THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 23, 2026

10:30 A.M.

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector
The Reverend Maria Teresa Bautista-Berrios, Associate Rector
The Reverend Marcia Sadberry, Priest Assisting

Tian Qin, Organist
Paul Mortilla, 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. We follow the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to guide our worship. In this leaflet, you'll find everything you need to follow along printed.

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

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

https://www.trinitymidtown.org/contact-card/

For more information, please visit our website:

www.trinitymidtown.org

Facebook Live Stream. Please be advised that this service is live streamed through our Trinity Facebook Page and YouTube channels. By participating in the service, you are consenting to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your children who participate.

Children 3yrs through 3rd grade *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* Meets in room 112 at 9:30 a.m. and the children return to their parents at the passing of the peace.

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.
- Each Sunday, your child may pick up a pew activity in the back of the church.
- 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.
- There is a Children's Area in the Historic Church near the Fellowship Hall. It is available to children 2 to 5 years old and their caregiver during the 10:30 service. It features books, puzzles, and other quiet activities.

Vestry

Elisabeth Tsubai, *Senior Warden*
Eric Beam, *Junior Warden*

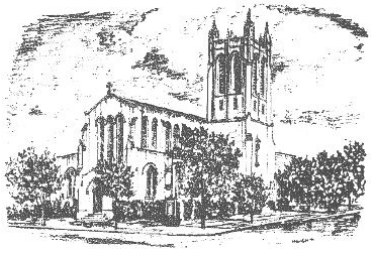
Ben Blanding	Tim Lawson
Shelby Bradley	Andréa Shiloh
Catherine Guthrie	Jeanne Sommerfeld
Tony Huffman	Amanda Talaat
Patrick Humphreys	Ben Tallcott

Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*
Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*
Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*
Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*
Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*

Lay Ministers Serving Today

Lector: Yoko Takahashi
Prayers: Oni Blair
LEMs: Pat Laubach, Larry Laubach
Acolytes: L. Blanding, S. Chambers, L. Chambers, G. Chambers, S. Blanding, D. Bearup
Ushers: Leah Stasney, Jody Rathburn, Richard Rathburn
Verger: Christian Bearup
Altar Guild: Madeline Mauk, Jeanne Sommerfeld, Joanne Starbuck
Audio Visual: Harry Gonzalez
Vestry Person of the Day: Ben Tallcott

The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God
and celebrating our meeting 53 years ago today
by Christopher and Catherine Reed.



