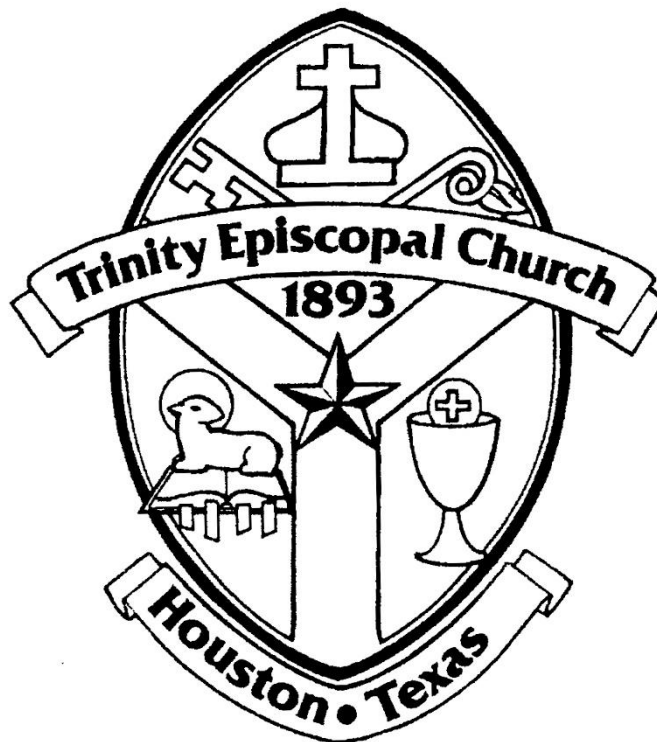


THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

8:00 A.M.



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

Wendy Wentland, Pianist

***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. You can also access the bulletin electronically on your devices.

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

For questions about how to connect with us, please email connections@trinitymidtown.org

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.

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.

Lay Ministers Serving Today

Lector: Edgar Marston
LEM: Samantha Rainman
Music: Wendy Wentland
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport
Vestry Person
of the Day: Tony Huffman

Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the
Glory of God, and in loving memory of
my sister Jeanne
by Joanne Starbuck



Holy Eucharist Rite I

8:00 a.m. Morrow Chapel

Please enter in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.

The Liturgy of the Word

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, page 323

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Officiant 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.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

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Officiant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

CANTICLE

Gloria in excelsis

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Read in unison.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,**

O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;

**thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

People Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Read responsively by whole verse.

1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.**

3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.**

5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

**6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.**

37 He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

**38 Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.**

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.

**40 They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.**

41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.

**42 For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.**

43 So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.

**44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,**

45 That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws.
Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Wendy Wentland, piano

**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.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and ever-living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially 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; and for all who minister in this place, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for the Right Reverend Dr. Mark Short and the Anglican Church of Australia. In the diocesan cycle of prayer for St. Cuthbert, Houston; St. Dunstan's, Houston; St. James the Apostle, Conroe; and St. Luke's, Livingston. In the ministry cycle of prayer for David Villarreal, Barrett Hess, and the Beekeeper ministry.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald, the president; Greg, the governor, Lina, the county judge, John, the mayor, and the legislatures and courts, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Jonathan, Jim, Kathleen, Elizabeth, Anita, Diane, Clyde, Arthur, Christina, Laura, Susan, Gina, Tricia, Ian, Mary, Blanca, Libby, Linda, Dick, Alejandra, Larry, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Almighty God, thou lovest all thy children and art a home to those who are in any need or trouble; inspire thy Church with the Spirit of Christ's love, empower us to battle the root causes of homelessness, and help us to live as one with one another.

We offer you, O Lord, our prayers of thanksgiving, especially for Barbara, Jamie, Payden, William, Kingston, Ethan, and Theresa, as they celebrate their birthdays.

And we also bless thy Holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially for Grace Hatcher; 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, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

Amen

CONFESSION

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Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Officiant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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.



VERSE AND RESPONSE AT PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

Please stand as able.

SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is the one that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please stand or kneel, as able.

The Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature. Christ suffered death upon the cross for our redemption and made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for all, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Creator, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance Christ's blessed passion and

precious death, mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for Christ's coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful God, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Jesus Christ. And we earnestly desire thy goodness and lovingkindness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with Christ, that Christ may dwell in us, and we in Christ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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.

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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou has prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.
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 Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

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

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

*Please note that October 18, 25, and November 1
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*



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+

ORACIÓN POR LOS MINISTERIOS PARA MIGRANTES

Dios misericordioso, te damos gracias y toda la gloria por permanecer con nosotros y bendeciré 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, AMEN+



THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MIDTOWN

September 20, 2026, 17th Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 20, Year A)

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Sunday Schedule:

Holy Eucharist

8 am (Contemplative)

10:30 am (Traditional)

12:30 pm (Jazz/Gospel)

Weekdays: Evening Prayer 5:30 pm

Gaza Children's Shroud – September 27th

The Gaza Children's Shroud will be at Trinity on Sunday, September 27th, from 11:45 am to 1 pm.

This is a project where participants write the names of children killed in Gaza since October 2022 on a large cloth representing a burial shroud. This project began in Italy last year and came to this country in May.

You can read more at gazachildrenshroud.com

Feed the Hungry – Today

Together with the Episcopal Health Foundation and the Diocese of Texas, Feeding Texas and the Texas Food Policy Roundtable are working with national partners to get Congress to delay cost-sharing provisions for SNAP (food stamp) benefits for two years for states to ensure no one goes hungry. There will be a video presentation at Coffee Hour today. Thank you to Mary Johns for organizing this.

Houston Contemporary Ensemble Concert – September 25th

Join us for Cetacean Songs, a sub-aquatic evening of Music featuring George Crumb's "Vox Balanae" (Voice of the Whale) alongside new works by Houston-based composers, Friday, September 25th, 7:30 pm.

Tickets are \$30 online, \$20 at the door, and free for Trinity parishioners. Scan this QR code for tickets.



Episcopal Youth Community – September 23rd

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.

Liturgical Ministry Training – September 27th

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 27th. Please contact Pat at volunteer@trinitymidtown.org for more information.

Animal Blessing – October 11th

Our annual Animal Blessing service will be held on Sunday, October 11th, at 4 pm on the Francis Street Lawn. Please bring your pets on a leash or in a carrier. The altar flowers will be given that day in honor of our pets.

Please see our website or the print forms available at the church. For more information, please contact Shelby at 832-279-6508.

Meeting This Week

Adult Forum : Today at 9:30 am in Smith Room – Book of Revelation

Meet and Greet: Today at 12 noon in Masterson Room

Sandwich Makers: Today at Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall

Vestry: Tuesday at 6:30 pm in Smith Room/Zoom



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, Larry 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
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Barbara Donovan,
Jamie Chambers,
Payden Chambers,
William Walker,
Kingston Walker, Ethan Schatz,
Theresa Prebilsky

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, September 20, 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 Coffee Hour (FH)
11:45 am Sandwich Makers (FH)
11:45 am Feed the Hungry (FH)
12:00 pm Meet and Greet (Masterson)
12:30 pm Jazz/Gospel Eucharist (Chapel)

Monday, September 21, 2026

5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

1:00 pm Listening Post
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)
6:30 pm Vestry (Zoom)

Wednesday, September 23, 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)
6:00 pm Youth Game Night (Youth Room)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Room 218)

Thursday, September 24, 2026

5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

Friday, September 25, 2026

12:15 pm Good Times AA (Youth Rm)
7:30 pm Concert (Church)

Saturday, September 26, 2026

6:00 pm Taste of Trinity Dinner (FH)



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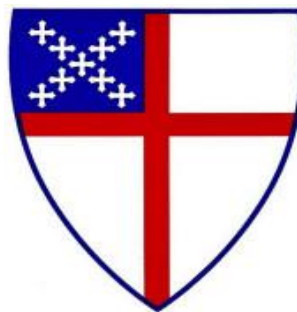
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