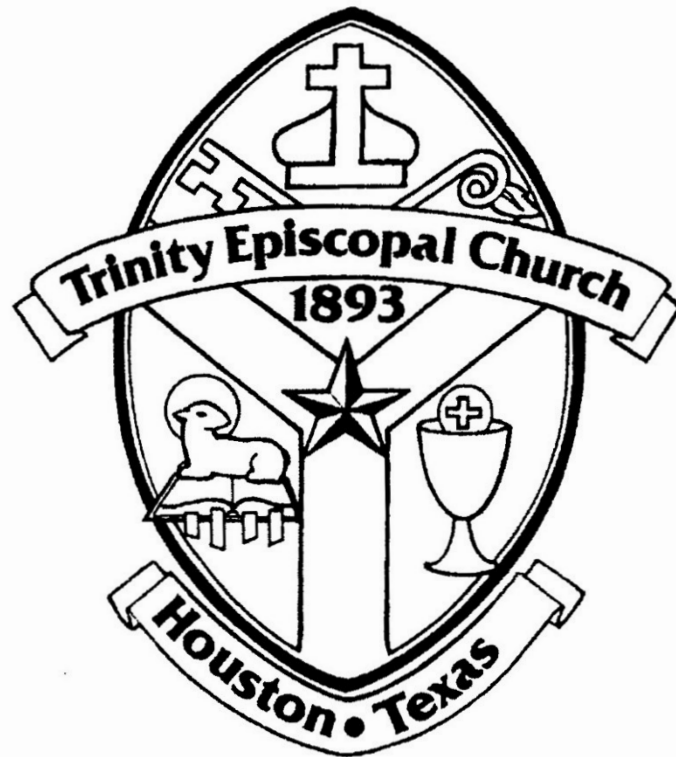


THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023
12:30 p.m.



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

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

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

WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

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

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

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

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A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

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

VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*

John Escoto, *Junior Warden*

Eric Beam
Ben Blanding
Pam Lawson
Mary Matteucci
Ann McCoy

John Merullo
Samantha Rainman
Gladys Vallés
David Villarreal
Michele White

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Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*
Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

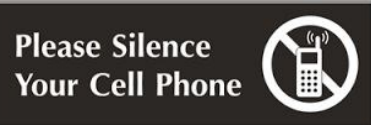
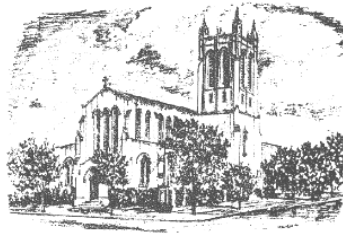
Vocals: April Sloan-Hubert
Piano: Pelayo Parlade
Flute, Clarinet: Ernesto Vega
Bass: Alfred Kennedy

SERVING TODAY

Lector: Caroline Levander
Prayers: Marcella Marino
Acolyte: Barrett Hess
Usher: Andy Durham
Audio Visual: Paul Bower
Online Greeter: Pam Lawson
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport
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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The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Please stand as able.

Presider By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

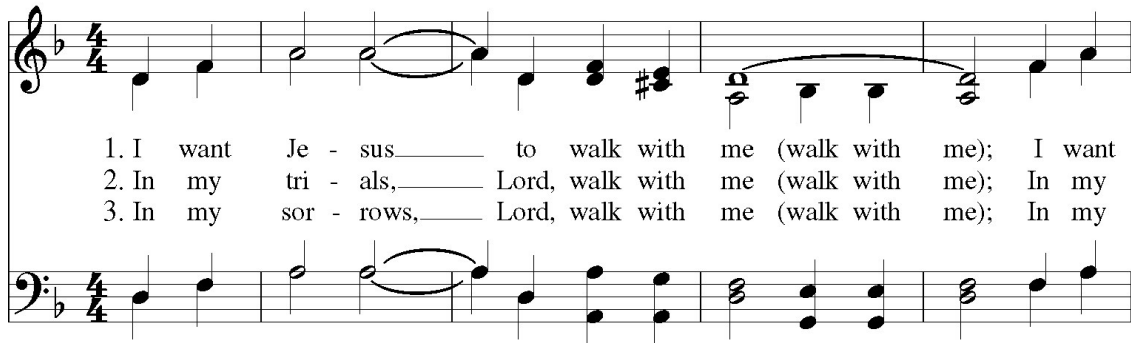
People **God is with us, here we find new life!**

Presider Let us worship God.

