the promises within the ninth step of recovery, we give thanks that God is doing for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

People **Step 9: We make direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.**

Step 10: We continue to take personal inventory and when we are wrong, promptly admit it.

Step 11: We seek through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, praying only for knowledge of God's will for us and the power to carry that out.

Step 12: Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we try to carry this message to others and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Reader I ask your prayers for peace for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the homeless, the oppressed and those in prison. We pray especially for those on our prayer list: [Bill, Nick, Kathy, Bob, Dale, Edith, Guillermo, Phil, Graeme, Christopher, Holly, Ray, Larry E., Rose, Geoff, Kate, Libby, Kenso, Donald, and Junetta.](#)

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

People **Lord of Life, Hear our prayer.**

Reader I ask your prayers for the departed, [especially for Darcy Casavant, Tony Martinez, Mildred Demchak, victims of the earthquake in Morocco and the floods in Libya, and all victims of gun violence.](#)

Pray for those who have died.

People **Lord of Life, Hear our prayer.**

Reader We give you thanks for your servants in every age, especially for these who are celebrating their birthdays: [Troy, Nick, Rhonda, Antrina, Barbara, Jamie, Payden, Kingston, William, and Ethan.](#)

People **Lord of Life, Hear our prayer.**

Reader Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

People **Lord of Life, Hear our prayer.**

CONFESSIO

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

Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee

Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

*Jesu, the very thought of thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see,
And in thy presence rest.*

The Celebrant proceeds

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 S125

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
 sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

AGNUS DEI S166

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on
 us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.
 Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

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.

1 As longs the deer for cool - ing streams in
 2 For thee, my God, the liv - ing God, my
 3 Why rest - less, why cast down, my soul? Hope
 4 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the

parched and bar - ren ways, so longs my soul, O
 thirst - y soul doth pine: O when shall I be -
 still, and thou shalt sing the praise of him who
 God whom we a - dore, be glo - ry, as it

God, for thee and thy re - fresh - ing grace.
 hold thy face, thou Ma - jes - ty di - vine?
 is thy God, thy health's e - ter - nal spring.
 was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