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Holy Eucharist Rite II

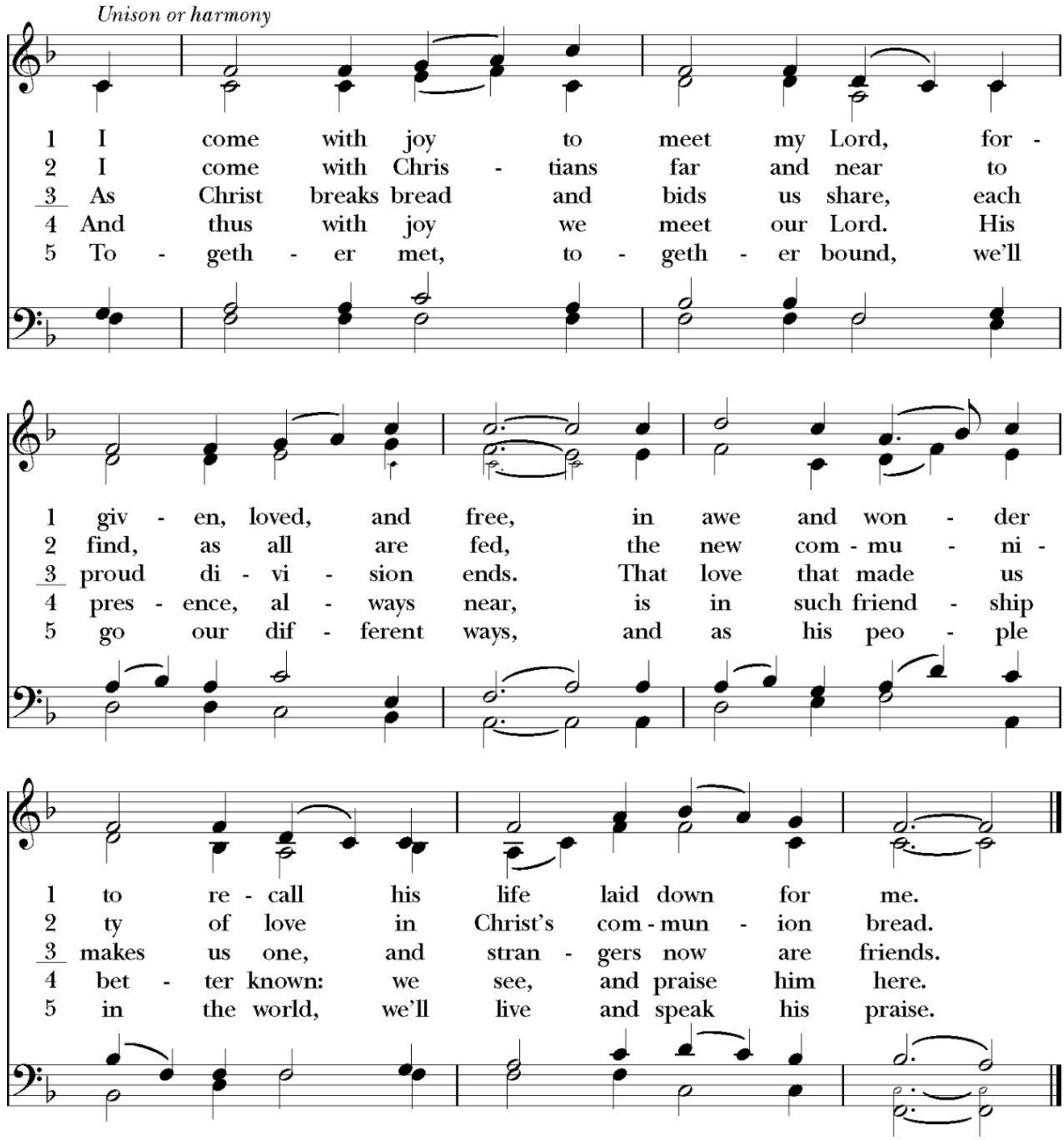
10:30 a.m. Historic Church

Please enter in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.

PRELUDE *Sonata in A minor, K. 3* Domenico Scarlatti (1685-1757)
from *Essercizi per gravicembalo* (*Venice XIV/ 31;* Longo 378)

Please stand as able.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 304 *I come with joy to meet my Lord* Land of Rest



The Liturgy of the Word

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION *BCP*, PAGE 355

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

CANTICLE S278 *Gloria in excelsis* William Mathias (b. 1934)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.
Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
People **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON Exodus 1:8-2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our

enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

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

PSALM 124 *Nisi quia Dominus* Episcopal Musicians Handbook

Sung by the choir, with the congregation joining the verses in bold.

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 a/live*
in their fierce an/ger toward us;

4 Then would the waters have over/whelmed us*
and the tor/rent 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 Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

Sunday School will not be meeting over the summer, but the nursery and Children's Chapel will still be available. Children will begin the service with their parents, and the teachers will pick them up before the Gospel reading and return them during the announcements. Nursery is still open throughout the service.

Please stand as able.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE 306 *Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest* Sursum Corda

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.

"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON Ben Tallcott

Please stand as able.

NICENE CREED *BCP*, PAGE 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI *BCP*, PAGE 392

(We invite you to offer any prayers you wish to share in the Livestream comment section.)

