

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20, 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

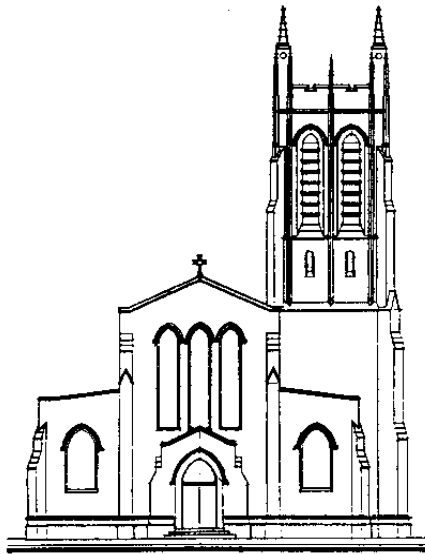
- Your children are welcome here at Trinity! First, please relax and enjoy your time here. We know that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed.
- Each Sunday, your child may pick up a pew activity in the back of the church.
- To make things easier for your family, 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: Yoko Takahashi
Prayers: Jim Castro
LEMs: Jim Castro, Pat Laubach
Acolytes: S. Chambers, L. Chambers, G. Chambers, D. Bearup, S. Blanding
Ushers: Ben Blanding, Will Sager, Kerry Ward, Larry Laubach
Verger: Alex Bruton
Altar Guild: Amanda Talaat, Alex Bruton, Mark Goza
Audio Visual: Harry González
Vestry Person of the Day: Tony Huffman

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



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Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:30 a.m. Historic Church

Please enter in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.

PRELUDE

Salus Populi Ego Sum

Paul Mortilla

Salus populi ego sum, dicit
Dominus:

I am the salvation of the people, says the
Lord:

de quacumque tribulatione clamaverint
ad me,

from whatever pain they cry
unto me,

exaudiam eos:

I will hear them:

et ero illorum Dominus in perpetuum.

and I will be their Lord forever.

Please stand as able.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 9

Not here for high and holy things

Morning Song



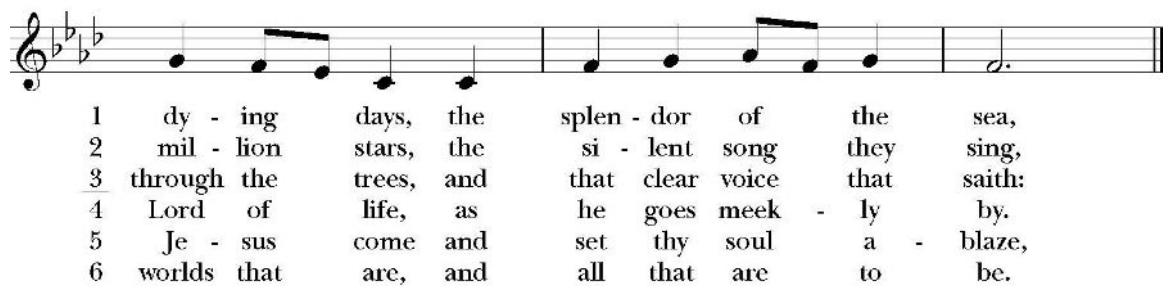
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*3	of	faith	and	hope	and	love	un - dimmed,	un -	dy - ing	still	through
4	A -	wake,	a -	wake	to	love	and	work!	The	lark	is
5	Come,	let	thy	voice	be	one	with	theirs,	shout	with	their
6	to	give	and	give,	and	give	a -	gain,	what	God	hath
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1	thee,	but	for	the	com - mon	things	of	earth,	the
2	spring,	the	vel -	vet	of	soft	sum -	mer	nights,
3	death,	the	re -	sur -	rec -	tion	of	the	world,
4	sky,	the	fields	are	wet	with	dia -	mond	dew,
5	praise;	see	how	the	gi -	ant	sun	soars	up,
6	thee;	to	spend	thy -	self	nor	count	the	cost;
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1	pur -	ple	pa -	gean -	try	of	dawn -	ing	and	of
2	sil -	ver	glis -	te -	ring	of	all	the	mil -	lion
3	time	there	comes	the	breath	of	dawn	that	rus -	ties
4	worlds	a -	wake	to	cry	their	bles -	sings	on	the
5	lord	of	years	and	days!	So	let	the	love	of
6	serve	right	glo -	rious -	ly	the	God	who	gave	all



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 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 scat - 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
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 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.

