



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome. *If you are a visitor, we are grateful that you have joined us and hope that you find space here to come close to God. We welcome all who seek the Holy, no matter your background. At Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, we pray, celebrate, and share our gifts with each other, our neighbors, and our community, as we serve God and represent the Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas. We'd love to connect with you about how to make this church your home. To do so, please fill out one of the pew cards in front of you and drop it in the offertory plate.*

The service is found in the black Book of Common Prayer beginning on page 323.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
 who are one of the little clans of Judah,
 from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to rule in Israel,
 whose origin is from of old,
 from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
 when she who is in labor has brought forth;
 then the rest of his kindred shall return
 to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
 in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
 to the ends of the earth;

and he shall be the one of peace.

Psalm 80:1-7

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
Hshine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

**You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

**Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

THE EPISTLE

HEBREWS 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said,
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
THELMA OURY ACKER
BY HER GRANDDAUGHTERS MARY PENICK HODGES,
BARBARA PENICK MCNAMEE AND THEIR FAMILIES

Celebrant

The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux

Preacher

The Rev. Thomas Alexander

Lector and Lay Eucharistic Minister

Judy Barger

Events and Information

This week at and around the Cathedral

Today	3:30 pm, Tower Bell Performance 4 pm, Christmas Lessons and Carols	Wednesday	Offices Closed 10:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Monday	7 am, Breakfast and Bible Study 8:30 am, Morning Prayer	Thursday	8:30 am, Morning Prayer 5:15 pm, Evening Prayer
Tuesday	10:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Rite II (choral) 4 pm, Family Christmas Eve Service 10:30 pm, Prelude to Christmas Eve Mass 11 pm, Christmas Eve Mass		

Tower Bell Performance

Tonight @ 3:30 p.m.

The Trinity Ringing Society will ring the tower bells in complicated patterns from 3:30 to 4 p.m. All are welcome to listen and watch this great example of teamwork before Lessons and Carols.

Christmas Lessons & Carols

Tonight @ 4 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral will offer its annual service of Christmas Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 22nd at 4 pm. Nine biblical readings announcing the Incarnation will alternate with choir anthems by Poston, Chilcott, Rutter, Sweelinck, Howells, Bohlin, and Willcocks, and beloved Christmas hymns such as *Once in royal David's city*, *God rest you merry, gentlemen*, *O come, all ye faithful*, and *Hark! the herald angels sing*.

The Trinity Choir and Trinity Choristers will sing for this service.

Join us for afterwards for a reception!

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to the Trinity Operating Fund.**



CHRISTMAS & EPIPHANY

Check the weekly emails for streaming schedule.

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. (choral)

Preacher: The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux

Christmas Eve Family Eucharist 4 p.m. (sung by Trinity Choristers)

Preacher: The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux

Musical Prelude 10:30 p.m.

Holy Eucharist 11 p.m. (choral)

Preacher and Celebrant: The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux

Dec. 25 Christmas Day

Offices Closed

Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. (with hymns)

Preacher: The Rev. Thomas Alexander

Dec. 26 Thursday after Christmas

Offices Closed

Dec. 29 The Holy Name

Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. (with hymns)

Preacher: The Rev. Rob Leacock

No Choral Evensong

Jan. 5

Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. (spoken)

Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. (choral)*

Preacher: The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux

Twelfth Night Lessons & Carols 4 p.m.

Burning of the Greens and S'mores follows

Jan. 6

Feast of the Epiphany (choral) 7 p.m.