Reader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Reader We pray for Donald, the president; Greg, the governor; Lina, the county judge; John, the mayor, and the legislatures, and courts:
For this community, the nation, and the world:

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

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 Dr. Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith, and the Church of the Province of West Africa. In the diocesan cycle of prayer for St. Francis, Temple; St. John's, Marlin; and St. Joseph's, Salado. In the ministry cycle of prayer for the Adult Education 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 Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai (pronounced "Kaye"), Hector, and Brian, our Bishops; for Hannah, Maria Teresa, and Marcia, our clergy; for Barrett, our seminarian; 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: Jonathan, Jim, Kathleen, Elizabeth, Anita, Diane, Jimmie, Arthur, Christina, Garrett, Dave, Linda, Alejandra, Joanne, Ron, Kathy, Nia, Gina, Tricia, Hudson, Amy, Vivian, Mary, Erma, Ken, and Linda.
Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for Jody, Thomas, Ron, Lawrence, Ken, Linda, Caroline, John, and Richard, as they celebrate their birthdays.
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 for Charmian Pitts Markell, Lavern Aloysius Kremer; the victims of earthquakes in Venezuela, Japan, Colombia, and Indonesia; the victims of wildfires in Canada and Europe; the victims of war and famine in Ukraine, Sudan, Lebanon, Iran, and Palestine; 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 *BCP*, PAGE 393

Celebrant 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 *BCP*, PAGE 360

Celebrant 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.**

Please stand as able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The Holy Communion

Please be seated

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Please participate as able in the collection of an offering to help Trinity Church sustain our mission and ministry. For those who are unable to give monetarily, or have given online, we have made reusable wooden coins available so that all might participate in the spiritual practice of giving and contributing in a visible, inclusive way. A dollar, an offering coin, or more helps ignite the spirit of generosity in children and adults alike.

Online Giving is available:

- Go to www.trinitymidtown.org and click the "Give" button on the top right,
- or click: https://onrealm.org/TrinityMidtown/-/form/give/now
- or scan this QR code:

Texting: Send the message **heartofmidtown** to **73256**.

- Be sure to type **heartofmidtown** with no spaces, or autocorrect may insert information about a different church.
- The prompt will ask for a credit card number which can be kept on file for future contribution.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM My eyes for beauty pine Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

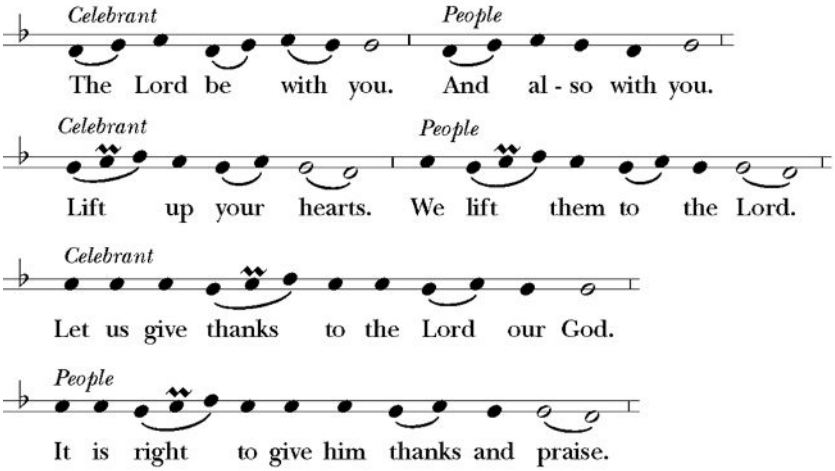
My eyes for beauty pine, My soul for Goddes grace;
No other care nor hope is mine, To heaven I turn my face.
One splendor thence is shed from all the stars above:
'Tis named when God's name is said, 'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.
And every gentle heart that burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

Please stand as able.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 366, stanza 4 Grosser Gott

GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B *BCP*, PAGE 367

SURSUM CORDA S120



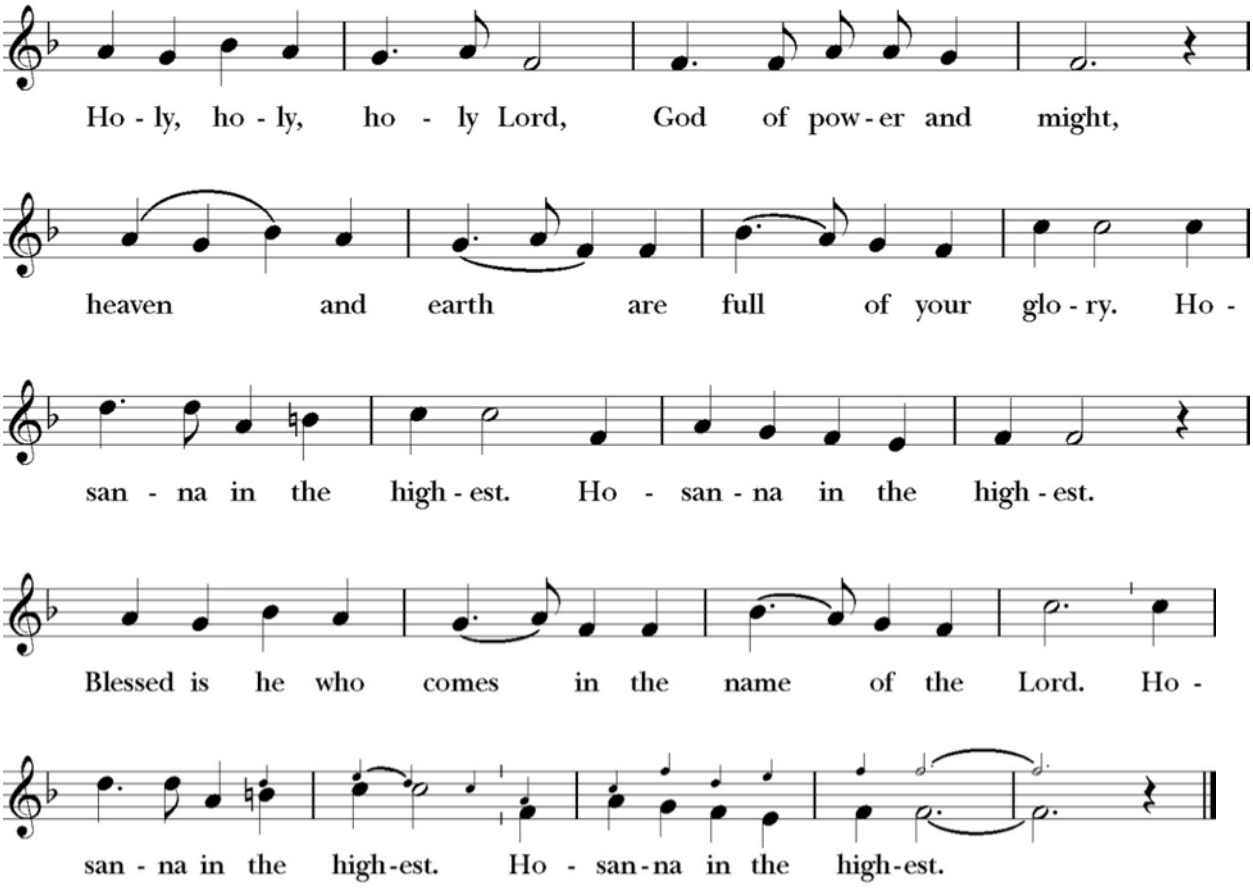
The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 S125 Richard Proulx (b. 1937)



Please stand or kneel, as able.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father:

