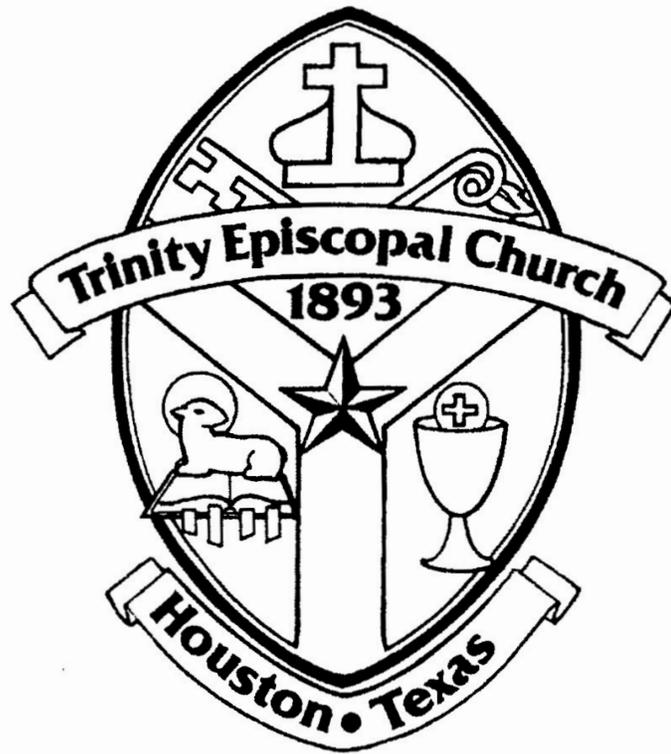


# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021  
12:30 p.m.



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

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

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 this afternoon. 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.

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### VESTRY

Amy Luke, *Senior Warden*  
John Escoto, *Junior Warden*

Eric Beam	Andy Durham
Ben Blanding	Pam Lawson
Jim Castro	Ann McCoy
Norma Cooper	David Theis
Terri DiRaddo	Michele White

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Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*  
Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*  
Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*  
Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*  
Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*  
Jim Castro, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*  
Gayle Davies-Cooley, *Historian and Archivist*

## THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

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

## SERVING TODAY

Lector: David Theis  
Prayers: Caroline Levander  
Usher: Bob Davenport  
Greeter: Mary Matteucci  
Audio Visual: Paul Bower

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# The Liturgy of the Word

## INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

*Please stand as able.*

Presider *Our help is in the Name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.*

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

Presider Let us worship God.

## OPENING HYMN

## Great Is the Lord

*Refrain*



Great is the Lord, he is ho - ly and just; by his



pow-er we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is



faith-ful and true; by his mer-cy he proves he is love.

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1., 2. Great is the Lord and wor-thy of glo-ry! Great is the Lord and  
3. Great are you, Lord, and wor-thy of glo-ry! Great are you, Lord, and



wor-thy of praise. Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now  
wor-thy of praise. Great are you, Lord; I lift up my voice, I



lift up your voice: Great \_\_\_\_\_ is the Lord! \_\_\_\_\_  
lift up my voice: Great \_\_\_\_\_ are you, Lord! \_\_\_\_\_

*First time D.C.  
Second time D.S.*



\_\_\_\_\_ Great \_\_\_\_\_ is the Lord!  
\_\_\_\_\_ Great \_\_\_\_\_ are you, Lord!

## OPENING PRAYER

**Presider** God of grace and goodness, you know that by reason of our frailty we cannot but fail; keep us always under your protection and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

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

## 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**People Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

*Please stand as able*

Mark 9: 38-50

Presider The Holy Gospel according to Mark.  
**People Praise and glory to God!**

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 these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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  $G^b\text{maj}7$   $A^b7\text{sus}$   $A^b7$   
Hear our -

**A**  
5  $F\text{m}7$   $B^b\text{m}7$   $F\text{m}7$   $B^b\text{m}7$   
prayer - O - Lord hea our - prayer O - Lord - - in -

9  $G^b\text{maj}7$   $A^b7\text{sus}$   $A^b7$   
cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our

**B**  
13  $F\text{m}7$   $B^b\text{m}7$   $F\text{m}7$   $B^b\text{m}7$   
prayer O - Lord - hear - our - prayer - O - Lord - - in -

17  $G^b\text{maj}7$   $A^b7\text{sus}$   $A^b7$   
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: [Bless Afghanistan, Haiti, and all nations of the world facing tumults and natural disasters, with Christ's gifts of healing and peace.](#) Give wisdom to those who have responsibility and authority in every land, especially Joseph, our president; Kamala, our vice-president; Greg, our governor; Sylvester, our mayor; Lina, our county judge; and for 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 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.