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

Note: Joleon Morgan is in the 9th grade at Seven Lakes HS in Katy ISD

Organ: Congregation: Joleon Morgan

Give thanks to the Lord and call u - pon his Name; make known his deeds am - ong the peo - ples

Charles Villiers Stanford

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and | call up-on his | Name; *
make known his | deeds a- | mong the | peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing | praises to | him, *
and speak of | all his | marvel-ous | works.
- 3 **Glory in his | holy | Name; ***
let the hearts of those who | seek the | Lord re- | joice.
- 4 **Search for the | Lord and his | strength; ***
con- | tinual-ly | 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, ***
be- | cause they | were a- | fraid 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 ap- | peared, *
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 | Abra- | ham 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. | Halle- | lujah!

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.

Please stand as able.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE 685

Rock of ages, cleft for me

Toplady

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
 3 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

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

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 to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

LITURGY FOR I COMMIT

Celebrant God's call to each of us is to engage in the exploration of faith with all of our heart, mind and soul. Our call may take us down unimagined roads, yet at every step we are surrounded by God's love, guidance and the promise of an abundant life in Christ.

Today we celebrate such faithful exploration. As parents, guardians, mentors and as a community we renew our commitment to our growth and the growth of our youth. We acknowledge their independence and we entrust them to God's loving care.

The Celebrant addresses the youth on behalf of the community.

Young members of our community of faith, we invite you to join us in the work of healing. We cannot give you a perfect world, but we can welcome you to the work of making it whole. We ask you to join us as we renew our commitment to grow, seeking to treat ourselves, all people and the earth with dignity, witnessing to the good news of God modeled in Jesus Christ.

Will you join us?

Youth Before God and this community, I stand ready to dedicate myself to a continued journey of faith, exploration, and service to God.

Celebrant May the Lord bless you.
May you know the joys of full and abundant life in Christ.
May you be known and honored for the truth of who you are;
May our blessings carry you on the journey to come;
May your every step be surrounded by the guidance and love of God;
And may you know that we are your loving community,
now and always, wherever you may go.

The youth address parents, caregivers, mentors and congregation

Youth With all the love a heart can hold, I thank you for who I have become.
I ask you now to set me loose, as I set you loose,
so that I might find my unique path to God.
As I take on the responsibilities of my faith,
I ask for your prayers, love and guidance.
Together, may we continue to grow in our relationships
with God, one another and ourselves.
You have my love. You have my thanks.
You have my respect and my prayers.
May God's eternal blessing be with you all.

Celebrant I now ask the parents and caregivers to stand.
I ask the mentors to stand.
And now I ask the congregation to stand:

Do you commit yourself to let these young adults grow with greater freedom and to pray to God for the perfect attitudes and strengths by which to parent and mentor them now and in the future?

People **We do!**

Celebrant I now ask the youth: Do you embrace this growing freedom responsibly with a renewed commitment to deepen your understanding of God, yourself and others that you might become all you were meant to be?

Youth **We do!**

The mentors are invited forward to witness the students sign the covenant at the altar.

Celebrant I present to you the church's future and present.

**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.**

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 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.

