

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 27, 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

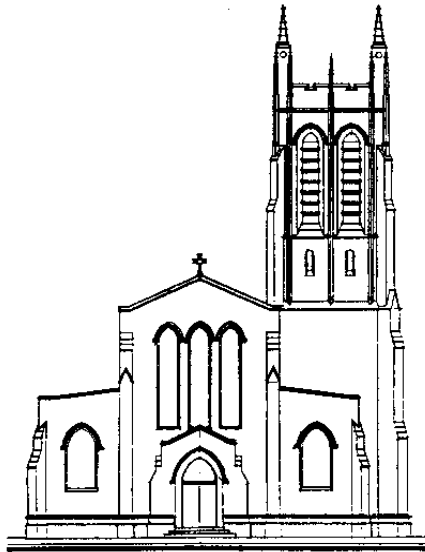
- Your children are welcome here at Trinity! First, please relax and enjoy your time here. We know that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed.
- Each Sunday, your child may pick up a pew activity in the back of the church.
- To make things easier for your family, 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: Ethan Smith
Prayers: Daniel Camacho
LEMs: Joanne Starbuck, Ron Starbuck
Acolytes: S. Chambers, L. Chambers, G. Chambers, D. Bearup, Z. Hopson
Ushers: Leah Stasney
Verger: Christian Bearup
Altar Guild: Madeline Mauk, Jeanne Sommerfeld, Joanne Starbuck
Audio Visual: Harry González
Vestry Person of the Day: Patrick Humphreys

The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God
and in honor of our parents' shared wedding anniversaries
by Madeline Mauk and Jeanne Sommerfeld



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Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:30 a.m. Historic Church

Please enter in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.

PRELUDE

Engulfment

Jake Berran

(A reflection on Jonah and the whale)

Please stand as able.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 574 *Before thy throne, O God, we kneel*

St. Petersburg

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science
2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to
3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious
4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the
all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from
to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to
pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us
catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of
God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple



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.**

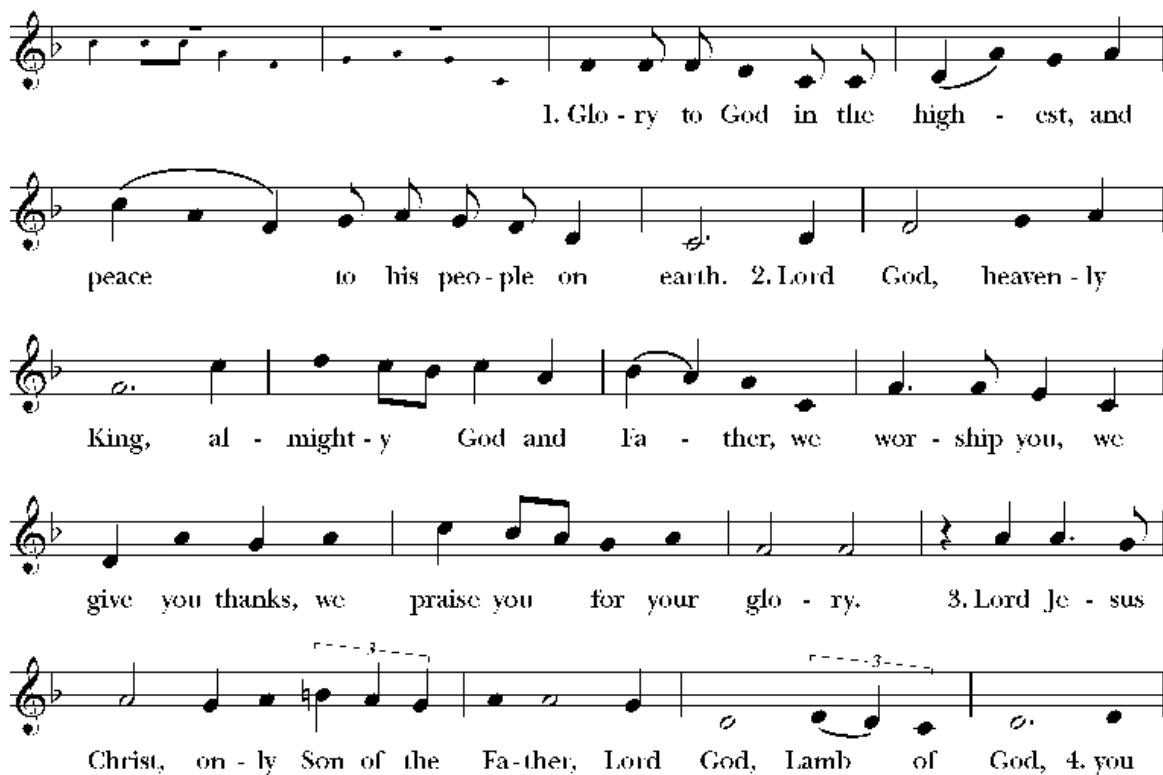
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