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, Hector, Jeff and Kai, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Henry our clergy.

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**

instrumental intro Gbmaj7 Ab7sus Ab7  
Hear our -

**A**  
5 Fm7 Bbm7 Fm7 Bbm7  
prayer - O - Lord hea our - prayer O - Lord - - in -

9 Gbmaj7 Ab7sus Ab7  
cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our

**B**  
13 Fm7 Bbm7 Fm7 Bbm7  
prayer O - Lord - hear - our - prayer - O - Lord - - - in -

17 Gbmaj7 Ab7sus Ab7  
cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord \_\_\_\_\_  
Soft piano improvisation during prayer, play intro to cue next response.

21 Gbmaj7 Ab7sus Ab7 Dbmaj7  
A - nd Gra - nt - us Thy - Pe - ace \_\_\_\_\_

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, Eula, Kensington, Charlee, Reiss, Stewart, Jeff, Charles, Henry, Steve, Myron, Joyce, Paul, and Sara](#). 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 all who have perished by [contracting the Coronavirus, 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 these who are celebrating their birthdays: [Theresa](#), [Thom](#), [Bryan](#), [Michael](#), [Amy](#), [Bethel](#), [Laura](#), and [Reagan](#).

**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.*

**Response**

THE CONFESSION

Presider 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.**

Presider God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself.

THE PEACE

Presider Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.

**People Who breaks down the walls that divide.**

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

**People Praise to Christ who makes us one.**

MUSIC AT THE PEACE

## The Liturgy of the Table

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERING**

**Online Giving** is available through AccessACS.

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

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

THE OFFERTORY

Trinity Jazz Ensemble

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 have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and life-giving 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.

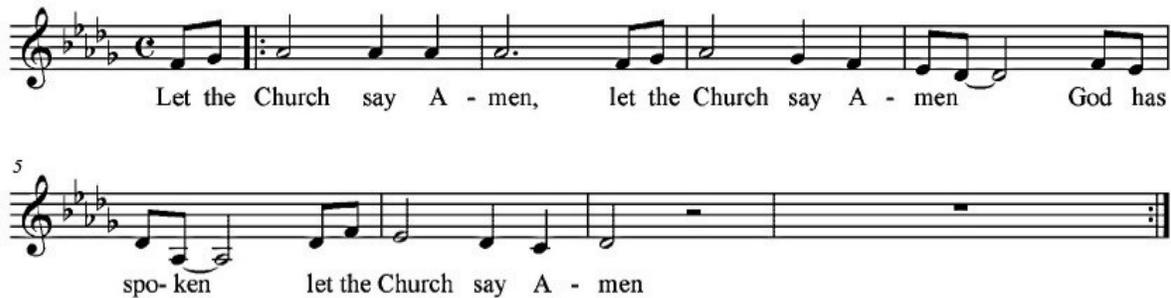
After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

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.

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

*For the duration of the current pandemic we will offer communion in one kind, the bread only. The priest will bring communion to your seat.*



*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.

*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,

*D.C.*



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.**

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

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

THE BLESSING

Presider The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

People **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus, Name above All Names



Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful  
Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord. Em - man - u - el, God is  
with us, bless - ed Re - deem - er, liv - ing Word.

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.  
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



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](#)



Lectionary Bible Study with Rev. Hannah: This group will meet in the Smith Room from 9:30–10:15.

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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

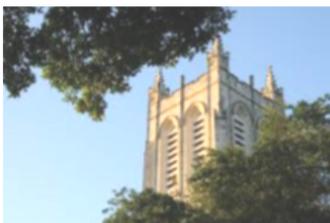


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#### Dorothy Church Sunday,

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.

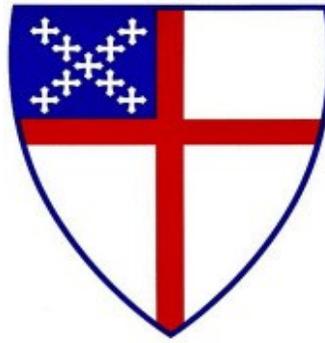
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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