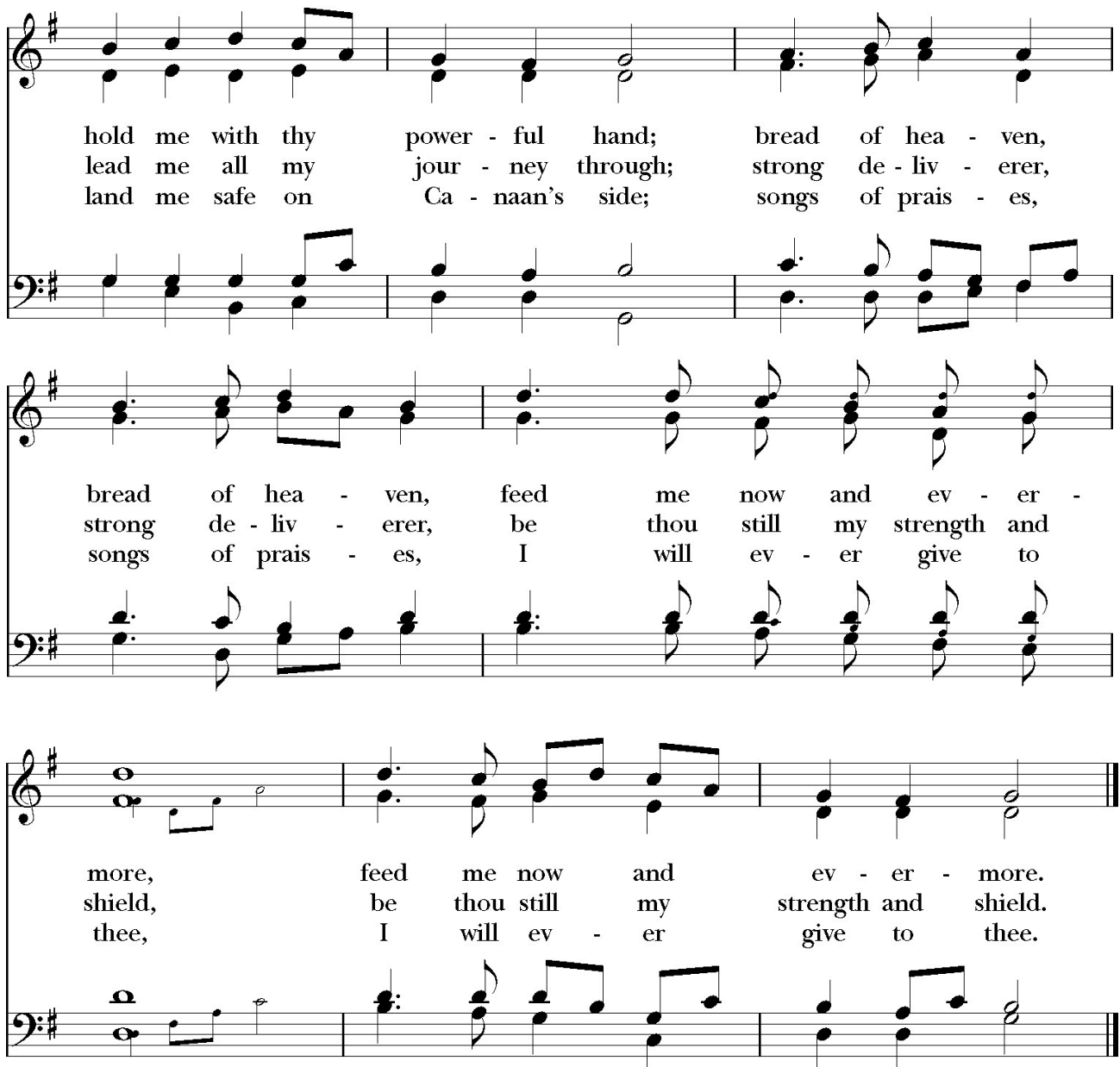
THE BLESSING

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.**

Please stand as able

HYMN IN PROCESSION 690 *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* Cwm Rhondda

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious
bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,



hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, shield, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

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 the Romero and Montes families
for hosting this morning's coffee hour.*

*Please note that Sundays starting October 1 are open to host (part/all) coffee hour.
Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or online, or scan this QR code:*



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September 17, 2023 – Pentecost 16 (A)
Episcopal Service Corps Program Spotlight: Plainsong Farm & Ministry

Plainsong Farm & Ministry is an Episcopal Service Corps program in Rockford, Michigan, dedicated to cultivating connections between people, places, and God. By making a place that nurtures belonging and the radical renewal of God’s world, Plainsong Farm is a living laboratory where fellows can experiment with how to pray, belong, grow, rest, serve, and play.



Plainsong Farm is currently recruiting Corps members between the ages of 21 and 32 for its 2023-2024 program year. Over nine months, Plainsong Fellows will experience:

- A balanced life of prayer, feasts, play, rest, study, conversation, retreats, and work
- Immersion in regenerative agriculture and conservation practices for health and healing of all creation
- Weekly evening formation gatherings which include cooking farm-fresh meals, Christian scripture, hands-on activities, contextual analysis of power, possession, people, and place, both in history and today, and doing the dishes
- Conflict resolution coaching
- Monthly field trips
- Life in community with one another and the various intergenerational communities of Plainsong Farm
- Lots of cucumbers
- And embodied practice

Dates of service: January 14, 2024 to November 1, 2024

Weekly commitment: 32 work hours per week, 8 formation hours per week

Compensation: \$425 monthly stipend, housing on the farm, utilities, end-of-service award, health insurance, spiritual direction, and seasonal vegetables. This leads to a total estimated value of \$12,000.

About Episcopal Service Corps

Now in its 23rd year, Episcopal Service Corps (ESC) is built on the belief that change happens when we bring together diverse teams of committed and passionate young leaders ages 21-32 and support them as they tackle some of our nation’s most difficult challenges. Find out more about Plainsong Farm at

<https://www.plainsongfarm.com/>. Learn about Episcopal Service Corps at <https://episcopalservicecorps.org>, and apply today at <https://episcopalservicecorps.org/apply/>.