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **AMEN.**

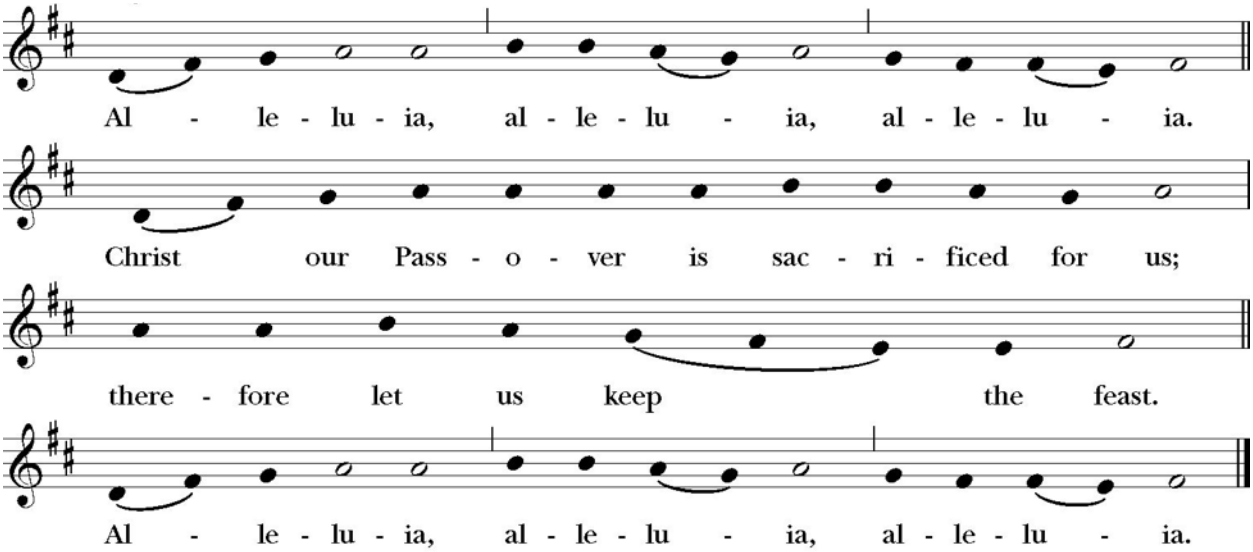
The Celebrant then continues

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

Celebrant and People

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.

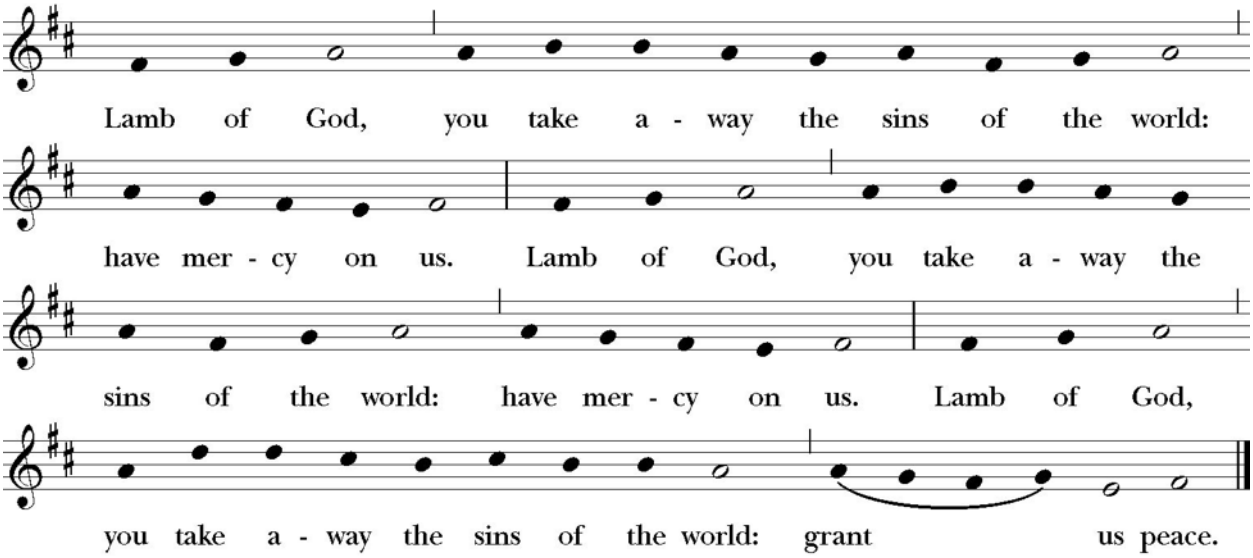
FRACTION ANTHEM S154 David Hurd (b. 1950)



INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION *BCP*, PAGE 364

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

AGNUS DEI S161 David Hurd (b. 1950)



INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Please come forward to receive communion from a priest in front of the altar. All are welcome to come participate in Holy Communion. If for any reason you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms across your chest for a blessing.

Our tradition is to receive both bread and wine, sharing in the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips, or you may "intinct" by dipping the wafer into the chalice. If you prefer, you may also receive the bread only: After consuming the wafer, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine.

