

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 13, 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 using the QR code or 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

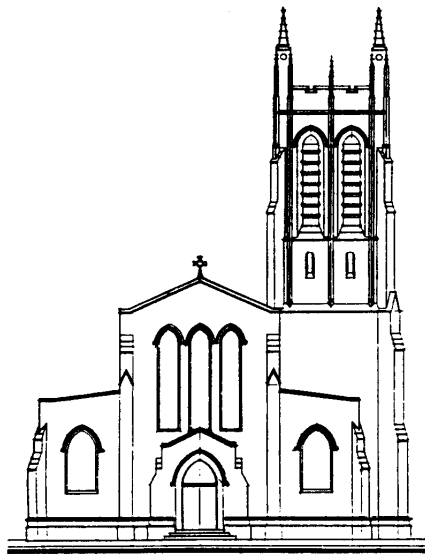
- Your children are welcome here at Trinity! First, please relax and enjoy your time here. We know that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed.
- Each Sunday, your child may pick up a pew activity in the back of the church.
- To make things easier for your family, 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.



Lay Ministers Serving Today

Lector: Brett Smiley
Prayers: Oni Blair
LEMs: Stan Tubbs, Chris Hensman
Acolytes: S. Chambers, L. Chambers, G. Chambers, H. Hensman, D. Bearup
Ushers: Ken Jones, Jody Rathburn, Richard Rathburn
Verger: David Villarreal
Altar Guild: Mark Goza, Brett Smiley, David Villarreal
Audio Visual: Harry González
Vestry Person of the Day: Catherine Guthrie

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God
and in memory of my niece Margaret Kathleen Wieboldt
by Mary Cloud



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Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:30 a.m. Historic Church

Please enter in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.

PRELUDE

*Improvisation on "Over the Rainbow")
by Harold Arlen (1905-1986)*

Tian Qin

In memory of Israel Kamakawiwo'ole

Please stand as able.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 516

Come down, O Love divine

Down Ampney

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first system includes three numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the hymn with a double bar line.

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

The Liturgy of the Word

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

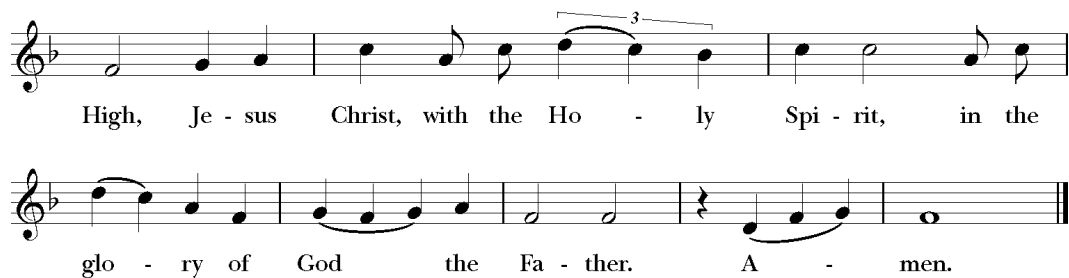
Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

CANTICLE S280 *Gloria in excelsis*

Robert Powell, 1932

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation joins the choir singing the antiphon and the verses in bold

Organ: **Congregation:**

Trem - ble, O Earth, at the pre - sence of the Lord,

[5] *Into Chant:*

at the pre - sence of the God of Ja - cob

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Charles Villiers Stanford

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came | out of | Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a | people of | *strange* | speech,

2 Judah be- | came God's | sanctuary *
and | Is-rael | his do- | minion.

3 The sea be- | held it and | fled; *
Jordan | turned and | went | back.

4 The mountains | skipped like | rams, *
and the little | hills like | young | sheep.

5 What ailed you, O | sea, that you | fled? *
O | Jordan, that | you turned | back?

6 You mountains, that you | skipped like | rams? *
you little | hills like | young | sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the | presence of the | Lord, *
at the | presence of the | God of | Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a | pool of | water *
and flint-stone | into a | flowing | spring.

