

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH GALVESTON, TEXAS



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

8:00 a.m.

Trinity Episcopal Church

Founded in 1841 and still making history.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The greenery on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God, and in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Fred J. Wolma, Jr., Fred J. Wolma, III and James B. Earthman, III.



To donate altar flowers in memory, thanksgiving, or in honor of someone, scan this QR code, visit www.trinitygalv.org/give or contact the church office at 409.765.6317 or info@trinitygalv.org.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays – 8:00 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion

Sundays – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

Sundays – 10:30 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion & Music

Wednesdays – 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Visit www.trinitygalv.org/calendar
for a complete listing of services, meetings and events.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children's Chapel is held during the Sunday 10:30 a.m. service each week, and welcomes children, ages 4 through 5th grade. Children should remain in the sanctuary until the processional hymn and watch for the director of Children's Ministries to walk down the center aisle. At that time children may join her and walk to the Children's Chapel located on the cloister. Children's Chapel is led by two Safeguard-trained adults. At the Peace, children will be brought back to their families in time for Holy Communion.

CHILDREN'S NURSERY

The nursery is open each Sunday from 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist - Rite I

Beginning on page 323 in The Book of Common Prayer

The Celebrant begins

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Trisagion

Celebrant Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his

glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the Lessons

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,

and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Following the Lesson

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD, *
**the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the LORD.**

For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Following the Lesson

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel – Matthew 24:36-44 *Please stand*

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his

house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Following the reading of the Gospel

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Chase Bradley

The Nicene Creed – *Please Stand*

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.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector, and Brian our own Bishops and Jimmy our priest, and Chase our deacon, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald

our President, Greg our governor and Craig our Mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those on our parish prayer list.

Parish Prayer List

Lisa Burkey, Kathy Davidson, Trey Dowdy, Martha Henry, Emma, Charlotte and Nathaniel Vowan-Wiles, Wade Wiles Waling, Ariel Toher, Les McLeod, Sally Galbraith, Cookie Bussey, Jake Scott, Carolyn Speich, Charles Eddy, Shirley Ellis, Sandra Sterling, Jennifer Kelso, Brenda Atchley, Tim Nelick, Evadney Hudson, Mike Ellis, Elizabeth Sullivant, William Pennington, Debbie Williams, Tom Kimbrough, Leta Higgins, Mary Bratton, Mary Lou Shuffler, and Roger Lindsey.

Those in active military service, especially Christopher Citti, Charles Lewis, John Parker Unbehagen, Theo Unbehagen, John Kelso, Jr., and David Middleton.

Those celebrating birthdays in December, especially Peter Moore, Matthew Hughes, Catherine Polk, Beth Scribner Kimbrough, Vicki Lewis, Nicole Patillo, Katherine Zende Del, Collyn Davis, Larry Charpentier, Harper Trout, Paul Abadie, Dixie Posert, Miles Ray, Sally Byrom, Jeffrey Richard, Erin Conrad, Cindy Earthman, Bob Hesley, Jeanne Young, Carolyn Dale, Barbara Falkenhagen, Shirley Ellis, Louise Farmer, Pat Welsh, Christi Bowden, Jennifer Haglund, Brenda Atchley, Nancy Hall, Cindy McConnell, and Ken Smith.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Pastoral Care

It is our joy to be with you in prayer whether it is serving Communion at home, praying before hospital visits, or a special service of anointing. Our clergy would like to know how we can be of assistance to you in your time of need. Please scan our QR code to share your needs with us.



Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. The people may kneel or stand.

Deacon and People

The Confession (*Kneel or stand*)

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,

and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.
Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden,
and I will refresh you. Matthew 11:28

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

– **Welcome and Announcements** –

Offertory

Thank you for your generosity that supports our mission and ministry. You may make your Sunday offering in one of three ways:

- *By placing your offering in the plate during the Offertory, or*
- *By scanning the QR code with your phone, or*
- *By using the Square credit card scanner in the Narthex*



Visiting with us? Let us know you're here!

Fill out the contact form with this QR Code so that we may connect with you!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer I

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High

Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

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All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts

and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer (*said by all*)

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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.

The minister receives the Sacrament, and then immediately delivers it to the people.

Instructions for receiving Holy Communion

- *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*
- *If you are not baptized and want to be, please contact our clergy.*
- *Please be guided by the ushers to the communion rail.*
- *You may drink or intinct (dip wafer) from the common chalice.*
- *Gluten-free wafers are available – signify request for GF wafers by extending palms down.*

Postcommunion Prayer *(Kneel or stand)*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful

people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.

Amen.

Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

LEADERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

CELEBRANT

The Rev. Jimmy Abbott

CURATE

The Rev. Chase Bradley

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Nita Caskey

LECTOR

Susan Edmonson

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Joseph Painter

USHERS

Claudia Stein, Team Leader

Ann Anderson, Jane Dembski, Lisa Fiegel and Susan Milligan

This week at Trinity

Sun., Nov. 30

Worship services

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Church Sanctuary

Sunday School for all

9:30 a.m.