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 Barbara, Jamie, Payden, William, Kingston, Ethan, and Theresa, 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; 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

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

Psalm 105

Dominick DiOrio (b. 1984)

Give thanks to God, call on his name,
 make known his deeds among the people,
O sing to God, sing praises to God,
 tell of all his wondrous works.
Glory in God's holy name,
 let the hearts of those that seek the Lord rejoice!
Seek the Lord and his strength;
 seek his presence continually.
O sing to God, give thanks to God.
 Remember the works he has done;
 his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered.
O offspring of his servant Abraham, praise God!
 children of Jacob, praise God,
 his chosen ones, praise God!

Please stand as able.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 380, v.3

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings 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)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

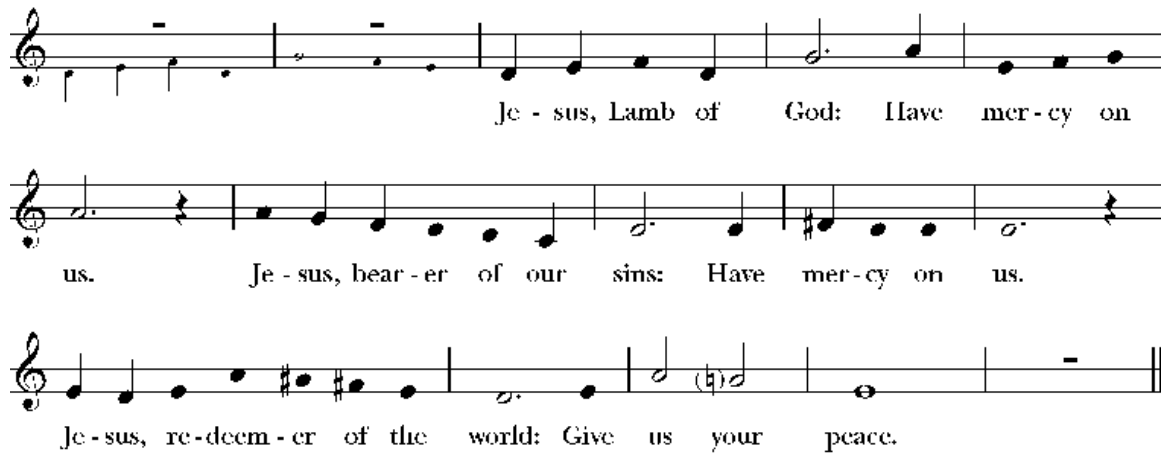
sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.



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.