Repeat Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE 603 *When Christ was lifted from the earth*

St. Botolph

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
 2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
 3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
 4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
 al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us
 vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels
 I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
 as his friends and loves us as we are.
 but a face, a per - son, and a name.
 cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

Please be seated.

SERMON The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

Please stand as able.

NICENE CREED

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**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

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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 Don Tamihere, the Most Reverend Justin Duckworth, the Most Reverend Sione Ulu'ilakepa, and the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia. In the diocesan cycle of prayer for Holy Comforter, Spring; Kiswahili Church Plant, Huntsville; and St. Aidan's, Cypress. In the ministry cycle of prayer for Kerry Ward and the Artists of Trinity.

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, Clyde, Arthur, Christina, Laura, Susan, Gina, Tricia, Ian, Mary, Blanca, Libby, Linda, Dick, Alejandra, and Larry.

Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for Mayra, Kathy, Bonnie, Christian, Libby, Damon, Janis, Jimmie, Wendy, Donna, and Troy, 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 Grace Hatcher; Barry Reed; Kathy Wieboldt; the victims of earthquakes in Venezuela, Japan, Colombia, and Indonesia; the victims of wildfires in Canada and Europe; the victims of the floods in Nepal; 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

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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

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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 *Laula Ko Ke Akua Aloha (There's a Wideness)*

Arr. Philip Turley (1941-2023)

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior; There is healing in his blood.

Lāula ko ke Akua, aloha, me ka lāula o ke kai;
Lokomaika'i, a kaulike, pōmaika'i, po'okela nei.
Lokomaika'i, ka ho'ōla, aloha iā nā auna nei,
Ho'omaika'i iā nā haipule; ma ona lā e ola'i.

'Oī ka lāula o kona aloha, i ko kanaka no'ono'o;
He lokomaika'i kū panāha, ko ka mau loa ia kākou.
Inā kākou e aloha, ahilina'i nā wā a pau,
La'ela'e ke ia ola ana, ma ka malu o Iesu.

Lāula ko ke Akua, aloha, me ka lāula o ke kai;
Lokomaika'i, a kaulike, pōmaika'i, po'okela nei.
Lokomaika'i, ka ho'ōla, aloha iā nā auna nei,
Ho'omaika'i iā nā haipule; ma ona lā e ola'i.

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Lāula ko ke, ke Akua, ke aloha
There's a wideness in God's aloha.

Please stand as able.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 380, v.3

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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SURSUM CORDA S120

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

might, hea - ven 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 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.**

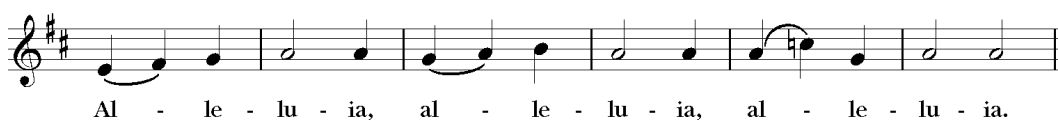
**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

FRACTION ANTHEM S155

Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

This setting is not used in Lent.



INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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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.

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 of the world: Give us your peace.

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.

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

The Celebrant distributes a communion kit saying,

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

People Amen.