Adults – Upper Eaton Hall

Children – Children’s Chapel

Youth – Episcopal Student Ctr.

Christmas Hope Tree

(in Narthex at each worship service and in Eaton Hall following the 10:30 service)

Children’s Choir Rehearsal

11:45 a.m. – Choir Room

Tue., Dec. 2

Men’s Breakfast

and Bible Study

6:30 a.m. - El Jardin Restaurant

413 24th Street

HAPS Class

5:30 p.m.

Lower Eaton Hall

Wed., Dec.3

Winter Book Club

4:30 p.m. - Kelso Room

Wednesday Evening Prayer

5:30 p.m. - Church Sanctuary

Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Choir room on cloister

Thur., Dec. 4

Geezers Lunch Group

11:30 a.m.

Sonny’s Place Restaurant

College Student Bible Study

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Episcopal Student Center

Fri., Dec. 5

First Friday Lunch

Tracy Shirk & Joseph Painter

Noon

Upper Eaton Hall

Boy Scouts Troop 104

Parking Lot Fundraiser

For Dickens on the Strand

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 6

Boy Scouts Troop 104

Parking Lot Fundraiser

For Dickens on the Strand

9:00am – 8:00 p.m.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

9:30 a.m.

Kelso Room

Sun., Dec. 7

Downtown Advent Pilgrimage

3:30 p.m.

1st Stop First Lutheran Church –

2415 Winnie Street, Galveston

Trinity Top Picks

CHRISTMAS HOPE TREE

Help bring joy to children in our community by adopting a family to give to this Christmas. Donor sign-up will take place this **Sunday Nov. 30** and **Sunday, Dec. 7** (if needed) in the Narthex, following each worship service. A ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, St. Vincent's House helps those in our community with the greatest need. For more information contact the Church Office at 409-765-6317 or at info@trinitygalv.org

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH & LEARN – DECEMBER 5, 2025

A Program of Songs for Advent and Christmas

featuring Vocal soloist Tracy Shirk, Pianist Joseph Painter

Friday, December 5 - Noon – Upper Eaton Hall

Join us for our monthly 1st Friday Lunch and Learn, to include a complimentary meal and presentation each month on a variety of topics. Our December 5th Lunch and Learn will feature Tracy Shirk and Joseph Painter. A program of songs for Advent and Christmas will feature many texts from Charles Wesley. Tracy Shirk, the Director of Music at Moody Memorial First United Methodist Church will be the soloist, and Joseph Painter, Director of Music and Organist at Trinity Episcopal Church will be accompanying Tracy on the piano.

So that we may prepare appropriate lunch quantities for all, **please RSVP** with QR code listed, or email info@trinitygalv.org **by Tuesday, Dec. 2nd**.



ADVENT PILGRIMAGE

Sunday, December 7 3:30 p.m.

Held in partnership with all the downtown churches, Trinity will be the third stop on this year's event. Order of Advent Walk stops:

First Lutheran Church – 2415 Winnie Street, Galveston

First Baptist Church – 822 23rd Street, Galveston

Trinity Episcopal Church – 705 22nd Street, Galveston

Reedy Chapel A.M.E. Church – 2013 Broadway, Galveston

First Presbyterian Church – 1903 Church St., Galveston

St. Mary Cathedral Basilica – 2011 Church St., Galveston

MUSIC & FLOWER DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

We invite you to give to the Christmas Offerings Fund for flowers and music to the glory of God and in loving memory or honor of someone in your life. See insert in today's bulletin to donate with form or online. Donations must be received in the church office by Sunday, December 14th to be listed in the Christmas service leaflets.

PARISH FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER – Friday, Dec. 12 – 5:30 p.m.

Bring the whole family! For our younger parishioners, we'll have a visit with St. Nicholas and a holiday movie! Our grown-ups will have a dinner at our "decorated" tables!

(Use designated QR code to RSVP and/or to sign-up to decorate a table)

QR Code TO RSVP



QR Code TO DECORATE TABLE



ORGAN RECITAL AND CHORAL EVENSONG WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, December 14 at 3:00 p.m.

Concert organist, Dan Fenn, the Director of Music at *Lord of Life Lutheran Church* in The Woodlands will perform a short recital of music for the Advent season. He will be performing on Trinity's famous Austin organ which has more than 4,000 pipes.

Immediately following the organ concert, the Adult Choir of Trinity Church will lead all in an Evensong service of scripture, prayers, and music for this sacred season in preparation for Christmas.

Childcare for children ages 5 and under will be available in Trinity's nursery. For more information, contact Trinity Episcopal Church at 409.765.6317

CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY - WORSHIP WITH US!

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, December 24, 2025

5:30 p.m. – Worship service with

Children's Pageant and Holy Communion

9:00 p.m. – Christmas carols and music

9:30 p.m. – Worship service with Choir and Holy Communion

Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Worship service with Holy Communion and music



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