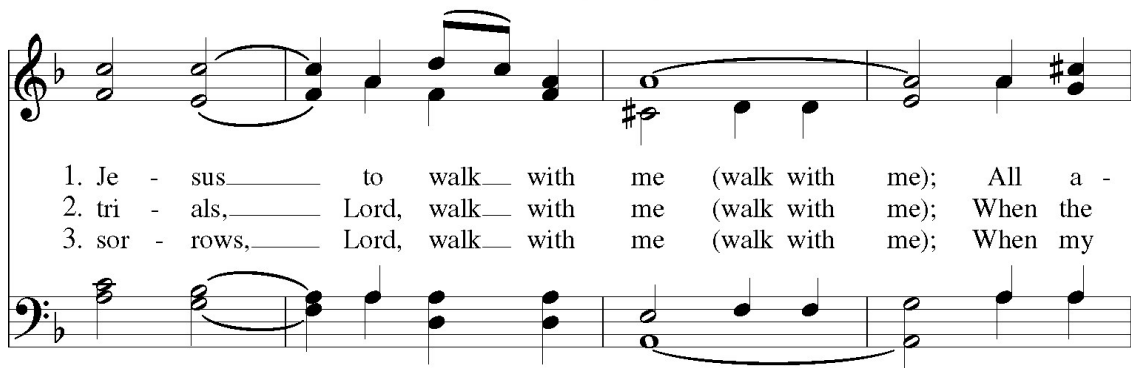
OPENING HYMN

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

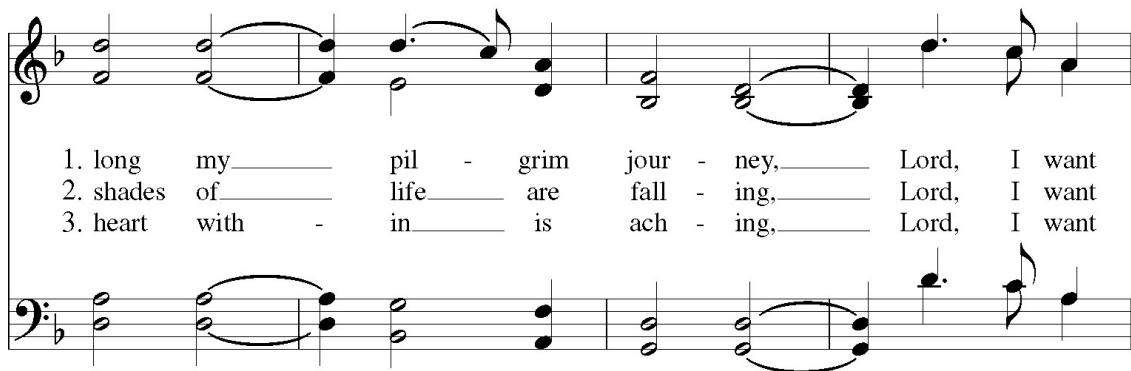
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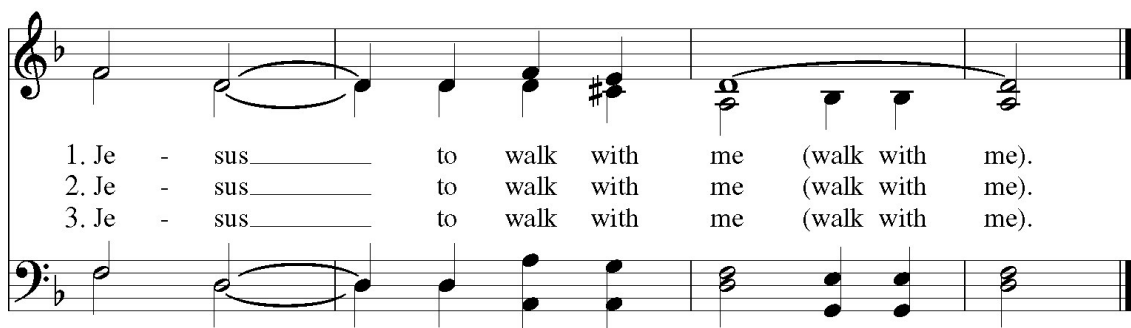
1. I want Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me); I want
2. In my tri - als, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); In my
3. In my sor - rows, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); In my



1. Je - sus _____ to walk _____ with me (walk with me); All a -
2. tri - als, _____ Lord, walk _____ with me (walk with me); When the
3. sor - rows, _____ Lord, walk _____ with me (walk with me); When my



1. long my _____ pil - grim jour - ney, _____ Lord, I want
2. shades of _____ life _____ are fall - ing, _____ Lord, I want
3. heart with - in _____ is ach - ing, _____ Lord, I want



1. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).
2. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).
3. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).

OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.
God, you have given us a lodging in this world but not an abiding city. Help us, as a pilgrim people, to endure hardness, knowing that at the end of our journey Christ has prepared a place for us. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1: 21-30

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.

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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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Please stand as able

Matthew 20: 1-16

Presider The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

People Praise and glory to God!

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing 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."

Presider This is the Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to Christ, the Word.

Please be seated

SERMON

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

MUSICAL REFLECTION

We will meditate quietly on God's word to us.

Please stand as able

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response

instrumental intro G^bmaj7 A^b7sus A^b7

Hear our -

A

5 F m7 B^bm7 F m7 B^bm7

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

9 G^bmaj7 ⊕ A^b7sus A^b7

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

B

13 F m7 B^bm7 F m7 B^bm7

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

17 G^bmaj7 A^b7sus A^b7

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

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

Let us pray for the preservation of the earth. We give thanks for the beauty and abundance of the earth.
Give us and all peoples grace to live in harmony with your creation, wisdom and generosity in our use of its bounty.
Let us pray for peace and shared prosperity, and for the end of systemic racism that divides us.
We pray for leaders to serve the common good: Give wisdom to those who have responsibility and authority in every land, especially Joseph, our president; Kamala, our vice-president; Greg, our governor; Lina, our county judge; Sylvester, our mayor; and the legislatures, and courts; that we may share with justice the resources of the world, and work together in trust.

Response

Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend 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](#). For the peace and unity of the Church of God.
We give thanks for the good news of salvation for all people. Strengthen us for our work in the world, empower your Church to proclaim the gospel in service, word and sacrament.
Unite in the truth all who confess your name, that we may live together in love to your glory.

Let us pray for ourselves and our community. We give thanks for the fellowship of the communities in which we live and work, especially Trinity Church. We pray for our bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai (*pronounced "Kaye"*), and Hector, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale our clergy; and for all who minister in this place. We commend to your keeping ourselves and each other, our families, those with whom we work and learn, our neighbors and our friends. Enable us by your Spirit to live in love for you and for one another.

Response

We give thanks that you are the God who brings mercy and wholeness. Comfort and heal, we pray, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble, especially for those we now name: *Bill, Nick, Kathy, Bob, Dale, Edith, Phil, Graeme, Christopher, Holly, Ray, Larry E., Rose, Geoff, Kate, Junetta, and Bart.*

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

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, *especially for Darcy Casavant, victims of the earthquake in Morocco and the floods in Libya, and all victims of gun violence.* Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfillment of your kingdom.

We give you thanks for your servants in every age, especially for *Dorothy, Theresa, Thom, Michael, and Amy*, who are celebrating their birthdays

Response

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

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

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

Final Response

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat major/D-flat minor). It begins with an instrumental introduction. The first line of music is labeled 'instrumental intro' and includes chords G^bmaj7, A^b7sus, and A^b7. The lyrics 'Hear our -' are written below the notes. The second line, marked with a box 'A' and measure 5, includes chords Fm7, B^bm7, Fm7, and B^bm7. The lyrics are 'prayer - O - Lord hea our - prayer O - Lord - - in -'. The third line, marked with a box 'B' and measure 9, includes chords G^bmaj7, a fermata symbol, A^b7sus, and A^b7. The lyrics are 'cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our'. The fourth line, marked with a box 'B' and measure 13, includes chords Fm7, B^bm7, Fm7, and B^bm7. The lyrics are 'prayer O - Lord - hear - our - prayer - O - Lord - - - in -'.

17 $G^{\flat}maj7$ $A^{\flat7sus}$ $A^{\flat7}$

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

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

21 $G^{\flat}maj7$ $A^{\flat7sus}$ $A^{\flat7}$ $D^{\flat}maj7$

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

THE CONFESSION

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

God forgives and heals us.