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.**

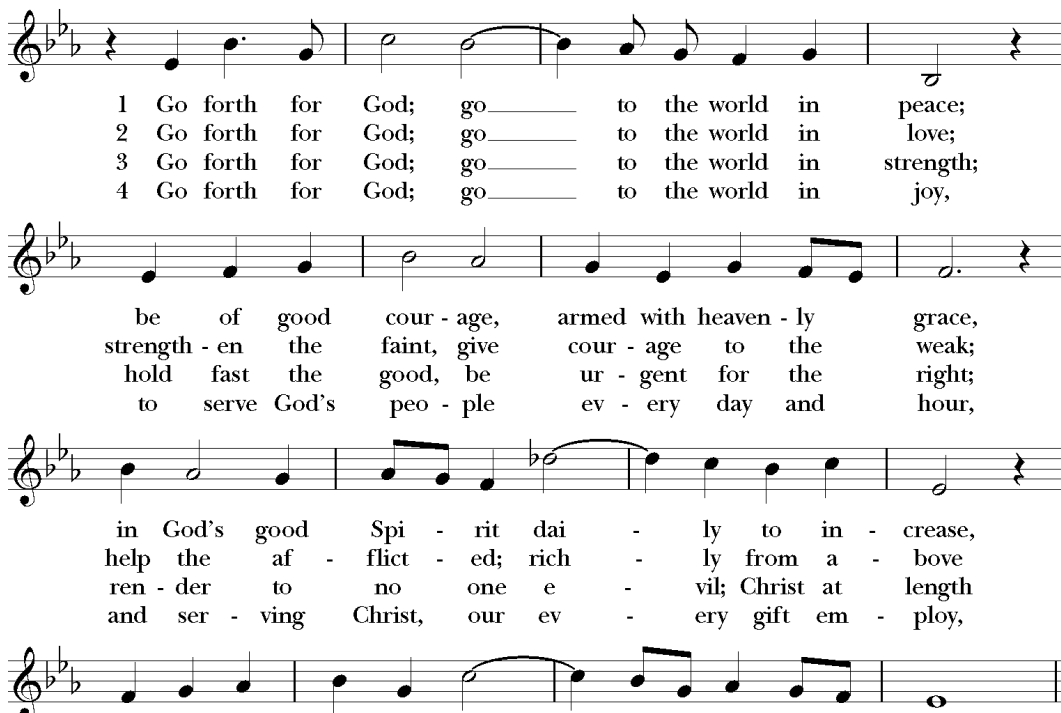
THE BLESSING

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 347 *Go forth for God, go to the world in peace*

Litton



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.

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

POSTLUDE *Improvisation on "Aloha Oe"*
 by Lili'uokalani (1838-1917)

Tian Qin

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 everyone who assisted with coffee hour
this morning.*

*Please note that September 20, October 18, and 25
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 October 4, 18,
and November 1. Make your Flower Dedications Online at
trinitymidtown.org or scan this QR code*



Oración por los Ministerios para Migrantes

Dios misericordioso,
te damos gracias y toda la gloria
por permanecer con nosotros y bendecir nuestros ministerios.

Nos guías por caminos de propósito;
abres ante nosotros puertas a nuevas oportunidades.

Anima nuestros corazones,
para asegurar un futuro radiante y seguro
para nuestros nuevos vecinos,
que vienen de tierras lejanas.

Inspíranos
a crear una comunidad amada
con todos aquellos que cruzan nuestro camino.
Te damos gracias por las innumerables historias
de pequeñas victorias y grandes éxitos,
que son signos de tu amor y poder obrando a través de nosotros.

Te damos gracias por la valentía
de todos aquellos que se ven forzados a migrar,
quienes se esfuerzan por escalar no solo los altos muros de la vida,
sino, sobre todo, los aún más altos muros del desafío.

Fortalécenos para caminar junto a ellos.
Sé nuestra visión constante, oh Dios.
Danos la esperanza del inmigrante,
la determinación del peregrino,
y ablanda nuestros corazones ante su clamor por justicia.

Oramos en el nombre de Jesucristo,
nuestro acogedor, nuestro guía, nuestro anfitrión.

AMÉN+

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+



THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MIDTOWN

September 13, 2026, 16th Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 19, Year A)

Trinity Episcopal Church | www.trinitymidtown.org

1015 Holman @ Main | 713-528-4100

Sunday Schedule:

Holy Eucharist

8 am (Contemplative)

10:30 am (Traditional)

12:30 pm (Jazz/Gospel)

Weekdays: Evening Prayer 5:30 pm

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.



Meet and Greet – September 20th

There will be a Meet and Greet with the Rector at 12 noon on Sunday, September 20th, in the Masterson Room. If you are new or new-ish to Trinity and have not yet had a chance to attend a Meet and Greet, please feel free to grab some goodies from Coffee Hour and head to the Masterson Room for some conversation. It will last about 25 minutes. Get acquainted with our clergy and make some new friends! For more information, please inquire at rector@trinitymidtown.org.

