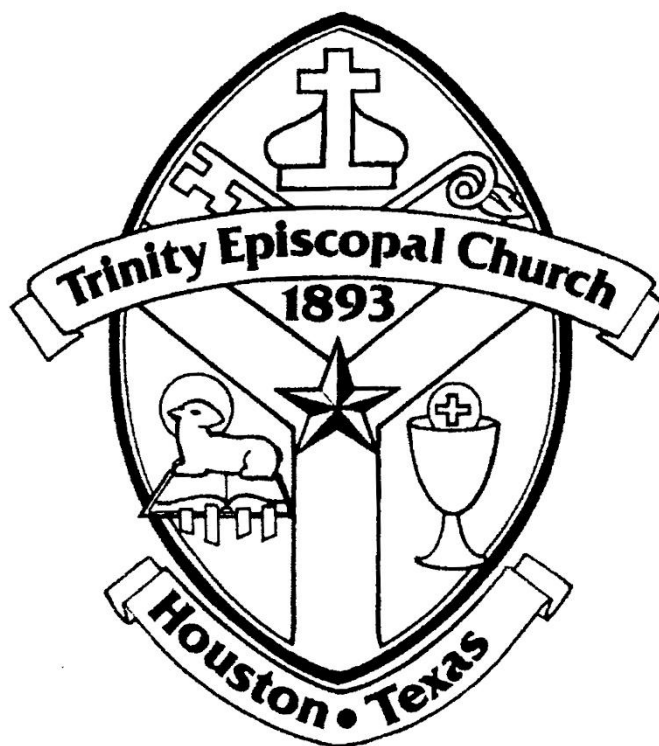


THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 4, 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.



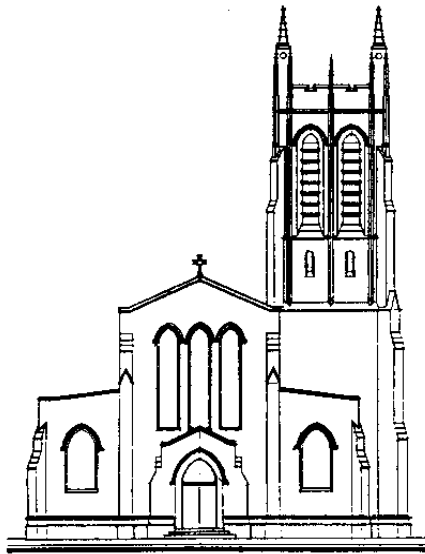
THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

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

LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Lector: Tim Lawson
Acolyte: Ric Byrd
Ushers: Andréa Shiloh
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport
Audio Visual: Harry González
Vestry Person of the Day: Tim Lawson

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God
and in Thanksgiving for the ministry of
the Reverend Maria Teresa Bautista-Berrios
and the Reverend Marcia Sadberry



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The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Please stand as able.

Presider The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork: One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

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

Presider Let us worship God

OPENING HYMN

This Is the Day

Leader *All* *Leader*

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made,

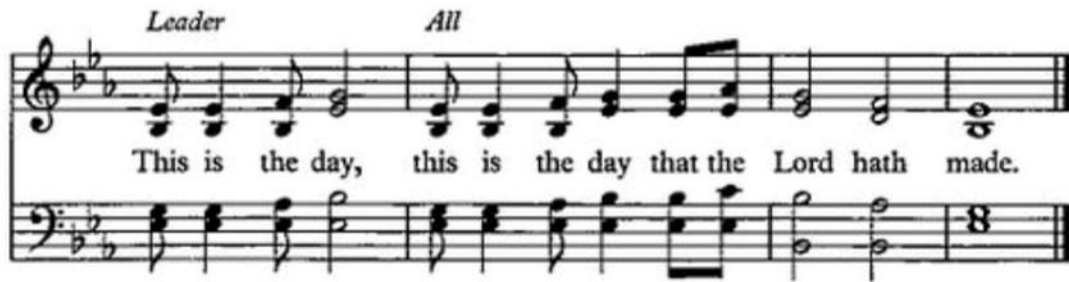
All *Leader* *All*

that the Lord hath made. Let us re-joice, let us re-joice

Leader *All*

and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the

Lord hath made; let us re-joice and be glad in it.



OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

Merciful God, in Christ you make all things new; transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
 has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,
 and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

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

Please stand as able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response

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

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

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

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

Response

Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for the Most Reverend Martinez Rosa Dos Santos Bassotto and the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil In the diocesan cycle of prayer for Christ Church, San Augustine; Holy Trinity, Port Neches; and St. John's, Silsbee. In the ministry cycle of prayer for Erika Zavala and the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

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

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

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

We pray for all bishops and other ministers, especially Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai (pronounced "Kaye"), Hector, and Brian, our Bishops; for Hannah, Maria Teresa, and Marcia, our clergy; for Barrett, our seminarian; and for all who minister in this place.

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

Response

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

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

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, especially for Laura Montes; 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.

We give you thanks for your servants in every age, especially for Wanda, Patty, Martin, and Sandra, as they celebrate their birthdays.

Response

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

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

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

Final Response

instrumental intro G^bmaj7 A^b7sus A^b7

Hear our -

A

5 F m7 B^bm7 F m7 B^bm7

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

9 G^bmaj7 Φ A^b7sus A^b7

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

B

13 F m7 B^bm7 F m7 B^bm7

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

17 G^bmaj7 A^b7sus A^b7

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

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

Φ

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

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

THE CONFESSION

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

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

Presider God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself.

THE PEACE

Presider 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

People Get Ready

Curtis Mayfield

Please be seated.

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

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

The Liturgy of the Table

Please be seated

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Please participate as able in the collection of an offering to help Trinity Church sustain our mission and ministry. For those who are unable to give monetarily, or have given online, we have made reusable wooden coins available so that all might participate in the spiritual practice of giving and contributing in a visible, inclusive way. A dollar, an offering coin, or more helps ignite the spirit of generosity in children and adults alike.

Online Giving is available:

- Go to www.trinitymidtown.org and click the "Give" button on the top right,
- or click: <https://onrealm.org/TrinityMidtown/-/form/give/now>
- or scan this QR code:

Texting: Send the message **heartofmidtown** to **73256**.

- Be sure to type **heartofmidtown** with no spaces, or autocorrect may insert information about a different church.
- The prompt will ask for a credit card number which can be kept on file for future contribution.



THE OFFERTORY

Trinity Jazz Ensemble

VERSE AND RESPONSE AT PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Celebrant All things come from you, O Lord.

People And of your own have we given 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

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

LEVAS, page 217

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: "1. He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are placed below the staves, with some words underlined for emphasis.

2. He's got you and me sister, etc.
3. He's got you and me brother, etc.

4. He's got the pretty little baby, etc.
5. He's got everybody here, etc.

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.

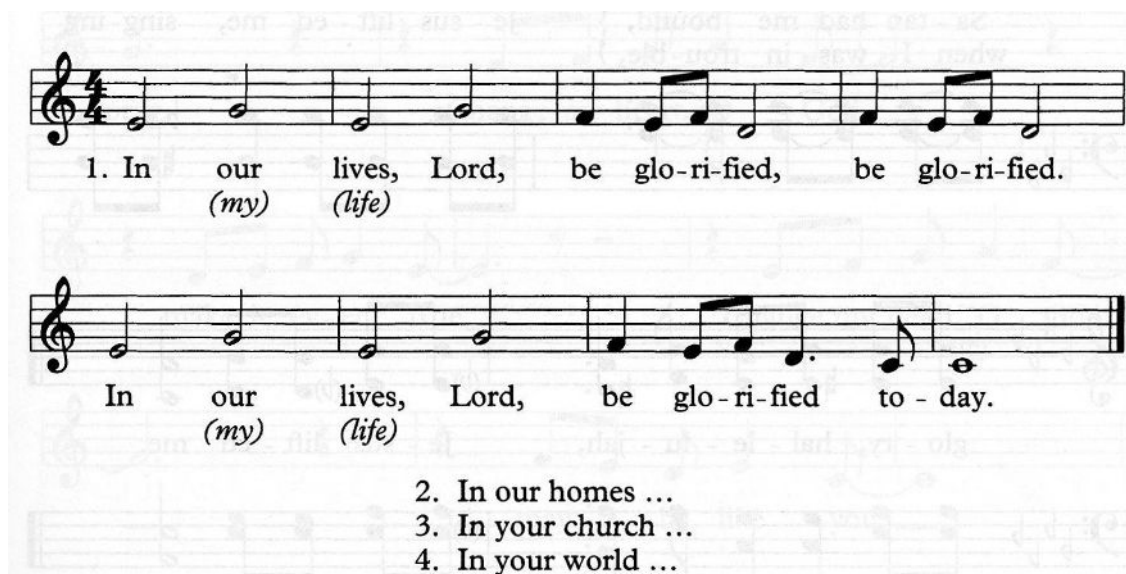
People Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit. Amen.

