Our Mindows

The beautiful memorial windows of Trinity Episcopal Church were installed over a 30-year period as funds became available. All but the clerestory windows and the Nobleman's Appeal to Christ for his Son on the west wall were designed and fabricated by the Judson Studios in Los Angeles.

Behind our high altar is the Great East Window, the Te Deum, with Christ at the center, the triangular halo above his head signifying his place in the Holy Trinity. Surrounding him are prophets, apostles, and martyrs, among them St. Peter and St. Paul, John the Baptist, King David, the Virgin Mary, Mary Magdalene, and St. Barbara. The archangels Raphael, Michael, Gabriel, and Uriel are seen in the upper section. This magnificent window was designed in 1929.

Flanking the chancel window are three others depicting The Holy Trinity, with the Holy Spirit to the north and the Father and Son to the south. Francis Wilson, who designed the Te Deum, also designed the Great West Window, the Sermon on the Mount.

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A history

in stained glass

The high windows of our

Beginning on the south

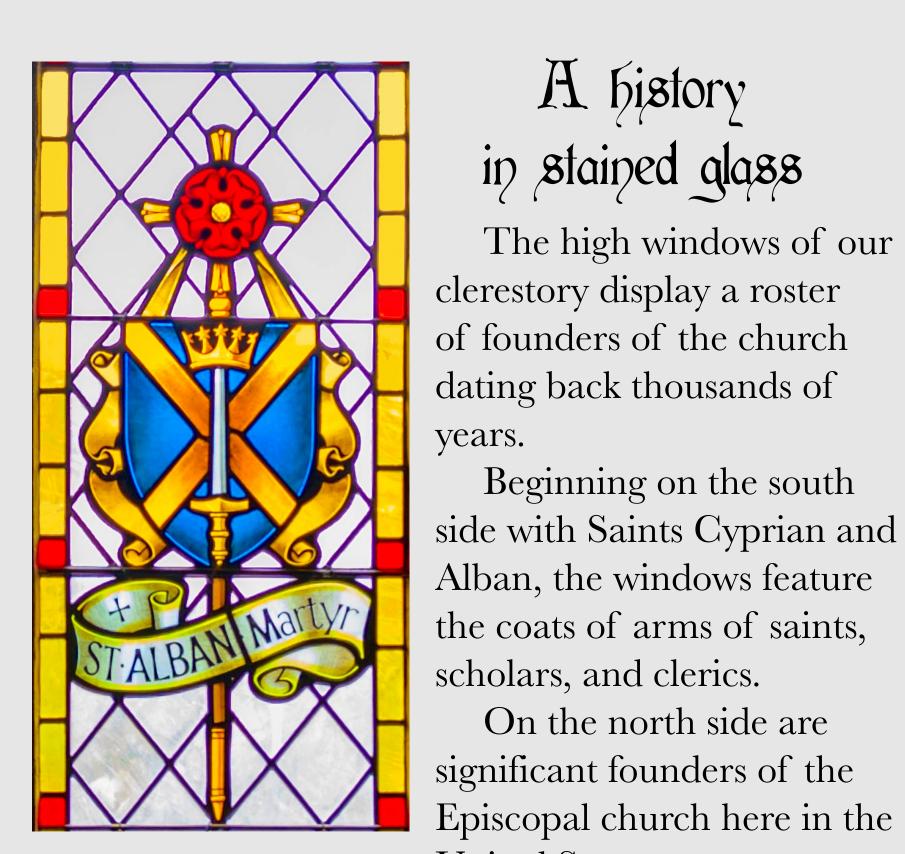
Alban, the windows feature

the coats of arms of saints,

On the north side are

Episcopal church here in the

United States.



Detail, South High window 1, arms of St. Alban

Map Guide

Inside this brochure is the floor plan of the church, where windows and other items of interest are labeled. Windows are designated by their cardinal direction; e.g. the first south aisle window is labeled S1, except for the chancel windows which are labeled with C, e.g. C1.

The high clerestory windows are distinguished from the aisle windows with the letter H, e.g. SH1 is the window above S1.

The chronological story of the aisle and clerestory windows begins with the first south windows and moves clockwise through the building. The aisle windows tell the story of the life of Christ, starting with the Annunciation S1 and ending with the crucifixion N4. The clerestory windows list fundamental figures of our faith's history, starting in the third century and ending in the twentieth.



Close inspection of each window will reveal many hidden details. For instance, in the left lancet of the God as Father window in the chancel, there are two giraffes at Noah's feet!

Detail, Clerestory window 1, God as Father

It is not only in the windows that the beautiful craftsmanship and detail may be found. The chancel area, for example, is paved with exquisite tile by Ernest Batchelder, the preeminent tile maker in Southern California at the time of Trinity's construction in the 1910s. The carved furniture, oak pulpit, and limestone font were created by



Detail, Chancel tile floor, symbol of Saint Matthew

Ernest H. Grassby of Los Angeles.

Certain sanctuary windows merit special attention. The Nobleman's Appeal to Christ for his Son, the westfacing window at the end of the north aisle, stands apart from the others because it was fabricated by a craftsman who had been an associate of the famed Tiffany Studios. The window, installed in 1927, has the decorative elements and opalescent characteristics of Tiffany Glass.



Detail, West window 2, Nobleman's Appeal to Christ for his Son



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