Liturgical Ministry Training – September 20th

If you are interested in becoming a lector, intercessor, acolyte, usher, or lay Eucharistic minister, we will have training after each service on Sunday, September 20th. Please contact Pat at volunteer@trinitymidtown.org for more information.

Episcopal Youth Community – September 20th and 23rd

The Episcopal Youth Community kicks off their fall activities on Sunday, September 20th (not September 13th as originally planned) with a trip to the Putt Shack, The Highlight at Houston Center, 1200 McKinney, followed by dinner at IHOP, 2515 Southwest Freeway.

On Wednesday, September 23rd, The EYC starts Game Night at 6 pm in the Youth Room. Effective October 7th, it will be held every first and third Wednesday.

Taste of Trinity Kickoff Dinner – September 26th

Our meal groups, Taste of Trinity, start their year with the kickoff potluck dinner on Saturday, September 26th, at 6 pm. We will have two groups: one meeting for brunch and one for dinner monthly starting in October. For more information, please contact Catherine at cmguthri@aol.com or Judith at judy.edgar1946@yahoo.com.

Meeting This Week

Adult Forum (Return): Sunday at 9:30 am in Smith Room

Sandwich Makers: Tuesday at 10 am in Fellowship Hall



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, Clyde, Arthur, Christina, Laura, Susan, Gina, Tricia, Ian, Mary, Blanca, Libby, Linda, Dick, Alejandra Allegra, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Tom, Patty, Emily, Barbara, Carolyn, Sylvia, Joyce, David, Robert, Rick, Susan, Kensington, Christina, Juan, Shirley, Ken, Randy, Bob, Edith, Lilian, Vanessa, Franklin, Neil, Anadeli, Gentry, Benjamin, Dalia, Jimmie, Joanne, Ron, Nia, Gina, Tricia, Amy, Vivian, Erma, Ken, Linda, John, All victims of violence

For the faithful departed: Grace Hatcher, Barry Reed, Kathy Wiebold, 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



Happy Birthday!

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.

**Janis Nelson,
Jimmie McCoy,
Wendy Wentland,
Donna Cloteaux,
Troy Brooks**

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, September 13, 2026

7:30 am – 1:30 pm Nursery Open
8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)
9:00 am Meditations (Masterson/Zoom)
9:30 am Education Hour
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)
11:45 am Aloha Sunday Fair (FH)
12:30 pm Jazz/Gospel Eucharist (Chapel)
6:00 pm Youth Confirmation (Zoom)

Monday, September 14, 2026

5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

10:00 am Sandwich Makers (FH)
1:00 pm Listening Post
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)
6:00 pm Property Committee (Zoom)
6:30 pm Finance Committee (Zoom)

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

10:30 am Staff Meeting (Smith)
12:15 pm Good Times AA (Youth Rm)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)
6:00 pm Healing Service (Zoom)
6:00 pm Youth Confirmation (Youth Rm)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Room 218)

Thursday, September 17, 2026

5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

Friday, September 18, 2026

12:15 pm Good Times AA (Youth Rm)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

Saturday, September 19, 2026

8:00 am Psalm–A–Thon (Church)



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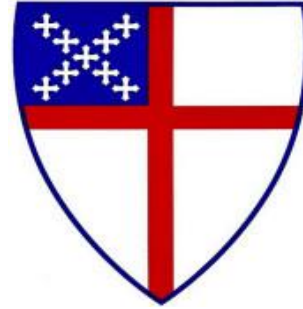
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It is never too late.
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Amanda Talaat
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Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*

WEAPONS POLICY



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A PERSON MAY NOT ENTER THIS PROPERTY WITH A FIREARM.

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A PERSON LICENSED UNDER SUBCHAPTER H, CHAPTER 411,
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PROPERTY WITH A HANDGUN THAT IS CARRIED OPENLY.