

Establishment of Trinity Episcopal Church,
San Francisco, California.

On Sunday morning, July 22, 1849, after Divine Service had been celebrated jointly by the Rev. Augustus Fitch and the Rev. Favel S. Mines, Colonel Jonah Stevenson was called to the chair..... and the following was adopted: "Whereas the settlement of Upper California of an enlightened and rapidly increasing population has been marked by circumstances of singular interest, drawing to it the admiration and interest of the whole world, andWhereas, grave and weighty consideration seems to render any delay in the establishment of the Church among us as highly unwise and detrimental; Therefore, that we whose names are hereunto appended do form ourselves into a congregation to be known as the Holy Trinity Church to be forever subject to the Doctrines, Rites and Usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America."

Extract from Convention Address of Bishop W. I. Kip:

"On the evening of April 9, 1854, being the Sunday before Easter, the rite of Confirmation was administered in Trinity Church in San Francisco, being the first Episcopal Confirmation Service ever performed on the shores of the Pacific..we were favored on that occasion with the presence of the Right Reverend Bishop Scott of Oregon, who took part in the evening service."

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In October, 1901, the Triennial General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America was held in this Church in the building on the north side. The Right Reverend Charles B. Brent, Bishop of the Philippines was elected to that responsible office.

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