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THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN

September 17, 2023 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

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Sunday In-Person Services

8:00 am and 12:30 pm (Chapel)

10:30 am (Historic Church)

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, September 17th 2023

7:30am – 1:30pm Nursery Open

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)

9:00 am Sunday Meditations (Zoom)

9:30 am Education Hour for All

10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)

11:45 am Sandwich Makers

12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Chapel)

8:00 pm Compline (Facebook)

Monday, September 18th, 2023

12:00 pm Yoga w/Saba (Atrium 2)

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday, September 19th, 2023

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

6:30pm Vestry Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, September 20th, 2023

10:00 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, September 21st, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

6:30pm Listening Heart (Masterson)

Friday, September 22nd, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Saturday, September 23rd, 2023

6:30pm Taste of Trinity (Fellowship Hall)

Our Weekly Zoom links can be found at

<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/zoom-withus>

Sandwich Makers: September 17

Please join us during coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday to make sandwiches to be distributed at Evening Prayer. We have had an increase in attendance and need to make sure that we have enough sandwiches for our usual distribution. Thank you.

Taste of Trinity: Saturday, September 23rd

Join us for our fall kickoff! We will gather for dinner in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. We will still have at least one dinner group and one brunch group. If we have enough participants, we may divide into multiple groups, still offering at least one for mealtime options. If you are interested but have not signed up please email John at rockhopperlad@gmail.com.

Pub Theology: September 27th

We invite you to join us for Pub Theology in our new location, The Mucky Duck located at 2425 Norfolk St. Come and join us for a pint and some great theological discussion as we address some great theological and social questions together. This is wonderful opportunity to make a new friend and discuss deep ideas.

Episcopal Way Class: October 7th

The Episcopal Way is a class designed to give you a deeper understanding of the Episcopal Church and help you find your place in the life of our church. These classes are free open to everyone; people new to the Episcopal Church are especially encouraged to attend. After completing the course, you will be ready to be Baptized, Confirmed, or Received into the Episcopal Church on the date of the next bishop visit: October 22nd. Please RSVP to attend [here](#).

Blessing of the Animals: October 8th

Bring your pets to get blessed and stay for some food, music, and activities. We also invite you to bring dry pet food to donate to local organizations. Flowers on the High altar will be dedicated to the glory of God and the blessings and love freely given by our pets. The names of our pets will be published in the Sunday Bulletins. A donation of \$5.00 per name is requested to defray the costs of this event. The deadline to have your pets' names published in the bulletin will be Tuesday, September 26th at 9 am.

Artists at Trinity: Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

We invite you to come and view our exhibit featuring New Mexican Artist John Juanito Jimenez Retablo in the Holman Gallery. Jimenez, a Trinidad native, has lived in Santa Fe, NM since 1967. Jimenez is a professional artist and santero and instructs courses in retablo painting. He shares his expertise in Spanish Colonial Art in Santa Fe. Jimenez' work is widely exhibited; he has pieces in the permanent collections of the New Mexico International Folk Art Museum, Albuquerque Museum of Fine Arts, Millicent Rogers Museum, the Santuario de Chimayo Church and many noteworthy collections in New Mexico and Colorado as well as private collections in the US, Europe, South America, Mexico, Canada and Australia. Learn more [here](#).

Save the Date

October 22nd – Bishop's Visit/Annual Giving Kick-Off and Four Choirs Evensong

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE ALOHA SUNDAY
A GREAT SUCCESS!!!!**



PRAYERS

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

Allegra, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Jill, Stephen, Emily, Van, Dick, Theresa (Fobbs), Victims of Violence, Ric, Barbara, Sylvia, Joyce, Bob, Cristine, David, Robert, Susan, Cindy, Patty, Dana, Emilia, Gaby, Florence, Carolyn, Rick Charles, Harrison, Kathy, Erma, Henry, Mary, Chris, Jane, Mark, Eliana, Laura, and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

For the faithful departed:

Darcy Casavant, Tony Martinez, Mildred Demochak, victims of the earthquake in Morocco, flooding in Libya, and all victims of gun violence.

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

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: **October 22nd and 29th.**



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: **October 1st, 15th, and 29th.**



Troy Brooks, Nick Bilski, Rhonda Rogers, Antrina Cooper, Barbara Donovan, Jamie Chambers, Payden Chambers, Kingston Walker, William Walker, Ethan Schatz

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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.

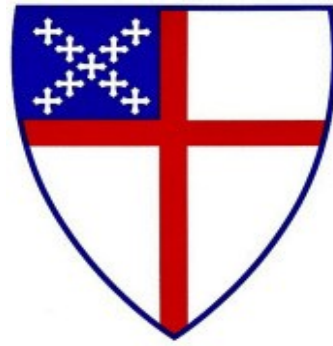
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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