



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II
December 22, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.
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.*

***Infants and Toddlers:** Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers up to 4 years old. Children's engagement materials can be found near the bell tower doors. The bell tower has a speaker that allows you to hear the service if you need to step out with your child. Ask an usher or greeter for directions to either location.*

The service is found in the black Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Hymns are found in the red hymnal.

PRELUDE FANTASY ON 'VENI EMMANUEL' *Kenneth Leighton*

HYMN 56 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

THE WORD OF GOD

MASS SETTING MESSE BASSE *Gabriel Fauré*

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

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

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

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING

MICAH 5:2-5A

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine 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.

Lector
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

PEOPLE, LOOK EAST

Besañçon

During this hymn, children in second grade and younger who want to take part in the Children's Liturgy follow the Good Shepherd banner out of the Nave. They will return at the Peace.

1. Peo - ple look East. The time is near Of the
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more
 5. An - nounce, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who

3
 crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
 seed - ing of the year. Give up your strength the seed to
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
 light the bowl shall brim, Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley

6
 a - ble, Trim the hearth and set the
 flour - ish, That in course the flow'r may
 fro - zen, God for fledg - ing time has
 weath - er, Bright as sun and moon to
 hum - ming With the word, the Lord is

8
 ta - ble. Peo - ple look East and sing to -
 flour - ish. Peo - ple look East and sing to -
 cho - sen. Peo - ple look East and sing to -
 geth - er. Peo - ple look East and sing to -
 com - ing. Peo - ple look East and sing to -

10
 day: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 day: Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 day: Love, the Bird, is on the way.
 day: Love, the Star, is on the way.
 day: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 1:39-45

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

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: FORM II

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean our Presiding Bishop, John our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

I ask your thanksgiving for... *Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then all may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

During the Offertory Hymn, ushers collect an offering from the congregation. The congregation is invited to stand while singing. Use the QR code to make a plate offering.



OFFERTORY HYMN 265

THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME

Gabriel's Message

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, PRAYER B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *Sung by the choir*

Gabriel Fauré

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.*

*Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.*

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son...
...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all ...

...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

People and Celebrant

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

Silence is kept.

AGNUS DEI *Sung by the choir*

Gabriel Fauré

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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 ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Ushers will assist in directing the flow of communicants. If you would prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest. Please let an usher know if you need Holy Communion brought to you.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

VENI DOMINE, OP. 39, NO. 1

Felix Mendelssohn

Veni Domine, et noli tardare.

Relaxa facinora plebi tuae, et revoca dispersos in terram tuam.

Veni Domine...

Excita Domine potentiam tuam, ut salvos nos facias,

Veni Domine...

Come, Lord, and do not delay.

Come and free Thy people from their misdeeds, and bring back the dispersed to your land.

Come, Lord...

Raise up, Lord, Thy power and make us safe.

Come, Lord...

Text: Latin verse for Advent IV

All are invited to sing the hymn.

HYMN 55

REDEEMER OF THE NATIONS, COME

Veni Redemptor gentium

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN 438

TELL OUT, MY SOUL

Woodlands

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

If you would like to know about the Cathedral building and its history, a docent-led tour is available following the service. The tour starts in the baptistery at the back of the church.

✧ ALTAR GIFTS ✧

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

LITURGICAL LEADERS

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux, <i>Dean and Rector</i>
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Thomas Alexander, <i>Curate</i>
<i>Assisting Clergy</i>	The Rev. Susan Payne, <i>Priest Associate</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	Greg Albert, Eliza Borné
<i>Intercessor</i>	Herschel Cast
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	Sally Fittsizer, Mike Schmidt
<i>Acolytes</i>	Harper Bennings, Matsy Leacock, Serena Utter
<i>Children's Liturgy Leader</i>	Frances Mitchell
<i>Music</i>	Dr. Colin MacKnight, <i>Director of Music</i> Jeremiah Mead, <i>Associate Director of Music</i> Dr. Collin Boothby, <i>Guest Organist</i> Women of the Trinity Schola
<i>Ushers</i>	Herschel Cast, Harold Joyner, Michelle McLellen, Ann Morledge, George Morledge
<i>Docent</i>	Michelle McLellen

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 to the Trinity Operating Fund.**



Notes on the Notes: Kenneth Leighton is one of the most important composers of Anglican music of the last century. His music is often dance-like, rhythmically active, and harmonically crunchy: traits which are cliché in music of the last century, but which Leighton used to better effect than most.

Today's choral music is scored for upper voices and organ. Faure's *Messe basse* is one of the gems of the treble choral repertoire; it is a calming and harmonically brilliant setting of the mass ordinary. Since it does not include a Gloria, it is generally performed only in Advent and Lent.

Today's postlude is a fugue based on the *Tonus peregrinus*, a chant commonly paired with the Magnificat text. For this reason, it is sometimes called "Fugue on the Magnificat," making it particularly appropriate today, when a portion of the Gospel is the Song of Mary.

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!

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.

