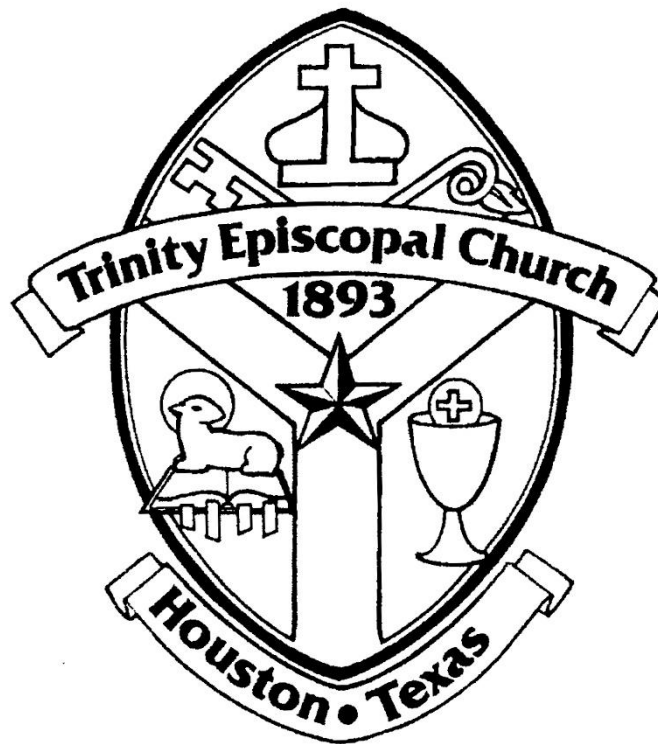


THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 27, 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.



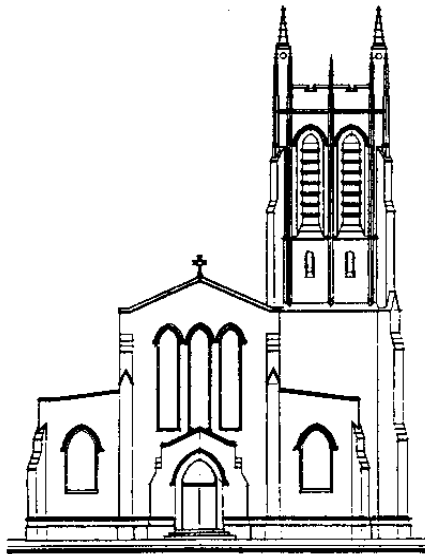
THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

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

LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Lector: Theresa McClellan
Acolyte: Abby Swearengin
Ushers: Harold Robertson
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport
Audio Visual: Harry González
Vestry Person of the Day:
Patrick Humphreys

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



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The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Please stand as able.

Presider Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me in your paths: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

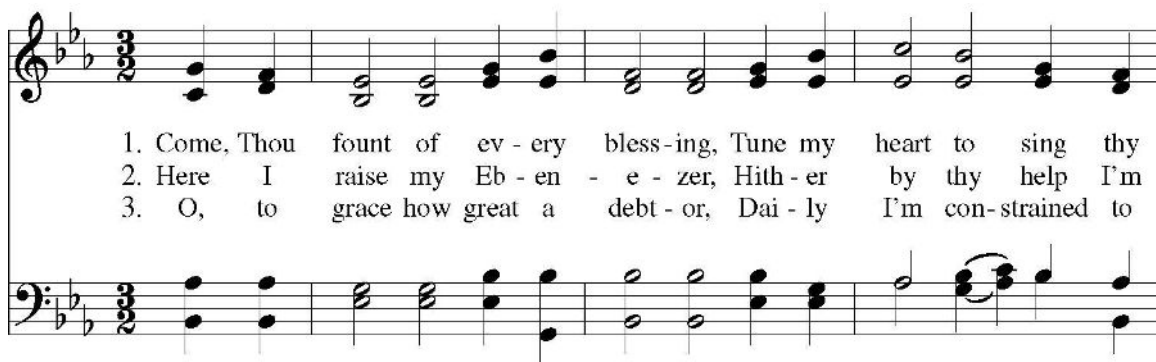
People **God is with us, here we find new life!**

Presider Let us worship God

OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

LEVAS, page 111



1. Come, Thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing thy
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by thy help I'm
 3. O, to grace how great a debt - or, Dai - ly I'm con - strained to



1. grace; Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est
 2. come; And I hope, by thy good pleas - ure, Sure - ly to ar - rive at
 3. be; Let that grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - d'ring heart to



1. praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a -
 2. home. Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - d'ring from the fold of
 3. Thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I



OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

Merciful God, you gave your only Son to be both a sacrifice for sin and an example for godly life; help us gladly to receive all that has been done for us and follow in his footsteps; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

Presider The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
People Praise and glory to God!

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."

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Reverend Marcia Sadberry, Priest Assisting

MUSICAL REFLECTION

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

Please stand as able.

