Trinity Episcopal Church

Lent

2016

February 10 - March 24
Welcome to Lent
AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A pilgrimage is an intentional, prayerful journey to a sacred place. Many people think of pilgrimages as going to places such the Holy Land or back to the house where you grew up. I invite you to take a pilgrimage without necessarily going to any place outside of your home or church this year during the forty days of Lent. I invite you to take a pilgrimage to the sacred place of your heart, meet Christ there and listen to God’s word of hope and healing for you. Through quiet contemplative prayer, reading meditations at home, engaging in the beautiful liturgies of the church, learning about new and ancient methods for spiritual growth, through quiet retreats, prayers on the street and everything else presented in this comprehensive series of offerings, may you encounter a path to mercy, grace and reconciliation. May your pilgrimage strengthen your faith. Amen.

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**Lenten Music**

Our liturgical calendar makes provision for as many as eight Sundays after the Feast of the Epiphany. This year, however, there are only four, and Ash Wednesday comes quite early - on February 10. The tolling bell begins this day’s services with forty rings, signifying the forty days in Lent. Five Lenten Sundays precede Palm Sunday and Holy Week. This year, the Big Country Mass, featuring the music of Bob Wills, falls on Lent III. Remaining Sundays feature the plainsong service music, “Missa Marialis”, and anthems of Richard Farrant, John Hilton, Noel Rawthorne, John Stainer, John Goss, William Byrd, Maurice Duruflé, Camille Saint Saëns, Olivier Messiaen, John IV of Portugal, Jeffrey Rickard, Claudio Monteverdi, and Lodovico Viadana. On Lent V, the men of the Trinity Choir will sing portions of Duruflé’s “Messe cum jubilo” as the Ordinary of the Mass. Palm Sunday will welcome tympanist Mike Mizma, dramatically accompanying the reading of the Passion narrative at all three services. Good Friday’s Stations of the Cross will feature violist, John Randolph. The haunting music of Holy Week will give way to the joys of Easter brass, handbell peals, and wonderful hymns and choral music.

**Artists Stations of the Cross**

Fourteen original interpretations of the Stations of the Cross by Trinitarians will be on exhibit throughout the Holman Street Gallery during the season of Lent. A special coffee hour will celebrate these artists on March 13 at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall.
WRITEFEST presents OUR LITERARY STATE: AN EVENING WITH TEXAS WRITERS WITH SAINT JULIAN PRESS

Join us Saturday, February 27 at 7:30pm in the Morrow Chapel for an interdisciplinary reading co-hosted by Saint Julian Press. Relax by listening to some local Texas writers. Writefest pass members are welcome to attend and the event will be free and open to the public. Featured readers to be announced!

BIG COUNTRY MASS
February 28 11:00am
Both the 10:30 and 12:30 services will combine for this annual music mass. The music of Bob Wills will be featured.

JAZZ/GOSPEL MUSIC

The 2016 Lenten season will bring to our chapel music of the Renaissance, Baroque and Classical periods as well as compositions by contemporary jazz greats, Dave Brubeck and Bill Evans, traditional gospel songs and original music by Paul English. On various Sundays our diverse-genre ensemble will feature mezzo soprano, Cecy Duarte, jazz singer, Elisha Jordan, Brasilian violinist and singer, Ingrid Hunter, and cellist, Patrick Moore who will be joined by our staff regulars tenor, David Meeker-Williams, pianist, Paul English, and gospel artist, April Sloan-Hubert.

Psalm Study
Tuesdays 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Psalm 30-40
**SUNDAY FORUM CALENDAR**

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**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, FEBRUARY 14, 10:30AM**

**SISTERS FROM ORDER OF ST. HELENA SRS. CAROL ANDREW & ELLEN STEPHEN TO VISIT TRINITY**

The Rev. Sr. Carol Andrew, OSH and Sr. Ellen Stephen, OSH (E.S.) from the Order of St. Helena will visit Houston to attend the 167th Diocesan Council. On Sunday, February 14, they will lead the forum to present on the Monastic Office. They will provide a brief review of its history and tradition as prayer in and for the church. The Rev. Sr. Carol Andrew will also be our guest preacher for the day.


The Order of St. Helena is an Episcopal religious order for lay and ordained women. They live communally under a vow of monastic poverty, celibate...
chastity, and obedience to God. In their founding Rule, written by James O.S Huntington, Order of the Holy Cross, prayer was placed at the center of their life. “Prayer in its most comprehensive and deepest sense is the very essence of their life as Religious.”

From Benedictine roots, they discern new ways to interpret traditional monasticism. Their ministry is not restricted to any single area or kind of service. Sisters, both lay and ordained, offer their individual gifts, abilities, and interests, for the well-being of others and in witness to the loving presence of Christ. Ministry within the community includes honoring each other’s needs for silence, space, and privacy, and carrying out their portion of community maintenance.

