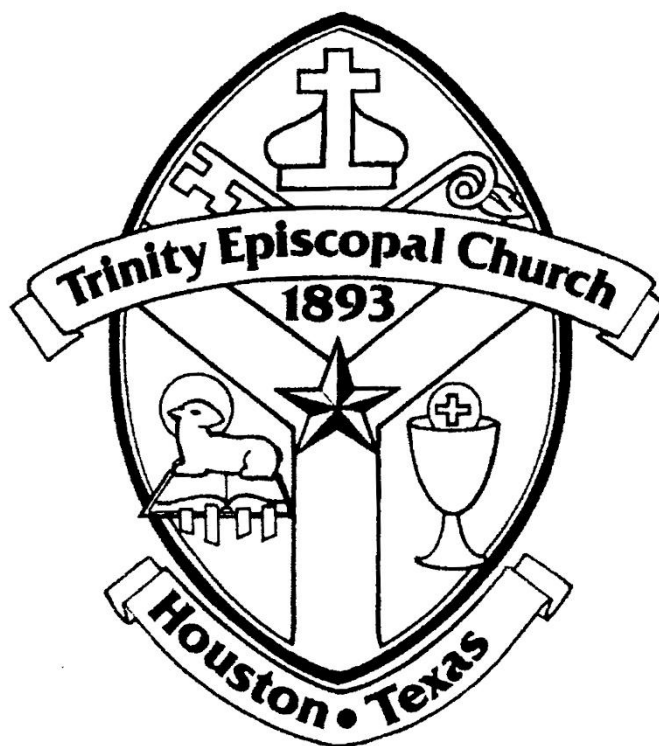


THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

12:30 P.M.



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

April Sloan-Hubert, Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble
Pelayo Parlade, Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble

***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 adapted the liturgy for this service from a New Zealand Prayer Book to guide our worship. In this leaflet, you'll find everything you need to follow along printed. You may 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

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.

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.



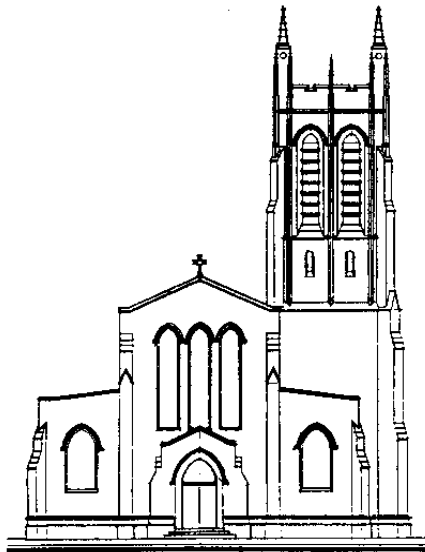
THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Vocals: April Sloan-Hubert
Piano: Pelayo Parlade
Winds: Ernesto Vega
Bass: Kevin Ray

LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Lector: Mary Ann Collier
Prayers: Ric Byrd
Acolyte: Jim Castro
Ushers: Andréa Shiloh
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport
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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The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Please stand as able.

Presider Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples: Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works.

People **God is with us, here we find new life!**

Presider Let us worship God

OPENING HYMN

We Have Come Into His House

We have come in - to His house and gath - ered in His name to
 So for - get a - bout your-self and con - cen - trate on Him and
 Let us lift up ho - ly hands and mag - ni - fy His name and

wor - ship Him. _____ We have come in - to His house and
 wor - ship Him. _____ So for - get a - bout your-self and
 wor - ship Him. _____ Let us lift up ho - ly hands and

gath - ered in His name to wor - ship Him. _____ We have
 con - cen - trate on Him and wor - ship Him. _____ So for -
 mag - ni - fy His name and wor - ship Him. _____ Let us

come in - to His house and gath - ered in His name to wor - ship Christ the
 get a - bout yourself and con - cen - trate on Him and wor - ship Christ the
 lift up ho - ly hands and mag - ni - fy His name and wor - ship Christ the

Lord, Lord, Lord, Wor - ship Him, Christ, the Lord, Wor - ship Him, Christ, the Lord, Wor - ship Him, Christ, the Lord, the Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.
 God, you have given us a lodging in this world but not an abiding city.
 Help us, as a pilgrim people, to endure hardness, knowing that at the end
 of our journey Christ has prepared a place for us. This we ask through
 Jesus Christ our Savior.

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

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.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Presider The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

People Praise and glory to God!

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."

Presider This is the Gospel of Christ
People **Praise to Christ, the Word.**

Please be seated.

SERMON The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

MUSICAL REFLECTION We will meditate quietly on God's word to us.

