# THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 8:00 a.m.



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

Wendy Wentland, Pianist

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:

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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**

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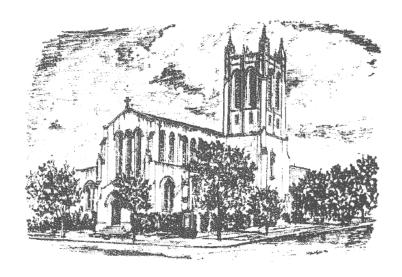
#### **SERVING TODAY**

Reader: Toni Longino LEM: Donna Cloteaux

Music: Wendy Wentland, piano Vestry of the Day: Pam Lawson

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration of Dorothy Church's 98th birthday by the Church, Stahl, Greathouse and Mupo family

The Columbarium flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Cloud by Mary Cloud





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#### HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand as able.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP, page 323

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Officiant 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.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW BCP, page 324

Officiant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with

all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and

the Prophets.

CANTICLE Gloria in excelsis
Read in unison.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you. **People** And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON Jonah 3: 10-4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145: 1-8 Exaltabo te, Deus BCP, page 801 Alternately by whole verse.

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, \* and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you \* and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \* there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another \* and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \* and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \* and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \* they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \* slow to anger and of great kindness.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 20: 1-16

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After gareeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord. **People** Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

MUSICAL REFLECTION Wendy Wentland, piano

THE NICENE CREED BCP, page 326

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

BCP, page 328

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and ever-living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all 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, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for the Most Reverend James Wong, and the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. In the diocesan cycle of prayer for St. Isidore's, Spring; St. James the Apostle, Conroe; and St. Luke's, Livingston. In the ministry cycle of prayer for Saba Blanding, the Trinity Endowment Board, and the Bishop Sterling Society.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and 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 they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Bill, Nick, Kathy, Bob, Dale, Edith, Phil, Graeme, Christopher, Holly, Ray, Larry E., Rose, Geoff, Kate, Junetta, Bart, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Almighty God, thou lovest all thy children and art a home to those who are in any need or trouble; inspire thy Church with the Spirit of Christ's love, empower us to battle the root causes of homelessness, and help us to live as one with one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever.

We offer you, O Lord, our prayers of thanksgiving, especially for Dorothy, Theresa, Thom, Michael, and Amy, as they celebrate their birthdays.

And we also bless thy Holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially for Darcy Casavant, victims of the earthquake in Morocco and the floods in Libya, and all victims of gun violence, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.** 

#### Confession

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Officiant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised

forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your

sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to

everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see our complete announcements and the Weekly Window at the back 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.

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Verse and Response at Presentation of the Offering

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord

People and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

BCP, page 340

Please stand as able.

Sursum Corda

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and

in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty,

everlasting God.

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image,

and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee

and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

#### People AMEN.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP, page 336

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation to Holy Communion

BCP, page 338

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 the priest administering the bread approaches you.

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou has prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Presider The peace of God which passeth 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 Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

DISMISSAL

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

We would like to thank Alicia Church 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:



#### THE WEEKLY WINDOW

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September 24, 2023 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

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#### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday In-Person Services 8:00 am and 12:30 pm (Chapel)

10:30 am (Historic Church)

#### 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.

#### Vestry Retreat: Sept. 29-30th

We are looking forward to a great Vestry retreat filled with fellowship, prayer, discernment and leadership. We are so grateful for all who are serving on the Vestry. We invite you to pray with us for those attending the retreat that God may give them clarity, wisdom, and grace during their time together.

#### **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 <a href="here">here</a>.

#### 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. Pet listing sign up is here.

#### Tania Candiani: Lifeblood, Sept. 22-Nov 19th

We invite you to view the Lifeblood exhibit beginning this Friday. This exhibit is dedicated to the life and memory of our former parishioner, Vinod Hopson. The exhibit focuses on histories and lives embedded in the land – and particularly the waterways that have alternately built and destroyed Houston over time. Candiani initiates explorations and collaborations that convene communal meditations on the past via music, architecture, and craft, with an emphasis on early technologies and vernacular practices of record–keeping. Lifeblood is on view at Blaffer Art Museum and more information can be found here.

#### Walking the Mourner's Path: Late October, Palmer Memorial

Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church, 6221 Main Street, adjacent to the Texas Medical Center, is planning to offer a small group for those grieving the death of a loved one, whether family or friend. Beginning this fall, "Walking the Mourner's Path" is an eight-week program facilitated by trained leaders. Participants are guided in celebrating the life of the deceased, honoring their own feelings of grief and loss, and finding new ways to incorporate fond memories of their loved ones into their own ongoing lives. For information, please contact The Rev. Deacon Linda Shelton at lindarshelton@gmail.com.

#### Save the Date

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

#### Sunday, September 24th 2023

7:30am - 1:30pm Nursery Open 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel) 9:00 am Sunday Meditations (Zoom) 9:00am Gulf Coast Blood Drive 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 25th, 2023

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

#### Tuesday, September 26th, 2023

5:30 pm Evening Prayer 6:30pm Jazz Festival Meeting (Smith)

#### Wednesday, September 27th, 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
7:00pm Pub Theology (Mucky Duck)

#### Thursday, September 28th, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm

#### Friday, September 29th, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm3:00 pm Vestry Retreat (Camp Allen)5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Saturday, September 30th, 2023

Our Weekly Zoom links can be found at <a href="https://www.trinitymidtown.org/zoom-withus">https://www.trinitymidtown.org/zoom-withus</a>



#### **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 Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Guillermo.

#### For the faithful departed:

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

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Larry Laubach, Treasurer finance@trinitymidtown.org

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#### Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up at <a href="https://www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/">www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/</a>.

The next available dates: October 22nd and November 5th.

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

Next available dates: October 1st, 15th, and 29th.





Dorothy Church, Theresa Prebilsky, Thom Guthrie, Michael Rodriquez Pizarro, Amy Snell

#### Office Hours

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

If you have building concerns please email <a href="mailto:frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org">frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org</a>. Thanks!







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#### September 24, 2023 – Pentecost 17 (A) United Thank Offering Grants

The United Thank Offering Board is pleased to announce the availability of its 2024 UTO Annual Grants, with a focus on projects that welcome and include "the stranger." Application deadlines are **Dec. 1** for Anglican Communion partners and **Jan. 19** for dioceses of The Episcopal Church.

More information—including criteria for applicants, sample budgets and timelines, and helpful hints—as well as application and other forms are available online in English and Spanish here: https://unitedthankoffering.com/apply/. Instructional videos created by the UTO grants committee will be posted online.

In addition, informational webinars will be held throughout the fall, as well as monthly open office hours for staff to work directly with applicants on their materials. Dates and registration links are available here: https://iam.ec/uto2024dates.

This is the second of a three-year United Thank Offering grant focus on those whom society has left out and behind, in the spirit of Matthew 25:36. The 2023 grants—recently approved—support 22 projects related to the worldwide incarceration crisis. The 2024 grants will fund projects that welcome people with differences that cause isolation and that encourage truth-telling, acknowledging historic trauma, and establishing a path toward healing.

Applications may be submitted in advance of the deadlines for review and feedback. Learn more about the United Thank Offering, a ministry of The Episcopal Church: https://unitedthankoffering.com/.

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute the 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.



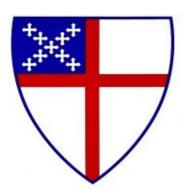
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