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.**

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Be Glorified



1. In our lives, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied.
(my) (life)

In our lives, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to - day.
(my) (life)

2. In our homes ...
3. In your church ...
4. In your world ...

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 afternoon.

We want to thank the Trinity Choir for hosting 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 18,
November 1, and 15. 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+

ORACIÓN POR LOS MINISTERIOS PARA MIGRANTES

Dios misericordioso, te damos gracias y toda la gloria por permanecer con nosotros y bendeciré nuestros ministerios. Nos guías por caminos de propósito; abres ante nosotros puertas a nuevas oportunidades.

Anima nuestros corazones, para asegurar un futuro radiante y seguro para nuestros nuevos vecinos, que vienen de tierras lejanas. Inspíranos a crear una comunidad amada con todos aquellos que cruzan nuestro camino.

Te damos gracias por las innumerables historias de pequeñas victorias y grandes éxitos, que son signos de tu amor y poder obrando a través de nosotros.

Te damos gracias por la valentía de todos aquellos que se ven forzados a migrar, quienes se esfuerzan por escalar no solo los altos muros de la vida, sino, sobre todo, los aún más altos muros del desafío. Fortalécenos para caminar junto a ellos.

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

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



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: _____



Your Pet's Name: _____

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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

October 4, 2026, 19th Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 22, 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

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, from 4 pm to 6 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. RSVP at the QR code:



Aloha to Priest Assisting and Associate Rector

Our Associate Rector (formerly our Curate), the Reverend Maria Teresa Bautista-Berrios, returns today. We say thank you to our Priest Assisting, the Reverend Marcia Sadberry, who has served on Sundays during the Associate Rector's maternity leave. The altar flowers today are given in thanks for both of them.

Trinity News

Welcome New Servers!

We welcome nine new liturgical servers in the roles of lector, lay eucharistic minister, acolyte, usher, and Altar Guild for all three services: Olivia Adams, Giselle Vides, Sean Weatherly, Keith Christiansen, Christian Bearup, Madeleine Mauk, Jean Sommerfeld, Phylliss Chappell, and Bruce Bailey.

Psalm-A-Thon

The entire Psalter was chanted through in Trinity's Historic Church on September 19th as a fundraiser for the 10:30 am Music Program led by Paul Mortilla and Tian Qin. They were joined in chanting throughout the day by seven choir and community members in the chancel, while others listened from the pews and via livestream. \$680 was raised. Thank you to everyone who pitched in!

Gaza Shroud

Houston Interfaith for Middle East Peace hosted a powerful event September 27th where 300 (of 20,000+) names of children killed in the war in Gaza, were written shroud to honor their memory. \$1384 was raised for the Gaza Soup Kitchen. Jewish Voices for Peace and the Houston Arms Embargo hosted information tables.

Meeting This Week **Adult Forum** : Today at 9:30 am in Smith Room – Book of Revelation

Sandwich Makers: Today at Coffee Hour and Tuesday at 10 am in Fellowship Hall



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.

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Monday–Thursday 9 am – 3 pm
Friday 9 am – 1 pm
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Wanda Mullen,
Patty McGinty,
Martin Garcia,
Sandra Montes

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, October 4, 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)
12:30 pm Jazz/Gospel Eucharist (Chapel)

Monday, October 5, 2026

5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

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

Wednesday, October 7, 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)

Thursday, October 8, 2026

5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)
7:30 pm Gamelan Concert (Church)

Friday, October 9, 2026

12:15 pm Good Times AA (Youth Rm)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)



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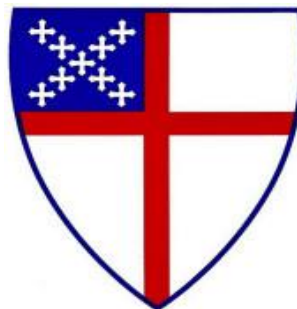
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