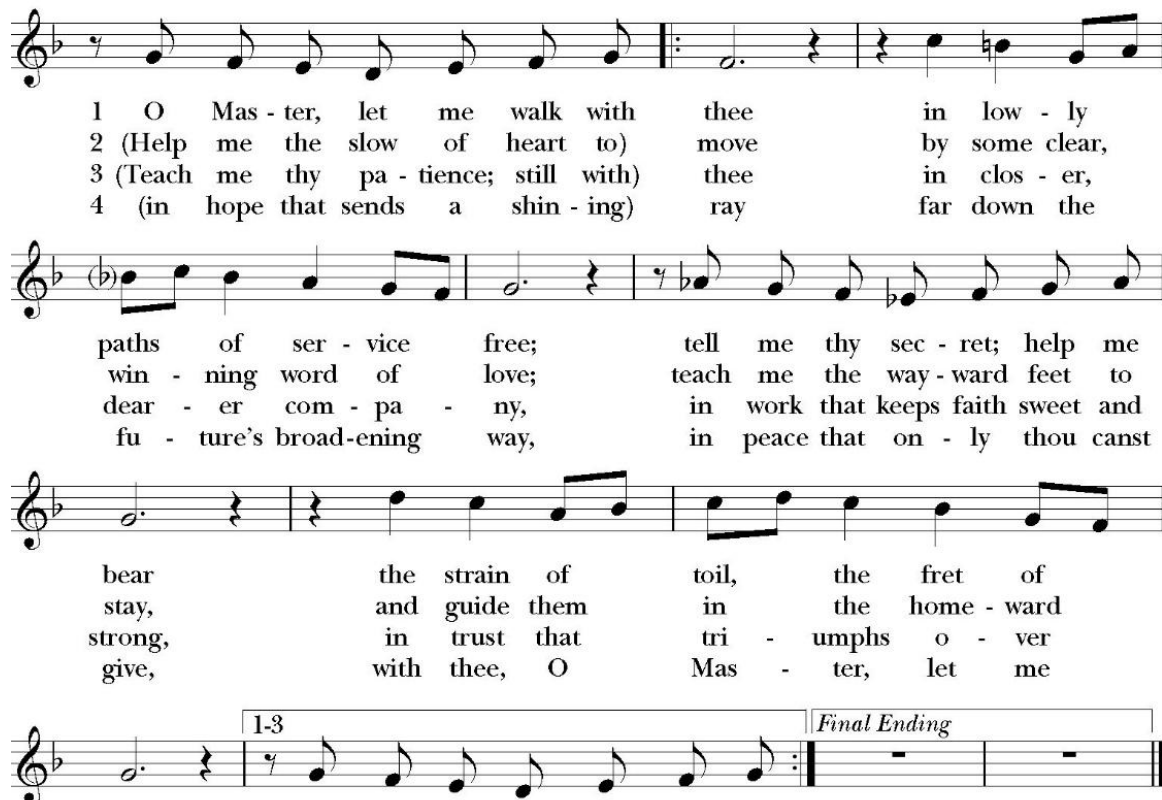


We offer a gluten-free bread option for those with dietary restrictions who wish to receive communion. To receive a gluten free wafer, please clasp your hands with palms facing each other when the priest administering the bread approaches you.

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 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
 2 (Help me the slow of heart to) move by some clear,
 3 (Teach me thy pa - tience; still with) thee in clos - er,
 4 (in hope that sends a shin - ing) ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy sec - ret; help me
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward feet to
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith sweet and
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly thou canst

bear the strain of toil, the fret of
 stay, and guide them in the home - ward
 strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver
 give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me

care. 2 Help me the slow of heart to
 way. 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with
 wrong, 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing
 live.

1-3 Final Ending

The Celebrant distributes a communion kit saying,

Celebrant On behalf of God and Trinity Parish, we send forth these holy gifts so that Tom, Patty, 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

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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 527

Singing songs of expectation

Ton-y-Botel



1 Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence, o'er his
 3 One the strain the lips of thou - sands lift as

goes the pil - grim band, through the night of
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict,

doubt and sor - row, march - ing to the prom - ised land.
 gloom and ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:
 one the per - il, one the march in God be - gun:

Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and
 one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the
 one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the

burns the guid - ing light: trust - ing God we
 faith which nev - er tires, one the ear - nest
 far e - ter - nal shore, where the one al -

march to - geth - er step - ping fear - less through the night.
 look - ing for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
 might - y Fa - ther reigns in love for ev - er - more.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on Ton-y-Botel

Paul Mortilla

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 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*





THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MDTOWN

September 20, 2026, 17th Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 20, 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

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 parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org.

**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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**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
GENEROUS
SUPPORT!**

Thank you to all who have given so generously! It is never too late.
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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.

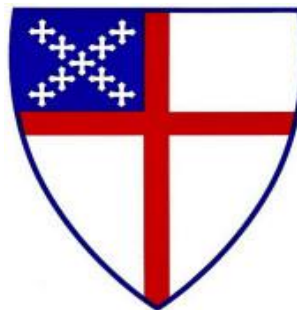
We thank you for the courage of all those who are compelled to migrate,
who strive to scale not just the high walls of life
but also and especially the higher walls of challenge.

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+



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PURSUANT TO SECTION 30.05, PENAL CODE (CRIMINAL TRESPASS),
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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GOVERNMENT CODE (HANDGUN LICENSING LAW), MAY NOT ENTER THIS
PROPERTY WITH A HANDGUN THAT IS CARRIED OPENLY.