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

Prisider God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself.

THE PEACE

Prisider Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.

People Who breaks down the walls that divide.

Prisider The peace of God be always with you.

People Praise to Christ who makes us one.

MUSIC AT THE PEACE

Say a Little Prayer

Burt Bacharach

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Liturgy of the Table

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

OFFERING

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THE OFFERTORY

God Bless the Child

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as able.

Presider The Lord is here.
People God's Spirit is with us.

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Presider

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the word "Amen". The first staff has a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The notes are: a whole note 'A', a quarter rest, a quarter note 'men', a quarter rest, a dotted half note 'A', a quarter rest, a dotted half note 'men', and a quarter rest. The second staff has a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The notes are: a whole note 'A', a quarter rest, a quarter note 'men', a quarter rest, a whole note 'A', a quarter rest, a whole note 'men', and a quarter rest. The third staff has a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The notes are: a whole note 'A', a quarter rest, a quarter note 'men', a quarter rest, a quarter note 'A', a quarter rest, a quarter note 'men', a quarter rest, a quarter note 'A', a quarter rest, a quarter note 'men', and a quarter rest. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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

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

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION



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

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

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

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

COMMUNION HYMN

Broken for Me

Refrain *Last time to Coda* ⊕

Bro-ken for me, _____ bro-ken for you,
the bod-y of Je - sus, _____ bro-ken for you.



1. He of-fered his bod - y; _____ he poured out his soul;
 2. — Come to my ta - ble _____ and with me dine;
 3. — This is my bod - y _____ giv - en for you;
 4. — This is my blood _____ I shed for you,



Je - sus was bro - ken _____ that we might be whole.
 eat of my bread _____ and drink of my wine.
 eat it, re-mem - bering _____ I died for you.
 for your for-give - ness, _____ mak - ing you new.

⊕ CODA



the bod-y of Je - sus, _____ bro-ken for you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as able.

Presider

Blessed be God who calls us together.

People

Praise to God who makes us one people.

Presider

Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

People

Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.

Presider

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

People

Praise to God who is revealed as love.

Presider

Blessed be God who alone has called us.

People

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

Presider

Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

People

Accept our thanks for all you have done.

Presider

Send us now into the world you love.

People

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

THE BLESSING

Presider

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

1. I am weak but thou art strong; _____
 2. Through this world of toil and snares, _____
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, _____

Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee, _____

1. Je - sus, keep me from all wrong; _____ I'll be sat - is - fied as
 2. If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares? _____ Who with me my bur - den
 3. Time for me will be no more; _____ Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

Refrain: Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea, _____ Dai - ly walk - ing close to

D.C. for Refrain

1. long _____ As I walk, let me walk close to thee.
 2. shares? _____ None but thee, dear _____ Lord, none but thee.
 3. o'er _____ To Thy king - dom _____ shore, to thy shore.

Refrain: thee, _____ Let it be, dear _____ Lord, let it be.

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 People **We go in the name of Christ.**

Thank you for worshipping with us this afternoon.

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Training will be provided.*

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:*



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THE WEEKLY WINDOW

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September 24, 2023 – Seventeenth 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)

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 [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. 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.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

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. Rm
3:00 pm Vestry Retreat (Camp Allen)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Saturday, September 30th, 2023

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

Save the Date

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



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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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 November 5th.



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

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



Happy Birthday!

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

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Friday 9 am – 1 pm

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BULLETIN INSERTS

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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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.

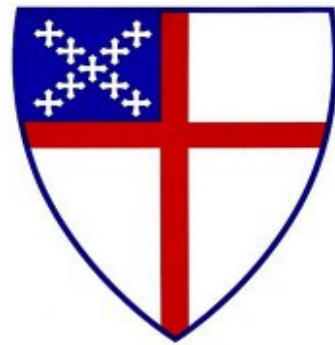
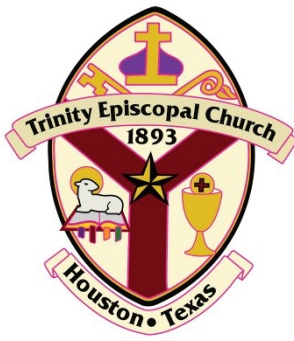
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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