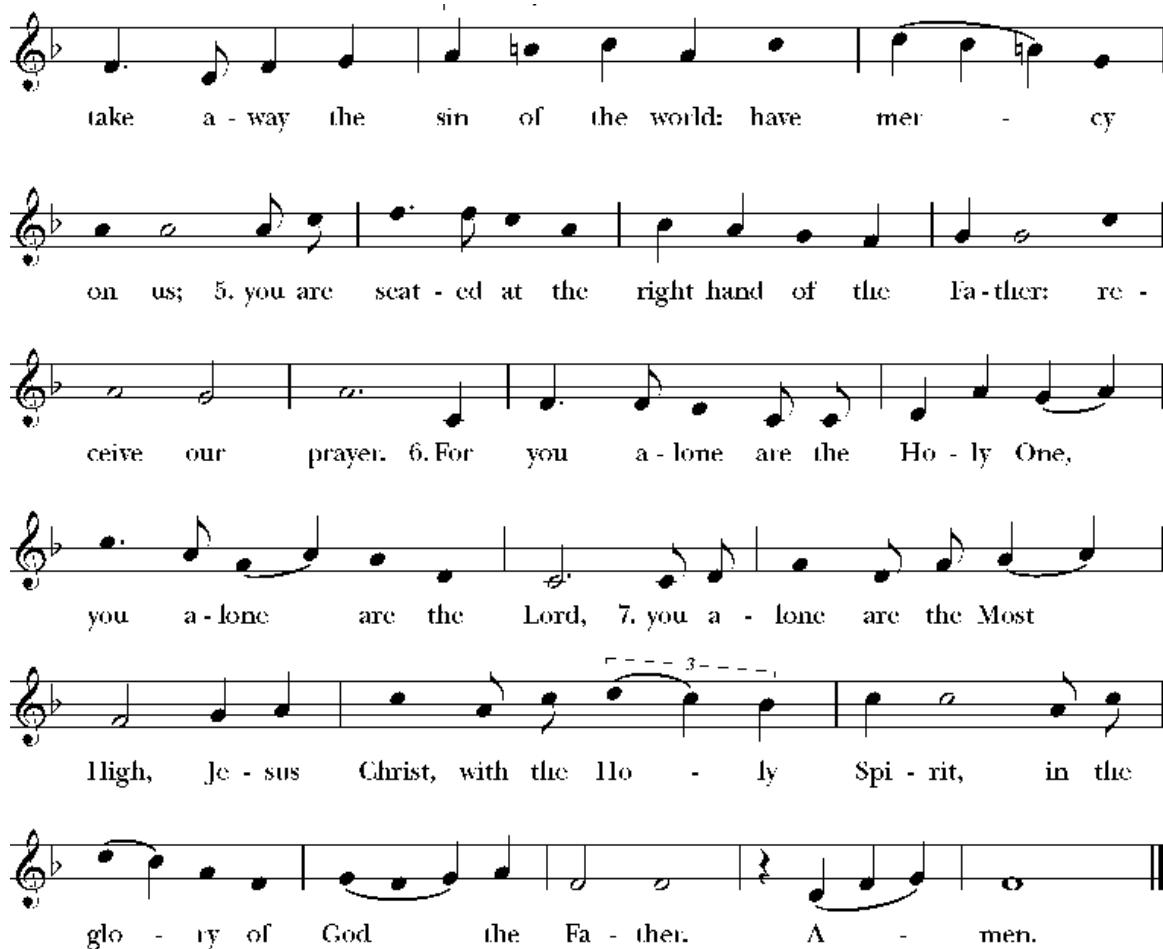
Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

