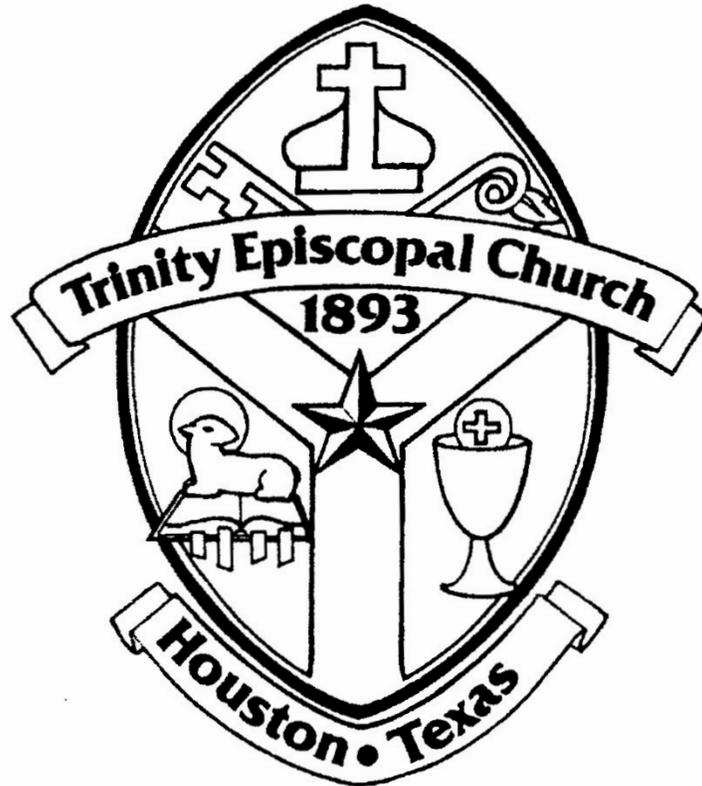


# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021  
10:30 a.m.



*All attending please wear masks and maintain 6 feet social distancing with those not in your household.*

*Please turn off your WiFi on your cell phones to boost the quality of our livestream. This can be done by putting the phone in Airplane Mode.*

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

Hank Carrillo, Interim Organist and Choirmaster

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

## WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning. We follow the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to guide our worship. In this leaflet, you'll find everything you need to follow along printed.

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### VESTRY

Amy Luke, *Senior Warden*  
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Eric Beam  
Ben Blanding  
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Terri DiRaddo

Andy Durham  
Pam Lawson  
Ann McCoy  
David Theis  
Michele White

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Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*  
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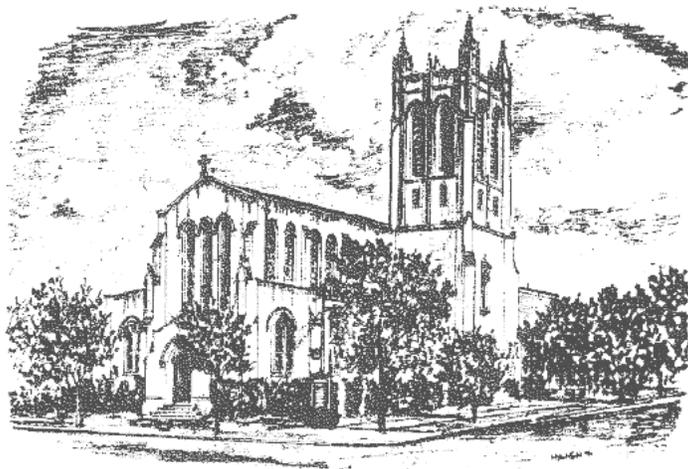
## LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Lector: Harrison G. Moore, IV  
Acolytes: Mary Cloud, Joanne Starbuck, L. Blanding  
Verger: Alex Bruton  
Ushers: Steve Lee, Larry Laubach, Christian Bearup

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# HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

VOLUNTARY

*Miroir*

Ad Wammes

*Please stand as able.*

HYMN IN PROCESSION 546

*Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve*

Siroe



1 A - wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor  
2 A cloud of wit - ness - es a - round hold thee in full sur -  
3 'Tis God's all - an - i - mat - ing voice that calls thee from on  
4 Then wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor



on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and  
vey; for - get the steps al - read - y trod and  
high; 'tis his own hand pre - sents the prize to  
on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and



an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.  
on - ward urge thy way, and on - ward urge thy way,  
thine as - pir - ing eye, to thine as - pir - ing eye.  
an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*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.**



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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

THE FIRST LESSON

Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10; 9: 20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

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

PSALM 124

Nisi quia Dominus  
*Sung by the choir*

*Derrick Cantrell*

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the Lord! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

THE SECOND LESSON

James 5: 13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

Please stand as able.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE 635

If thou but trust in God

Wer nur den lieben Gott

*Unison or harmony*



1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through  
 2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,  
 faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -  
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.  
 sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9: 38-50

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

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

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of



Reader For the end of systemic racism that divides us; for the just and proper use of your creation;

**People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Reader For [all women and men, boys and girls who are homeless this day, and for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.](#)

**People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Reader In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend Michael Curry and the Episcopal Church.](#) In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [Christ Church, San Augustine; Holy Trinity, Port Neches; and St. John's, Silsbee.](#) In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Alex Bruton and the Vergers ministry.](#) For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

**People For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Reader For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Hector and Kai our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Henry, our clergy; for all who minister in this place; and for all bishops and other ministers.

