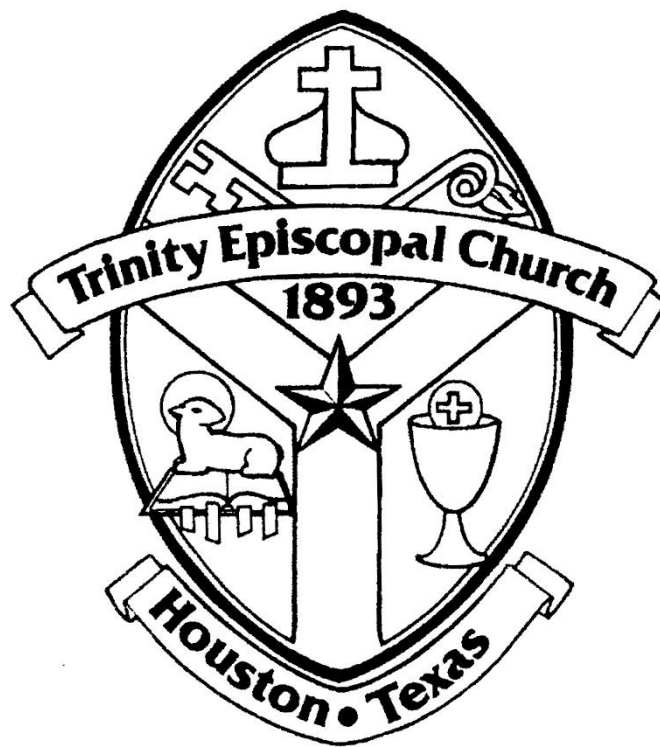


THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 27, 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: Teddy Adams
LEM: Ann McCoy
Music: Wendy Wentland
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport
Vestry Person
of the Day: Patrick Humphreys

Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the
Glory of God

And in honor of our parents' shared
wedding anniversaries

By Madeline Mauk and
Jeanne Sommerfeld



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

BCP, page 324

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

BCP, page 324

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.

O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; 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 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16

Attendite, popule

BCP, page 694

Read responsively by whole verse.

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; ***
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come**
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; ***
he made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

**15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.**

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?"

And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Reverend Marcia Sadberry, Priest Assisting

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Wendy Wentland, piano

Please stand as able.

NICENE CREED

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND CELEBRATION OF A LIFE IN RECOVERY

Reader "Addiction is the most powerful psychic enemy of humanity's desire for God." (Gerald C. May, M.D.)

People **Without help it is too much for us. But there is One who has all power — that One is God. May we find God now! Half measures avail us nothing. We stand at the turning point. We ask God's protection and care with complete abandon. Here are the steps we take, which are suggested as a program of recovery: Step 1: We admit we are powerless over our addictions, that our lives have become unmanageable.**

(The congregation may silently name their addiction/s)

Step 2: We come to believe that a power greater than ourselves can restore us to sanity.

Step 3: We make a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God.

(The Priest here says the following prayer)

Celebrant God, we offer ourselves to you, to build with us and to do with us, as you will. Relieve us of the bondage of self that we may better do your will. Take away our difficulties that victory over them may bear witness to your power, your love, and your way of life to those we would help. May we do your will always. This we pray in the Name of Jesus the Lord.

(The Prayer Reader continues)

Reader I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for our bishops Andy, Deena, Jeff, Hector, and Brian; for our clergy Hannah, Maria Teresa, and Marcia; for this congregation; and for all ministers and people.
In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for the Most Reverend Samuel Sunil Mankhin and the Church of Bangladesh. In the diocesan cycle of prayer for St. Mary's, Cypress; St. Stephen's, Huntsville; and Trinity, the Woodlands. In the ministry cycle of prayer for Steve Lee and the Bishop Sterling Society.
Pray for the Church.

People **Lord of Life, Hear our prayer.**

Reader I ask your prayers for peace for God's will among nations, and for the well-being of all people; for Donald the president, Greg the governor, Lina the county judge, John the mayor, and for the legislatures and courts.
Pray for justice and peace.

People **Lord of Life, Hear our prayer.**

Reader I ask your prayers for peace for those whose addictions have cost them both health and freedom. Pray that they may find health and freedom in recovery.

People **Lord of Life, Hear our prayer.**

Reader I ask your prayers for peace for those who suffer from the addictions of another. Pray that they might find serenity and peace.