CANTICLE S280 *Gloria in excelsis*

Robert Powell (b.1932)





COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 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

Stanford / Robleto

*Congregation joins the choir singing the antiphon and the verses in bold
 John Robleto is in the 12th grade at The Saint Constatine School*

Organ: Congregation: John Robleto

146 Charles Villiers Stanford

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.**

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.

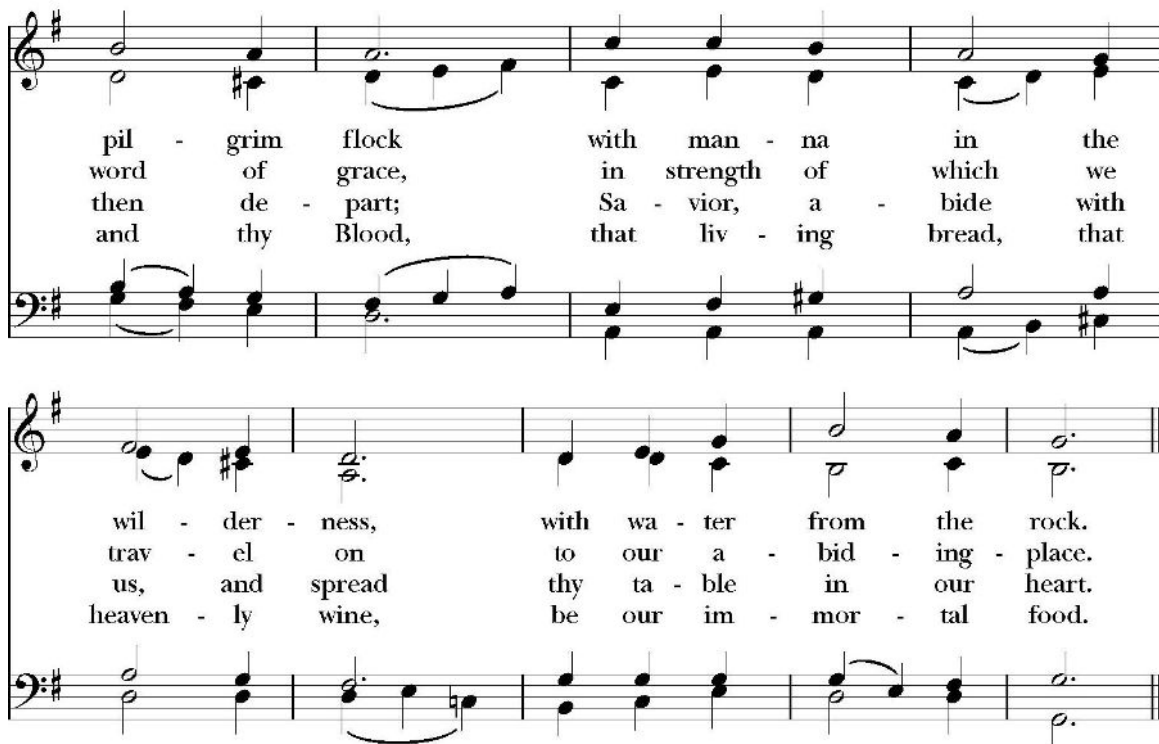
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE 343 *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

St. Agnes

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Reverend Marcia Sadberry, Priest Assisting

**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.**

Reader 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.**

Reader 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, Ian, Blanca, Libby, Linda, Alejandra, Larry, Stan, and Randy. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

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

Reader 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.**

Reader 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.**

Reader 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.

Reader 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.

CONFESSIO (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 you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your 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 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

Die Israeliten in der Wüste, Chorus No. 1 CPE Bach (1714-1788)

German text

Die Zunge klebt am dürren Gaum,
wir atmen kaum.
Rings um uns her ist Grab.
Gott, du erhörst
des Jammers Klage nicht, du kehrst
dein Antlitz von uns ab.