**Institute for Spirituality and Health, The Rev. Dr. John Graham**

February 21

The Rev. Dr. John Graham will present an overview of the Institute for Spirituality & Health. The Institute for Spirituality and Health recognizes that humans are spiritual beings and that healthcare should reflect this reality. Their mission is to increase awareness of the role that spirituality plays in health and healing, in coping with chronic illness and in maintaining optimal health.

**Lenten Meditations**

There will be free copies of the Episcopal Relief & Development Fund’s Lenten Meditations available throughout the parish beginning Feb 10 to use as a prayer and study tool for Lenten devotions. A .pdf is available for free download here: https://www.episcopalrelief.org/
Come learn more about Trinity’s next pilgrimage, June 25 - July 6, 2017. Imagine yourself in the Galilee, and in Capernaum, where Jesus began his ministry, and recruited his first disciple. Stand on the Mt. of Beatitudes and make believe you are listening to the Lord preach the Sermon on the Mount. Continue on to the Golden City of Jerusalem, and walk the Stations of the Cross on the Via Dolorosa, where you can take time to reflect the Lord’s sacrifice for all of us, and what an incredible moment it will be when you stand on the Mt. of Olives in Jerusalem, where Jesus ascended in to heaven (Acts 1). The Pilgrimage Ministry invites you not just on another trip, but a spiritual journey that will serve to not only solidify your faith…but bring it alive! Questions or suggestions? Contact Dax Nesossi at nesossidn@hbu.edu.

Special Guest Chris Tomlinson - March 6

Chris Tomlinson is a columnist for the Houston Chronicle, New York Times bestselling-author and filmmaker. Before joining the newspaper, he spent 20 years as a correspondent for The Associated Press reporting from 30 countries and nine war zones.

Tomlinson writes about energy, business and the economy in a twice weekly column and in a daily blog for the Chronicle. He is the author of Tomlinson Hill which chronicles the history of two Tomlinson families, one black and one white, who trace their history to a Central Texas slave plantation. He is also the producer of Tomlinson Hill: Are We Equal Yet, an award-winning documentary film.

Tomlinson is also a Fellow in Journalism at the Robert Strauss Center for International Security and Law and has lectured at the Lyndon B. Johnson School for Public Affairs and the University of Texas at Austin Department of Journalism.
**Lenten Film Series**  
**Thursday Nights, Feb. 18th, 25th, 3rd and March 10 6-8pm**

Saints and Sinners Cinema will this year include the following movies: Invictus (Feb 18), Malcolm X (Feb 25), Ruby Bridges (Mar 3) and Slumdog Millionaire (Mar 10). We will gather to view and then discuss each movie.

**Pub Theology**  
**Wednesdays 7-8pm Alley Kat**

What is Pub Theology? Open and honest conversation about things that matter. A table at which all perspectives are welcome.

The format is simple: beer, conversation, and God. Come bring your questions, bring a friend, and pull up a chair. Be ready to engage with people of varying religious traditions, philosophical perspectives and life experiences. You’ll be able to share your own wrestlings and thoughts while learning something new along the way, and hey—there’s likely to be a good craft beer you haven’t tried yet!

![Pub Theology Logo](image)

**Ashes To Go**  
**Feb 10, Streets Around Trinity | Various Times**

Join other Trinitarians in offering a blessing out in the community. According to the national website, “We take ashes to the street corner because that reminder of need, humility, and healing shouldn’t be confined to a church building...God meets us not just in worship, but in the midst of life, and we offer the opportunity to remember our faith to those whose schedules make it hard to stop and pray with others on a busy Wednesday.” Contact volunteer@trinitymidtown.org for more information.
**Big Country Mass**  
*Feb 28 11:00am*
This special music mass will combine the 10:30am and 12:30pm services into one at 11:00am and will feature the music of Bob Wills. An actual member of Bob Will’s group, Herb Remington, will be playing the steel guitar. Rev. Hannah Atkins will be the celebrant and preacher.

**Evening Prayer & the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**  
*Mar 6 & 13 4:00pm*
Join us for the spoken, contemplative service of prayer, thanksgiving, and adoration of the presence of Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar historic church building - at the main altar, in the choir stalls and beyond. Led by the Rev. Hannah Atkins and Bill Jones.

**Palm Sunday**  
*March 20, 8am, 10:30am, 12:30pm*
The congregation will gather approximately fifteen minutes prior to the beginning of each service for the Blessing of the Palms (7:45am in the Abbot’s Garden; 10:15am on Francis St; 12:15pm in the Bishop’s Garden) and a dramatic reading of the Matthew Passion with accompanying percussion.

**Noonday Eucharist**  
*Morrow Chapel Monday - Wednesday of Holy Week*
MAUNDY THURSDAY FAMILY SERVICE, March 24, 5:30pm

Morrow Chapel Enjoy the simple beauty of Maundy Thursday in Morrow Chapel with foot washing for all. This is a child centered worship experience with music provided by Trinity parishioner Scott Hickey and Bob Flick preaching.