People **Lord of Life, Hear our prayer.**

<i>Reader</i>	I ask your prayers for peace for those who seek to care for and minister to the victims of addiction; for professionals and support groups; for parishes and clergy; for organizations and institutions. Pray that they might be patient, persistent and wise.
People	Lord of Life, Hear our prayer.
<i>Reader</i>	I ask your prayers for peace for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed and those in prison. We pray especially for those on our prayer list: Jonathan, Jim, Kathleen, Elizabeth, Anita, Diane, Clyde, Arthur, Christina, Laura, Gina, Tricia, Blanca, Libby, Linda, Alejandra, Larry, Stan, and Randy. Pray for those in any need or trouble.
People	Lord of Life, Hear our prayer.
<i>Reader</i>	I ask your prayers for all who seek God or a deeper knowledge of God, and especially for those in recovery from addiction. Pray that they may find and be found by God.
People	Lord of Life, Hear our prayer.
<i>Reader</i>	I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died: Dick White; 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.
People	Lord of Life, Hear our prayer.
<i>Reader</i>	We give you thanks for your servants in every age, especially for Amy, Raegan, Andy, and Haley, who are celebrating their birthdays.
People	Lord of Life, Hear our prayer.
<i>Reader</i>	Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.
People	Lord of Life, Hear our prayer. Step 4: We make a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves. Step 5: We admit to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs. Step 6: We are entirely ready to have God remove all our defects of character. Step 7: We humbly ask God to remove our shortcomings. Step 8: We make a list of all persons we have harmed, and become willing to make amends to them all.

Celebrant Remembering the promises within the ninth step of recovery, we give thanks that God is doing for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

People **Step 9: We make direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.**
Step 10: We continue to take personal inventory and when we are wrong, promptly admit it.

Celebrant If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to them, and then come and offer your gift. (Matthew 5: 23-24)

People **Step 11: We seek through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, praying only for knowledge of God's will for us and the power to carry that out.**
Step 12: Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we try to carry this message to others and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

CONFESSON (Priest and People)

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please kneel or stand as able. Silence may be kept.

**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.**

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 with thy spirit.**

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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

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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+



THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MIDTOWN

September 27, 2026, 18th Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 21, 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 – Today

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

Liturgical Ministry Training – Today

If you are interested in becoming a lector, intercessor, acolyte, usher, or lay Eucharistic minister, we will have training after each service today.

Festival of Faiths – October 4th

Festival of Faiths Houston will be held Sunday, October 4th, from 12 noon to 5 pm, at the Ismaili Center at 2323 Allen Parkway. Trinity will have a dialogue table. Learn about our neighbors of different faith traditions.

Please contact rector@trinitymidtown.org for more information.

Gamelan of the New Moon – October 8th

Join Gamelan of the New Moon for a night of exciting music selections, both old and new, from Java, including a few new works by our group members, played on traditional Indonesian instruments.

The concert will be followed with a reception catered by the generosity of the Indonesian Consulate in Fellowship Hall. The concert begins at 7:30 pm on Thursday, October 8th. Tickets are \$10 (free for Trinity parishioners). For more information, contact Paul at music@trinitymidtown.org.

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 to add your pets' names. For more information, please contact Shelby at 832-279-6508.

Property Mission Statement Workshop – October 17th

Trinity is partnering with the national nonprofit Partners for Sacred Places to host a Property Mission Statement Workshop on Saturday, October 17th, from 9 am to 2 pm. Building on prior community Asset-Mapping and Design Charrette events, this workshop invites parishioners to collaborate in small groups to help determine how the church's land and facilities can be used to serve both the parish and the surrounding community and to create a preliminary mission statement. For more information, contact Senior Warden Elisabeth Tsubai at tsubaie@yahoo.com.

Meeting This Week

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

Pub Theology: Wednesday at 7 pm at McGonigel's Mucky Duck, 2425 Norfolk St

Migration with Dignity Coalition: Thursday at 12 noon on Zoom

Trinity Garden Club: Friday at 10:30 am in Smith Room

Trinity Breakfast Club: Saturday at 8:30 am at IHOP, 2515 Southwest Freeway



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, Gina, Tricia, Ian, Blanca, Libby, Linda, Alejandra, Larry, Randy, Stan, 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, Mary, Susan, Ian, All victims of violence

For the faithful departed: Dick White, 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.

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:
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Friday 9 am – 1 pm
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Amy Snell,
Raegan Gilmore,
Andy Durham,
Haley Torres

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, September 27, 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 Children's Shroud (FH)
11:45 am Ministry Training (Church)
12:30 pm Jazz/Gospel Eucharist (Chapel)

Monday, September 28, 2026

5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

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

Wednesday, September 30, 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)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Room 218)
7:00 pm Pub Theology (Offsite)

Thursday, October 1, 2026

12:00 pm Migration with Dlginity (Zoom)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

Friday, October 2, 2026

10:30 am Garden Club (Smith)
12:15 pm Good Times AA (Youth Rm)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

Saturday, October 3, 2026

8:30 am Breakfast Club (Offsite)



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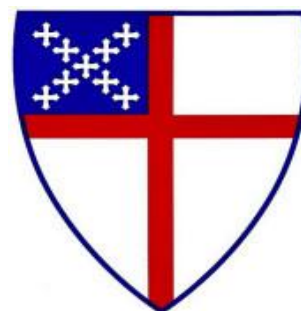
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