**People For all who serve God in his Church.**

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those who are on our prayer list: [Bill, Eula, Kensington, Charlee, Reiss, Stewart, Jeff, Charles, Henry, Steve, Myron, Joyce, Paul, and Sara.](#)

Hear us, Lord;

**People For your mercy is great.**

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for [Theresa, Thom, Bryan, Michael, Amy, Bethel, Laura, and Reagan,](#) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**People And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Reader We pray for all who have died, [especially all who have perished by contracting the Coronavirus, and all victims of gun violence,](#) that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People Who put their trust in you.**

CONFESSION  
Celebrant

BCP, page 392

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  
Celebrant

BCP, page 360

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.**

THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**

*Please pass the peace in a socially distanced manner.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Please be seated*

OFFERING

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

**Online Giving** is available through AccessACS.

Go to [www.trinitymidtown.org](http://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**. The prompt will ask for a credit card number which can be kept on file for future contributions.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

OFFERTORY

*Ah Thou Poor World*

Johannes Brahms

Ah thou poor world,  
thou cheatest me,  
That I confess unfeignedly,  
Yet in thee seek my pleasure.

False world, thou art  
but idle show,  
The splendor fades, as well I know,  
Thy joys have briefest measure.

Thy wealth, thine honors manifold,  
In need, in death, no comfort hold,  
Thy gold is naught but tinsel gold,  
Be thou, O Lord, my treasure.



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 S128

William Mathias

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

*Please kneel or stand as able.*

*The celebrant continues*

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

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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

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

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

**People AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, page 364

**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 S155

Gerald Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.

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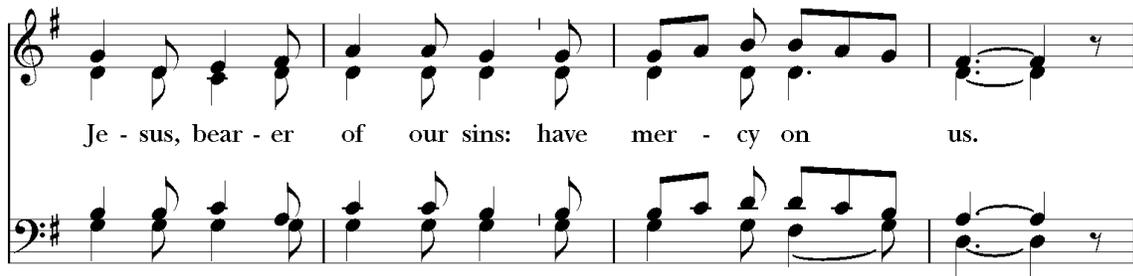
*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

AGNUS DEI S164

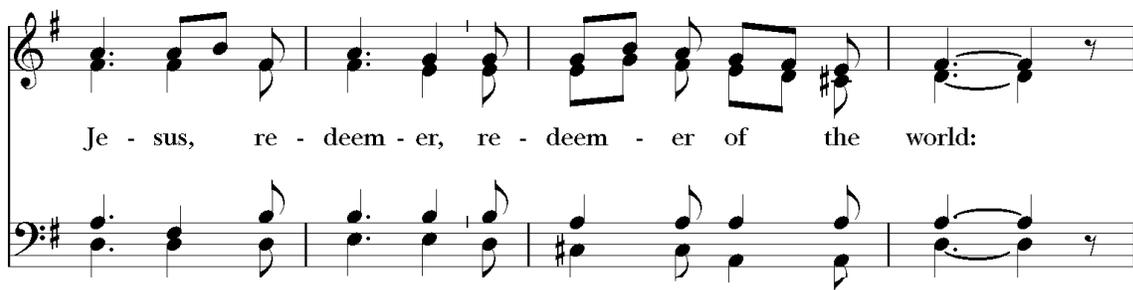
Franz Peter Schubert



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, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

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



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

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

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

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen  
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy  
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not  
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the  
 word of grace, in strength of which we  
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with  
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock,  
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.  
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart,  
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

*Please stand or kneel as able.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

*Please see our complete announcements and the Weekly Window at the end of this bulletin.*

BLESSING

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

**People Amen.**



1 Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;  
 2 Go forth for God; go to the world in love;  
 3 Go forth for God; go to the world in strength;  
 4 Go forth for God; go to the world in joy,



be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,  
 strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;  
 hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;  
 to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,



in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,  
 help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove  
 ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length  
 and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,



till in his king - dom we be - hold his face.  
 his love sup - plies the grace and power we seek.  
 shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.  
 re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