Please stand as able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response

The musical score is written in G-flat major (three flats) and 3/4 time. It begins with an 'instrumental intro' consisting of a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of three flats. The notes are G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, with a Gb7 chord above the first measure. The melody continues with A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, with an Ab7sus chord above the fifth measure and an Ab7 chord above the sixth measure. The lyrics 'Hear our -' are written below the final note.

System A starts at measure 5. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of three flats. The notes are G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, with an Fm7 chord above the first measure and a Bbm7 chord above the second measure. The melody continues with G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, with an Fm7 chord above the fifth measure and a Bbm7 chord above the sixth measure. The lyrics 'prayer - O - Lord hea our - prayer O - Lord - - in -' are written below the notes.

System B starts at measure 13. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of three flats. The notes are G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, with a Gb7 chord above the first measure and a Bbm7 chord above the second measure. The melody continues with G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, with an Ab7sus chord above the fifth measure and an Ab7 chord above the sixth measure. The lyrics 'cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our' are written below the notes.

System C starts at measure 17. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of three flats. The notes are G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, with a Gb7 chord above the first measure and a Bbm7 chord above the second measure. The melody continues with G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, with an Ab7sus chord above the fifth measure and an Ab7 chord above the sixth measure. The lyrics 'cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord - - - in -' are written below the notes.

At the end of the score, there is a note: 'Soft piano improvisation during prayer, play intro to cue next response.'

Let us pray for the preservation of the earth. We give thanks for the beauty and abundance of the earth.

Give us and all peoples grace to live in harmony with your creation, wisdom and generosity in our use of its bounty.

Let us pray for peace and shared prosperity, and for the end of systemic racism that divides us.

We pray for leaders to serve the common good: Give wisdom to those who have responsibility and authority in every land, especially Donald, the president; Greg, the governor; Lina, the county judge; John, the mayor; and the legislatures, and courts, that we may share with justice the resources of the world, and work together in trust.

Response

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. For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

We give thanks for the good news of salvation for all people. Strengthen us for our work in the world, empower your Church to proclaim the gospel in service, word and sacrament.

Unite in the truth all who confess your name, that we may live together in love to your glory.

Let us pray for ourselves and our community. We give thanks for the fellowship of the communities in which we live and work, especially Trinity Church.

We pray for 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.

We commend to your keeping ourselves and each other, our families, those with whom we work and learn, our neighbors and our friends. Enable us by your Spirit to live in love for you and for one another.

Response

We give thanks that you are the God who brings mercy and wholeness. Comfort and heal, we pray, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble, especially for those we now name: Jonathan, Jim, Kathleen, Elizabeth, Anita, Diane, Clyde, Arthur, Christina, Laura, Susan, Gina, Tricia, Ian, Mary, Blanca, Libby, Linda, Dick, Alejandra, and Larry,

Heavenly Father, our neighbor has nowhere to call home: help us be aware. Our neighbor needs love and community: help us be active. Our neighbor is crying out for justice: help us be adamant to see an end to homelessness.

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, 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. Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfillment of your kingdom.

We give you thanks for your servants in every age, especially for Barbara, Jamie, Payden, William, Kingston, Ethan, and Theresa, as they celebrate their birthdays.

Response

O God, we who come before you this day are many and diverse, with different needs and desires.

We ask you to accept our thanksgivings, to guide our ways, and to receive our praise. O God, hear the prayers of your people.

The people may offer their own specific petitions, praises or thanksgivings

Final Response

instrumental intro G^bmaj7 A^b7sus A^b7

Hear our -

A

5 F m7 B^bm7 F m7 B^bm7

prayer - O - Lord hea our - prayer O - Lord - - in -

9 G^bmaj7 ⊕ A^b7sus A^b7

cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our

B

13 F m7 B^bm7 F m7 B^bm7

prayer O - Lord - hear - our - prayer - O - Lord - - - in -

17 G^bmaj7 A^b7sus A^b7

cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord - - -

Soft piano improvisation during prayer, play intro to cue next response.

⊕

21 G^bmaj7 A^b7sus A^b7 D^bmaj7

A - nd Gra - nt - us Thy - Pe - ace - -

THE CONFESSION

Presider Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. I will confess my sins to the Lord. I will not conceal my wrong-doings. God forgives and heals us.

People **We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us; some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.**

Presider God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **Who breaks down the walls that divide.**
Presider The peace of God be always with you.
People **Praise to Christ who makes us one.**

MUSIC AT THE PEACE

Mercy! Mercy!

Cannonball Adderley

Please be seated.

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

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

The Liturgy of the Table

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.



