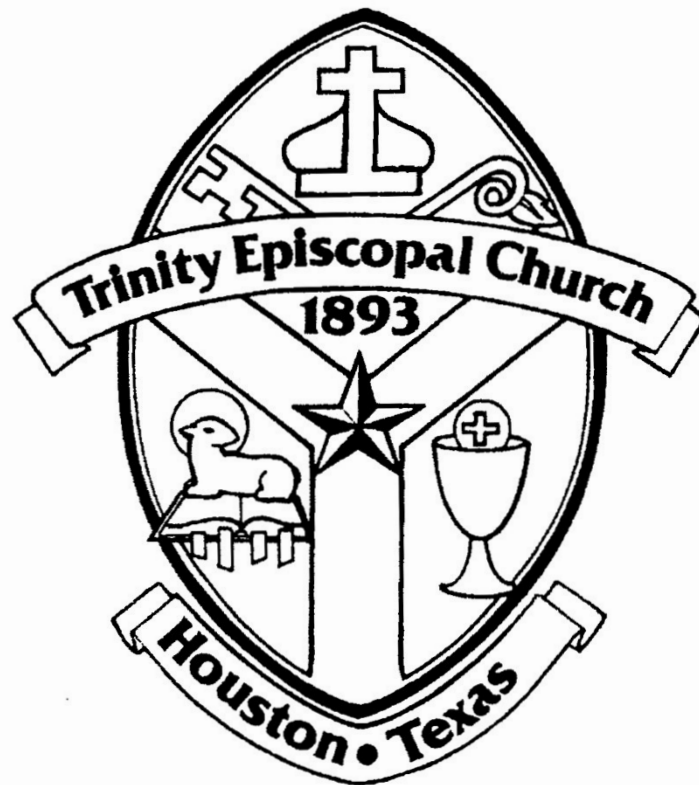


SHROVE TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 13, 2024
Bishop's Garden



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

Alex Jones, Organist and Choirmaster
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***Making God's Presence Real
By Sharing Christ's Life-Changing Love***

February 13, 2024

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

February 14, 2024

7:00 a.m. - Morrow Chapel

Noon - Historic Church

7:00 p.m. - Historic Church

Ashes To Go, Throughout the Day

VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*

Eric Beam, *Junior Warden*

Brent Chambers

Tony Huffman

Pam Lawson

Mary Matteucci

John Merullo

Samantha Rainman

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Andréa Shiloh

Gladys Vallés

David Villarreal

Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*

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Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*

Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*

Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

Shrove Tuesday

Burning of the Palms

Please stand as able.

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Officiant O Lord, you have been our refuge, from one generation to the next.
Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
People **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

THE OPENING PRAYER

Officiant Let us pray.
God of Tender Mercy, you fashioned us from the depths of the earth
and bid us to follow your gospel call in the company of the Church.

Look on us with kindness as we prepare the ashes
which will mark the beginning of our Lenten Journey.

Grant that we who make the desert pilgrimage
might come to the fount of rebirth with a renewed passion for justice.
May our alms serve your people and bring us peace, may the prayer sanctify
all our deeds and may we come at last to the table you set in the place
where you reign with Christ and the Holy Spirit forever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The people place the old palms in the container
where they will be burned.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,
People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,
People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,
People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned
before the great judgment seat of Christ,
People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all
your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,
People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant: Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior.

People: Amen.

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

People Amen.

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

People Amen.

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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.

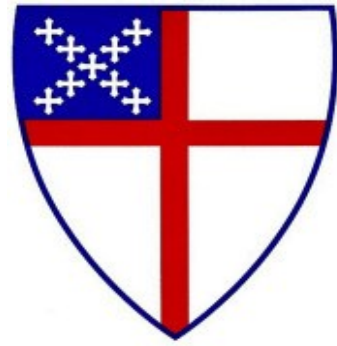
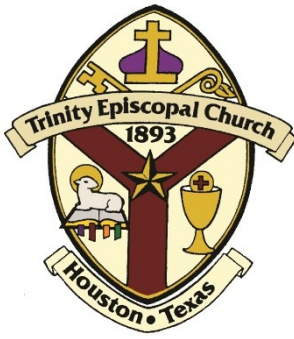
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street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