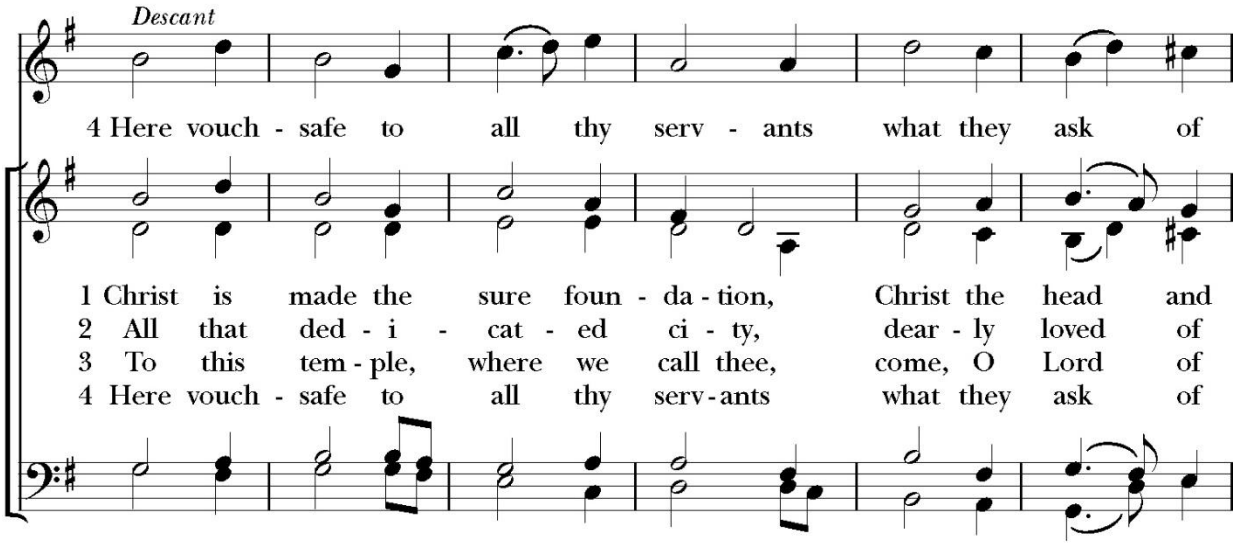
We offer a gluten-free bread option for those with dietary restrictions who wish to receive communion. To receive a gluten free wafer, please clasp your hands with palms facing each other when the priest administering the bread approaches you.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN 518 *Christ is made the sure foundation* Westminster Abbey



thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er
cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter
bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.
help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

The Celebrant distributes a communion kit saying,

Celebrant On behalf of God and Trinity Parish, we send forth these holy gifts so that [Enter names to be visited] , and all those who will be visited, may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *BCP*, PAGE 355

Please kneel or stand as able.

Celebrant and People

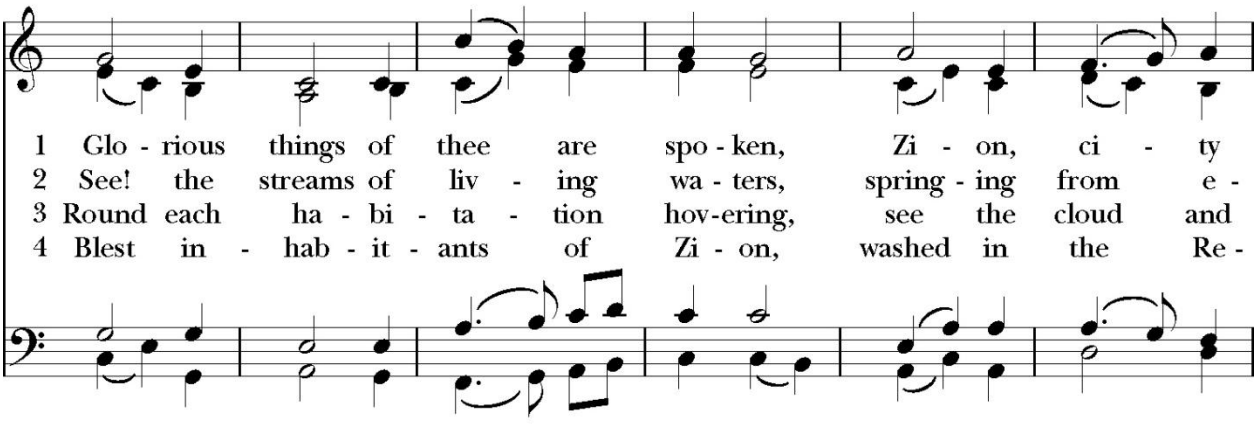
Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness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