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

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It begins with an 'instrumental intro' featuring a G-flat major 7 chord (Gbmaj7), followed by an A-flat 7 suspended chord (Ab7sus), and then an A-flat 7 chord (Ab7). The lyrics 'Hear our -' are written below the staff. Section A, marked with a box 'A' and a measure rest of 5, starts with an F minor 7 chord (Fm7), a B-flat minor 7 chord (Bbm7), and then Fm7 and Bbm7 again. The lyrics 'prayer - O - Lord hear our - prayer O - Lord - - in -' are written below. Section B, marked with a box 'B' and a measure rest of 13, starts with a G-flat major 7 chord (Gbmaj7), followed by a whole rest, an A-flat 7 suspended chord (Ab7sus), and an A-flat 7 chord (Ab7). The lyrics 'cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our' are written below. The score continues with Fm7, Bbm7, Fm7, and Bbm7 chords, with lyrics 'prayer O - Lord - hear - our - prayer O - Lord - - - in -'. The final section starts with a G-flat major 7 chord (Gbmaj7), followed by an A-flat 7 suspended chord (Ab7sus) and an A-flat 7 chord (Ab7). The lyrics 'cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord -' are written below. A note at the bottom right states: 'Soft piano improvisation during prayer, play intro to cue next response.'

Let us pray for those in need.

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, Gina, Tricia, Blanca, Libby, Linda, Alejandra, Larry, Stan, and Randy.

We pray for those whose addictions have cost them both health and freedom, that they may find health and freedom in recovery. We pray for all who suffer from the addictions of another, that they may find serenity and peace. And we pray 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, that they might be patient, persistent, and wise.

We give you thanks for your servants in every age, especially for these who are celebrating their birthdays: Amy, Raegan, Andy, and Haley.

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

Presider "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 measure 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:

Presider 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.

People **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.

My Creator, I am now willing that you should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that you now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to you and to my neighbors. Grant me strength, as I go out from here, to do your bidding in Jesus' name. Amen

Step 8: We make a list of all persons we have harmed, and become willing to make amends to them all.

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

Final Response

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It includes an instrumental intro and several vocal lines with lyrics. The lyrics are: "Hear our - prayer - O - Lord hea our - prayer O - Lord - - in - cline-Thine ear - to - us - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our prayer O - Lord - hear - our - prayer - O - Lord - - in - cline-Thine ear - to - us - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord - - - in - A - nd Gra - nt - us Thy - Pe - ace -". The score includes chord symbols: G^bmaj7, A^b7sus, A^b7, F m7, and B^bm7. There are also section markers A and B, and a note about soft piano improvisation during prayer.

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 wrongdoings. 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 Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.
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 *Dock of the Bay*

Otis Redding

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

Kevin Ray, violin
Pelayo Parlade, String bass

VERSE AND RESPONSE AT PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Celebrant All things come from you, O Lord.
People And of your own have we given you. 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
Blessed is the one who 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.

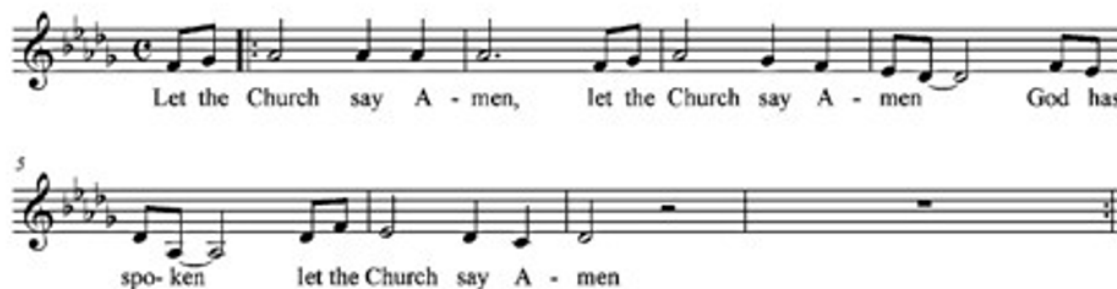
After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

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

Let Us Break Bread Together

LEVAS, page 152

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____

let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

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.**



Sent out in Je-sus' name, our hands are rea-dy now to
En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis-ta es - tá pa - ra

make the earth the place in which the king-dom comes.
cons - tru - ir con El un mun - do fra - ter - nal.

The an - gels can-not change a world of hurt and pain in -
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar un

to a world of love, of jus-tice and of peace. The
mun-do de do - lor por un mun-do de paz. Me

task is ours to do, to set it real - ly free. O
ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad; a -

help us to o - bey and car - ry out your will.
yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.

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*



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+



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)

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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:
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 Dignity (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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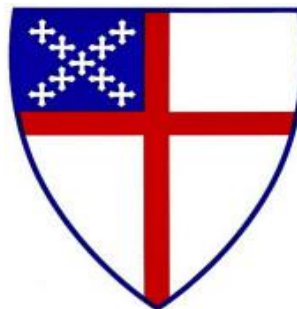
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WEAPONS POLICY



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