English translation

Our mouths are parched,
we can scarcely breathe.
All around us is the grave.
God, you do not hear
the complaint of woe, you turn
your face away from us.

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

BCP, PAGE 367

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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S129

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and'. The second staff contains 'might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The third staff contains 'san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who'. The fourth staff contains 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' and ends with a double bar line. There are triplets indicated by a '3' over a bracket in the second, third, and fourth staves.

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, 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.

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.

AGNUS DEI S166

Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on

us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

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

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



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

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

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

Recitativ

Ist dieses Abrams Gott?
Der Gott, der bei sich selbst geschworen,
das Volk, das er sich auserkoren,
nie zu vergessen, zu verlassen?
Wir schmachten, wir erblassen.
Wir haben keinen Trank
als diese Tränen, die wir weinen.
Der Herr hat Lust an unserm Untergang,
und er gedenkt nicht mehr der Seinen.

Arie

Will er, dass sein Volk verderbe?
Sind wir länger nicht sein Erbe?
Schaut er ewig, ohn Erbarmen,
auf das Leiden, das uns drückt?
Die ihr niemals, niemals wieder
seufzt und weint, erblichne Brüder,
schlummernd in des Todes Armen,
ach, wie seid ihr so beglückt!

Recitative

Is this the God of Abraham?
The God who promised
never to forget,
never to abandon his chosen people?
We hunger, we fade away.
We have nothing to drink
but these tears we shed.
The Lord enjoys our downfall,
and no longer remembers his own.

Aria

Does he wish his people to be ruined?
Are we no longer his heirs?
Does he watch without pity
the suffering that oppresses us?
You shall never, never again
sigh and weep, brothers in kinship,
slumbering in death's arms,
ah, how fortunate you are!

The Celebrant distributes a communion kit saying,

Celebrant On behalf of God and Trinity Parish, we send forth these holy gifts so that
Teresa, 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 460

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
(on pages 20-21)

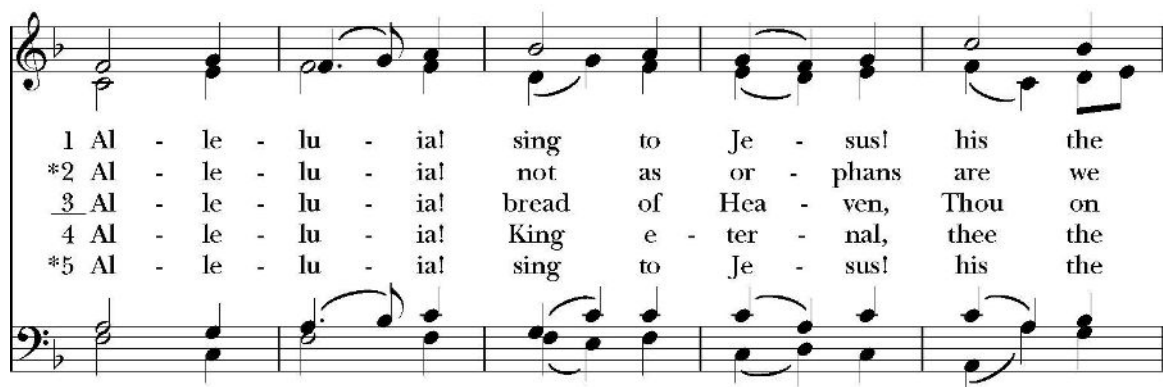
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Please stand as able