THE BLESSING

Celebrant 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.**

Please stand as able

HYMN IN PROCESSION 523 *Glorious things of thee are spoken* Abbot's Leigh



of our God; he whose word can - not be bro - ken
ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - ering,
deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re - ly on,
formed thee for his own a - bode; on the Rock of A - ges
and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, when such a
show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their
makes them kings and priests to God. 'Tis his love his peo - ple
found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose? With sal -
riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,
ban - ner, light by night, and shade by day, safe they
rais - es o - ver self to reign as kings: and as
va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
like the Lord, the giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
priests, his sol - emn prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

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Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Sonata in A minor, K. 7* Domenico Scarlatti (1685-1757)
from *Essercizi per gravicembalo* (*Venice XIV/ 35;* Longo 379)

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

Please join us for Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall
immediately following this service.

We want to thank Caydon Heckert, Tian Qin, Jody and Richard Rathburn, Linda Davenport, and John Merullo for hosting coffee hour this morning, in celebration of their Awesome August Birthdays!

Please note that August 30, September 20, and 27
are open to host (part/all) coffee hour.
To sign up, please scan the QR code or contact Jamie Chambers:
jamielynnchambers@hotmail.com or call/text at 832-370-7155
if you need assistance.
Thank you

Flower dedications are available on August 30,
September 20, and October 4.
Make your Flower Dedications Online at trinitymidtown.org
or scan this QR code

THE WEEKLY WINDOW
OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MIDTOWN
August 23, 2026, 13th Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 16, Year A)
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Sundays:
Holy Eucharist
8 am (Contemplative)
10:30 am (Tradtional)
12:30 pm (Jazz/Gospel)
Weekdays: Evening Prayer 5:30 pm

Episcopal Way – August 29th

If you are an adult who wishes to be confirmed or received when the Bishop visits in September, please attend the class on August 29th at 9:30 am. You will learn about the Episcopal Church and the Anglican tradition and how the process of becoming a member of Trinity works. Please RSVP here:

Latin American Signature Music Mass – September 6th

Our next Signature Mass will celebrate folk, classical, and contemporary sacred music from throughout Latin America and the diaspora, with old favorites and newly commissioned works, under the direction of Ernesto Vega, Sandra Montes, and Paul Mortilla. We will have one service that day, Sunday, September 6th, at 11 am. The Right Reverend Hector Monterroso, Bishop Assistant of Texas, will be preacher and celebrant at this bilingual liturgy and will confirm and receive new members. That day also happens to be the 30th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of our Rector, the Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero.

Holy Grill – September 7th

Join our friends at St. James' Episcopal Church, 3129 Southmore Blvd, on Labor Day, September 7th, for the return of the Holy Grill. Hosted by the Rev. John Dublin Epps Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians, it is a major fundraiser for the UBE. Tickets are $20 per person, which includes food, a silent auction, youth and kids activities, and entertainment. For more information, scan this QR Code:

Aloha Sunday – September 13th

Trinity has many connections with Hawai'i, where "Aloha" can be said to mean hello or goodbye. On Aloha Sunday, September 13th, we say goodbye to summer and hello to the new program year. Adult Forum and Sunday school for kids, tweens, and youth all return that day. We encourage everyone to wear Hawai'ian shirts. There will be a ministry fair at Coffee Hour, where you can learn about new opportunities for service and connection. Mark your calendars for this beloved annual tradition.

Youth Confirmation Class Information Session – September 13th and 16th

There will be two information sessions about Youth Confirmation. The first will be held at 6 pm on Sunday, September 13th by Zoom; the second on Wednesday, September 16th, also at 6 pm, in person in the Youth Room. This will explain the year-long Confirmation program for students in grade 8 and up. For more information, contact George at g.zemanek.1@gmail.com or scan this QR Code.