THE OFFERTORY

Trinity Jazz Ensemble

VERSE AND RESPONSE AT PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Celebrant All things come from you, O Lord.
People **And of your own have we given thee. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as able.

Presider The Lord is here.
People God's Spirit is with us.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Presider

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory, in him you made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language, with the whole Church on earth and in heaven, joyfully we give you thanks and say:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is the one that comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

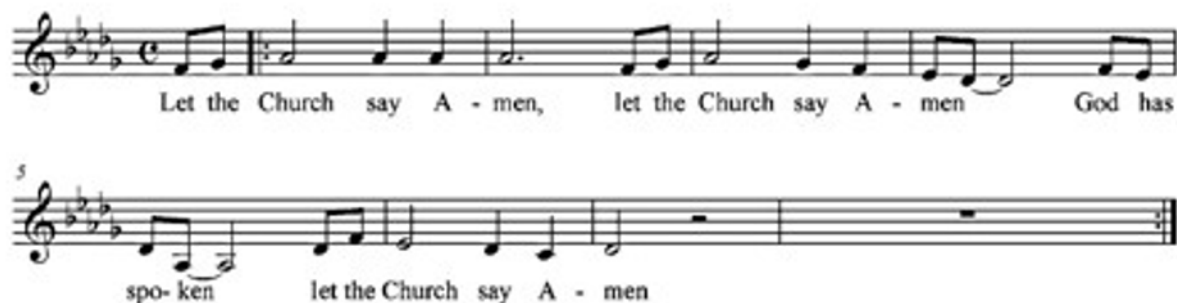
After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Therefore heavenly Father, in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son, we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come in glory.**

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness, we were far off until you brought us near and our hands are empty until you fill them.

As we eat this bread and drink this wine, through the power of your Holy Spirit feed us with your heavenly food, renew us in your service, unite us in Christ, and bring us to your everlasting kingdom. From you, and through you, and for you are all things. To you be the glory for ever,



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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**People We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.
 Alleluia, alleluia.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Presider Come to this table, you who have much faith,
 and you who would like to have more;
 you who have been here often
 and you who have not been for a long time;
 you who have tried to follow Jesus,
 and we who have stumbled.
 Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

People Amen.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

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

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



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

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion is prayed by those at home unable to partake of communion in person

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, our souls, and our minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

You Hear the Lambs a-Cryin'

LEVAS, page 110

You hear the lambs a - cry-in', hear the lambs a - cry - in',

hear the lambs a - cry-in' O Shep-herd, feed my sheep. You feed my sheep.

1. My Sav-ior spoke these words so sweet, say-in',
Oo_____ O Shep-herd, feed my sheep,

"Pe-ter, if you love me, feed my sheep."
Oo_____ O Shep-herd, feed my sheep. You

D.S.

2. O Lord, I love thee, thou dost know;
O Shepherd, feed my sheep.
O give me grace to love thee more
O Shepherd, feed my sheep.

3. O wasn't that an awful shame?
O Shepherd, feed my sheep.
He hung three hours in mortal pain.
O Shepherd, feed my sheep.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as able

Presider Blessed be God who calls us together.

People Praise to God who makes us one people.

Presider Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

People Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.

Presider Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

People Praise to God who is revealed as love.

Presider Blessed be God who alone has called us.

People Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.

Presider Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

People Accept our thanks for all you have done.

Presider Send us now into the world you love.

People Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Presider 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.**

1. I am weak but thou art strong;____
 2. Through this world of toil and snares,____
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,____

Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee,____

1. Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;____ I'll be sat - is - fied as
 2. If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?____ Who with me my bur - den
 3. Time for me will be no more;____ Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

Refrain: Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,____ Dai - ly walk - ing close to

D.C. for Refrain

1. long____ As I walk, let me walk close to thee.
 2. shares?____ None but thee, dear____ Lord, none but thee.
 3. o'er____ To Thy king - dom____ shore, to thy shore.

Refrain: thee,____ Let it be, dear____ Lord, let it be.

DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 People **We go in the name of Christ.**

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





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
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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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.

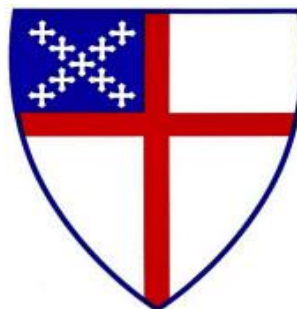
Sé nuestra visión constante, oh Dios. Danos la esperanza del inmigrante, la determinación del peregrino, y ablanda nuestros corazones ante su clamor por justicia.

Oramos en el nombre de Jesucristo, nuestro acogedor, nuestro guía, nuestro anfitrión, AMEN+



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