MAUNDY THURSDAY RITE I, HIGH CHURCH LITURGY, March 24, 7pm

Members from Trinity’s Ministries will participate in the representative foot washing. The Altar will be stripped and The Watch will begin; Bob Flick preaching. Please sign up online or on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to be one of the twelve.

THE WATCH
March 24 - 25

This all night prayer vigil begins after The Stripping of the Altar on Maundy Thursday and concludes the next day at the Good Friday Mass. Please sign up online, on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, or contact the Rev. Rich Houser at associaterector@trinitymidtown.org.

GOOD FRIDAY
March 25, 12 - 1:15pm

This solemn liturgy concludes The Watch and includes the veneration of the cross. The Rev. Canon Henry Atkins will be the guest preacher. All cash from the offering at this service will go to the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem. http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/good-friday-offering

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
March 25, 1:15 - 2pm

Immediately following the Noon service, parishioners will gather to reflect on the Passion of Christ with violist John Randolf.
**Holy Saturday – The Great Easter Vigil with Baptisms**

**March 26, 8:00pm**

The service will begin outside the entrance of the church with the kindling of the Paschal Candle and the singing of the Exsultet. Moving from darkness to light, from Lent to Easter, the service will climax with the first Alleluias of Easter, the joyful ringing of the bells and the return of the organ.

**Easter Sunday**

**March 27, 8am, 10:30am, 12:30pm**

At 10:15am children will gather in the Bishop’s Garden to prepare for The Flowering of the Cross. After the 10:30am service, we will gather at the Holman Street entrance of the church for our traditional panoramic, Annual Church Photo. Children will gather outside of the Holman Street gate of the Abbot Garden following the parish photo for an Easter Egg Hunt.

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**Community**

**Yoga with Saba Blanding**

**Feb 11, 18, 25 March 3, 10, 12:00pm Room 218**

Please join us for an hour of Yoga on Thursdays at noon in Lent. The class will consist of 45 minutes of practice and 15 minute meditation all led by parishioner Saba Blanding. There is no charge but a $5 donation to the Youth Mission trip to Costa Rica will be happily accepted. Email frontoffice@trintiymidtown.org for further information.

**Trinity Family Gathering**

**Mar 19 | 9:00am - 11:00am**

Spring Festival and Arbor Day at Colonial Park (Meet at the Rectory at 9am)

RSVP frontoffice@trintiymidtown.org
YOUTH CHOIR
Feb 14, 21, Mar 6, 13, 20 12:15pm | Room 218
We will start preparing our Children’s Choir for Easter on Feb 14, lead by the renowned Stephanie Dory. For more information please contact or Stephanie Dory sad2519@yahoo.com

ABSAŁOM JONES CELEBRATION SERVICE
Feb 20 9:00am-3:00pm
Third Ward Multi-Service Center
3611 Ennis Street | Houston, TX 77004
For more information: http://www.ube.org

WOMEN’S CIRCLE
Feb 23 6:00pm
Led by Sarah Flick & Rev. Hannah Atkins we will discuss Brene Brown’s book Rising Strong. See website for more details.

YOUTH EVENT
Feb 28 12:30pm - 1:30pm
Come learn about this year’s mission trip to Costa Rica. Contact Associate Rector Rich Houser for more details associaterector@trinitymidtown.org

YOUNG ADULT EVENT
Friday, Mar 18
Dinner and drinks at Lei Low, 6:30pm to 8pm

PALM CROSS MAKING
Mar 19, 10:00am | Fellowship Hall
The Children and adults alike are invited to help create palm crosses used for Palm Sunday. Contact Joanne Starbuck or Mark Goza or more information.
Seder Dinner
Thursday Mar 9, 6:30pm

Come join us for the 5th annual parish wide Seder Dinner. The Rev. Hannah Atkins leads a contemporary version of the traditional Jewish observance that honors and gives thanks for God’s saving and liberating power. Trinity friends will provide a delicious dinner and beautiful setting to enhance the song and scripture engaged on this night that is different than any other night. This is a child friendly event. Donations will be kindly accepted and appreciated. Please RSVP to front office@trinitymidtown.org
**Lent Madness**

Throughout Lent

A unique Lenten devotion providing a way to learn about the men and women comprising the church’s calendar of saints, in the style of a March Madness basketball tournament. We will have the Saintly Scorecard booklets throughout the church to read and a bracket scorecard on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. For more information go to http://www.lentmadness.org

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**Fill the Trailer**

Sundays throughout Lent

During Lent we will be collecting clothes benefitting Lord Of The Streets and Emergency Aid Coalition. You can help by jump starting your spring cleaning and donating gently used clothes and shoes. New socks and underwear are always needed too!

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**Good Friday Offering**

All cash from the offering at this service will go to the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem. http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/good-friday-offering
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