Psalm-A-Thon – September 19th

Join the Trinity Choir and other singers as we chant the entire Psalter--all 150 Psalms, Saturday, September 19th starting at 8 am. You can sponsor this music fund raiser at $10 per verse. There are a total of 2461 verses in the Psalter, so there is plenty of opportunity. Scan this QR Code . Select "Music Fund." Email Paul at music@trinitymidtown.org for more information.

Meeting This Week
Vestry: Tuesday at 6:30 pm in Smith Room and on Zoom
Pub Theology (Return): Wednesday at 7 pm at McGonigel's Mucky Duck, 2425 Norfolk St.

Prayers

Our custom is to read aloud the names of those who request our prayers weekly. We also remember in our Prayer Chain and here those who desire prayers. Please email to keep us informed. For information or comments about names, please contact the Rector. If you would like to participate as a member of the prayer chain, please contact Norma Cooper.

We pray for: Jonathan, Jim, Kathleen, Elizabeth, Anita, Diane, Jimmie, Arthur, Christina, Garrett, Dave, Linda, Alejandra, Joanne, Ron, Kathy, Nia, Gina, Tricia, Hudson, Amy, Vivian, Mary, Erma, Ken, Linda Allegra, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Tom, Patty, Emily, Dick, Barbara, Carolyn, Sylvia, Joyce, David, Robert, Rick, Susan, Kensington, Christina, Juan, Shirley, Ken, Randy, Bob, Edith, Lilian, Vanessa, Franklin, Neil, Anadeli, Gentry,Benjamin, Libby, Edgar, Dalia, Irene, Stan, Darin, All victims of violence

For the faithful departed: Charmian Pitts Markell, Lavern Aloysius Kremer, the victims of the earthquakes in Venezuela, Japan, Colombia, and Indonesia, the victims of war and famine in Ukraine, Sudan, Lebanon, Iran, and Palestine, victims of violence in U.S. Cities, and all victims of gun violence

For our seminarian: Barrett Hess

For those who are unable to give monetarily, or have given online, we have made reusable wooden coins available so that all might participate in the spiritual practice of giving and contributing in a visibly inclusive way

Trinity Episcopal Church Giving Coin

Thank you for making and wearing a name tag every Sunday.

Office Hours:
Monday–Thursday 9 am – 3 pm
Friday 9 am – 1 pm
If you have building concerns please email parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org.

Happy Birthday!

Jody Rathburn, Thomas McGinty, Ron Wood, Lawrence Hutchinson, Ken Jones, Linda Davenport, Caroline Grunewald, John Merullo, Richard Rathburn

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, August 23, 2026
7:30 am Nursery Opens
8:00 am Holy Eucharist, RIte I (Chapel)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, RIte II (Church)
11:45 am Coffee Hour (FH)
12:30 pm Jazz/Gospel Eucharist (Chapel)

Monday, August 24, 2026
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

Tuesday, August 25, 2026
1:00 pm Listening Post
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)
6:30 pm Vestry (Smith/Zoom)

Wednesday, August 26, 2026
10:30 am Staff Meeting (Smith)
12:15 pm Good Times AA (Youth Room)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)
6:00 pm Healing Service (Zoom)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Room 218)
7:00 pm Pub Theology (Offsite)

Thursday, August 27, 2026
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

Friday, August 28, 2026
12:15 pm Good Times AA (Youth Room)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

Saturday, August 29, 2026
9:30 am Episcopal Way (Smith)

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Thank you to all who have given so generously! It is never too late.
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A Prayer for Migrant Ministries

Gracious God,
we give you thanks and all the glory
for abiding with us and blessing our ministries.
You walk us along paths of purpose;
You open portals of new opportunities before us;

Encourage our hearts,
to ensure a radiant and safe future for our newest neighbors,
who come from afar;

Inspire us
to create a beloved community with all who cross our paths.
We give thanks for the countless stories of small victories
and grand success
which are signs of your love and power working through us.

We thank you for the courage of all those who are compelled to migrate,
who strive to scale not just the high walls of life
but also and especially the higher walls of challenge.

Strengthen us to walk together with them
Be our continuing vision, O God,
Give us the hope of the immigrant,
the resolve of the wanderer,
and soften our hearts to their cries for justice.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
our welcomer, our greeter, our host,
AMEN+

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