## DISMISSAL

Officiant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People****Thanks be to God.**

## VOLUNTARY

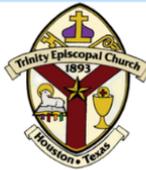
Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt Walten

Georg Böhm

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

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# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

of TRINITY *The Heart of Midtown*

September 26th, 2021

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Year B

## Sunday In-Person Services.

**8:00 am and 12:30 pm are in the Chapel.**  
**10:30 am is held in the Historic Church. Please make sure to continue to mask up and social distance.**

## Announcements



**Episcopal Way Classes** are now forming for the Fall. Dates are **October 15–16**. Times are **Friday 6:30pm–8:pm** and **Saturday 9:30am–1:30pm**. **Bishop Hector Monterroso** will be at Trinity on **October 31st**, at the **10:30 service** to preside over these occasions of blessings. To register, please get in touch with **Ryan Mire** at [frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org).

### THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

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If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up for a flower dedication by clicking [here](#)

Saint Julian Press Presents an Evening of Poetry and Prose. Friday, October 22nd From 7 pm – 9 pm at Trinity for more details click [here](#)

## This Week at Trinity

### Sunday, September 26th, 2021

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (live in-person)
- 9:30 am Lectionary Bible Study– Smith Room
- 9:30 am Parenting with Grace– Masterson Room
- 9:30 am Sunday Meditations (via Zoom)
- 9:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in Atrium rm 112
- 9:30 am ECC Tweens rm 207
- 9:30 am Youth Forum (via Zoom)
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (live in-person and on Facebook)
- 12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (live in-person and on Facebook)
- 8:00 pm Compline (In Spanish via Zoom)

### Monday, September 27th, 2021

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

### Tuesday, September 28th, 2021

- 4:00 pm Pastoral Care team meeting (Zoom)
- 6:30 pm Vestry meeting (Zoom)

### Wednesday, September 29th, 2021

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 12:15 pm Spanish Conversation Lunch with the Rev. Hannah Atkins Romero, (bring your lunch to the Masterson room)
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer on Facebook
- 6:00 pm Healing Service (via Zoom)
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, September 30th, 2021

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

### Friday, October 1st, 2021

- 10:00 am Trinity Garden Club Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

## Outreach



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MIGRATION MINISTRIES

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

Emergency Aid Coalition (EAC) is helping Louisianans who evacuated from Hurricane Ida. They especially need food snacks that need little preparation, for those staying in hotels.

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

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

## 20th Annual Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 10th, 2021  
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

At Trinity Episcopal Church 1015 Holman Street, Houston, Texas 77004



For More information on the 20th Annual Blessing of the Animals click [here](#)

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### 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, Vivian Jane, Bob, Theresa, Marvin, Sue, Tom, Nick, Ric, Margaret, Livia, Joshua, Sandi, Barbara, Larry, Monica, Carolyn, Sylvia, Danielle, Lynelle, Mary, Leonard, Jim, Be, Norma, Jean, Karen, Susan

For the faithful departed  
All who have perished by contracting the coronavirus and victims of gun violence.

For our Iona Seminarian  
Carrie Hirdes

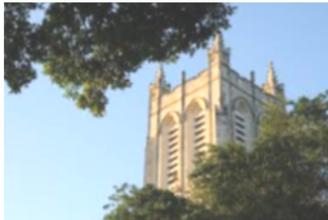


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Thom Guthrie  
Bryan Roberts  
Michael Rodriquez Pizarro  
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### Dorothy Church Sunday,

This Sunday, September 26th we will be celebrating Dorothy Church's 96th birthday in the Fellowship Hall between the 10:30 and 12:30 services. Dorothy is a long-time faithful member of Trinity, serving the parish in many capacities. Among other accomplishments, she has the distinction of being the first woman to serve on the Trinity Vestry.

### Readings for this week

Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10;  
Esther 9: 20-22  
Psalm 124  
James 5: 13-20  
Mark 9: 38-50



## 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.

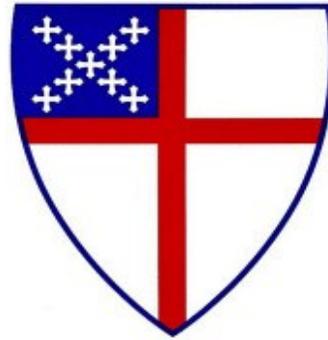
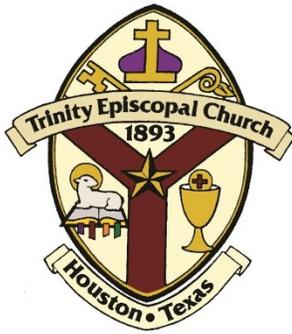
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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