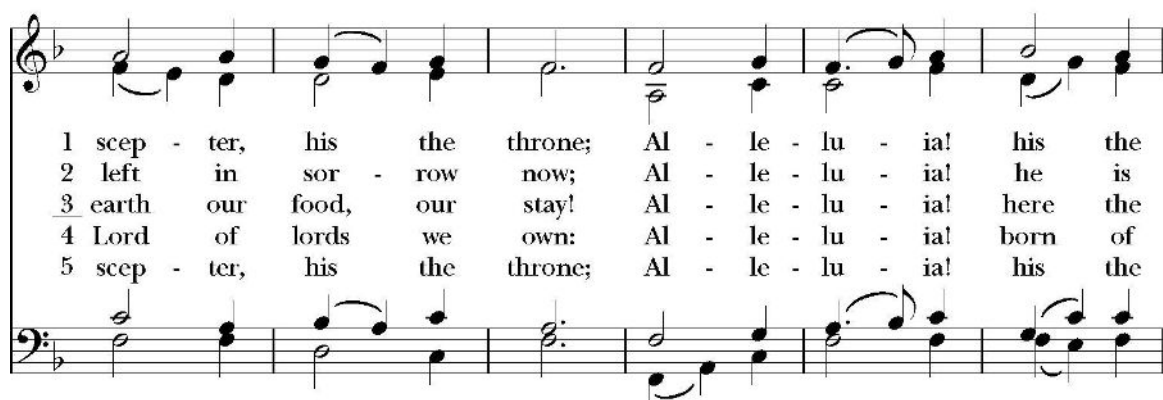
HYMN IN PROCESSION 460

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

Hyfrydol



1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the



1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of
5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the



1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Vox Balanae, IV. Mesozoic

George Crumb

Featuring players from the Houston Contemporary Ensemble

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*





Trinity Episcopal Church, Midtown, Annual Blessing of the Animals Registration

Sunday, October 11, 2026



Flower Dedication

Completing this form will ensure the name(s) of your pet(s) appearing in this year's booklet, and help defray the cost of the flowers on the high altar which reflect the beauty, love, and joy that are represented through these gifts.

Please Print the name of your animal(s) in the appropriate space, and circle the additional information. Living and Deceased animals will be alphabetically listed in the booklet. Don't forget to print your own first and last names in the appropriate spaces as well.

As in previous dedications, there is a \$5.00 fee for each pet that you list, whether living or deceased. I am happy to note that this has always been the requested amount, and there will be no increase now.

Your First Name: _____ Your Last Name: _____

Your Pet's Name: _____

Your Pet's Identification: (Cat, Dog, etc.) _____

Your Pet is Alive: _____ Your Pet is Deceased: _____

Your Pet's Name: _____

Your Pet's Identification: _____

Your Pet is Alive: _____ Your Pet is Deceased: _____



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Payments may be made in cash, check, Money Order, or electronically. If you pay electronically, be sure to note **Pet Blessing Donation** in the appropriate space. If you do not pay electronically, please enclose your payment in an envelope, seal it, and write your name and "**Pet Blessing**" on the front. **Deadline** for payments and forms is **Tuesday, October 6, 2026 !!!!** **Thank You,**



THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MIDTOWN

September 27, 2026, 18th Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 21, 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 – 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 McGonigal'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:
Monday–Thursday 9 am – 3 pm
Friday 9 am – 1 pm
If you have building concerns please email
parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org.

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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LGBTQIA AFFIRMING
CONGREGATION

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THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
GENEROUS
SUPPORT!

Thank you to all who have given so generously!
It is never too late.
www.trinitymidtown.org/give.

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.

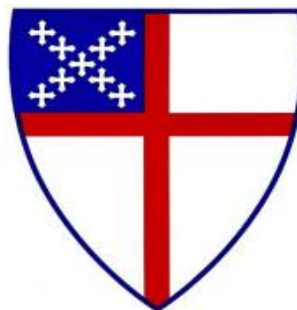
We thank you for the courage of all those who are compelled to migrate,
who strive to scale not just the high walls of life
but also and especially the higher walls of challenge.

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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WEAPONS POLICY



PURSUANT TO SECTION 30.05, PENAL CODE (CRIMINAL TRESPASS),
A PERSON MAY NOT ENTER THIS PROPERTY WITH A FIREARM.

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 30.06, PENAL CODE
(TRESPASS BY LICENSE HOLDER WITH A CONCEALED HANDGUN),**
A PERSON LICENSED UNDER SUBCHAPTER H, CHAPTER 411,
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MAY NOT ENTER THIS PROPERTY WITH A CONCEALED HANDGUN.

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PROPERTY WITH A HANDGUN THAT IS CARRIED OPENLY.