



# TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
A house of prayer for all people

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
December 24, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.  
Christmas Eve

***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** VILLANCICO, OP. 18 *Alberto Ginastera*

**HYMN 109** THE FIRST NOWELL THE ANGEL DID SAY *The First Nowell*

## THE WORD OF GOD

**MASS SETTING** MISSA SUPER 'DIXIT MARIA' *Hans Leo Hassler*

*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.**

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*  
*Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.*  
*Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.*  
*Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.*  
*Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam*  
*tuam.*  
*Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater*  
*omnipotens.*  
*Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.*  
*Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.*  
*Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.*  
*Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe*  
*deprecationem nostram.*  
*Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.*  
*Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dominus.*  
*Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe.*  
*Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris.*  
*Amen.*

Glory be to God on high,  
 and on earth peace, good will towards men.  
 We praise thee, we bless thee,  
 we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
 we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
 O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father  
 Almighty.  
 O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy  
 upon us.  
 Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive  
 our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the  
 Father, have mercy upon us.  
 For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;  
 thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father.  
 Amen.

### THE COLLECT FOR THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness--  
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace

for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it

with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*Lector*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**S**ing to the Lord a new song; \*  
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! \*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN 81

LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

*Es ist ein Ros*

## THE GOSPEL

LUKE 2:1-20

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

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what

had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*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

### *Prayers of the People*

*Celebrant* As we join the angels and celebrate with joy the birth of the Son of God, let us offer prayers to God who gives new birth to sons and daughters in every place.

*Intercessor* By the birth of the timeless Son of God in the womb of the Virgin Mary.  
**Glorify and praise to you, O living God.**

For John our bishop and the presbyters, deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

**Glorify and praise to you, O living God.**

For all believers who put their trust in the incarnate Son of God.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for peace and justice.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For the grace to do your will in all that we undertake.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, and for the dying and the dead.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. To you, O Lord.

*Celebrant* Source of light and gladness, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow in Jesus Christ who unites our lives to yours and who is Lord for all eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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 ANTHEM

## THE HOLLY AND THE IVY

Henry Walford Davies

### 1. *The holly and the ivy,*

*When they are both full grown,  
Of all the trees that are in the wood,  
The holly bears the crown.*

#### *Refrain:*

*The rising of the sun  
And the running of the deer,  
The playing of the merry organ,  
Sweet singing in the choir.*

2. *The holly bears a blossom,  
As white as the lily flower,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,  
To be our sweet Saviour. (Refrain)*

3. *The holly bears a berry,  
As red as any blood,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
For to do us sinners good. (Refrain)*

4. *The holly bears a prickle,*

*As sharp as any thorn,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
On Christmas Day in the morn.  
(Refrain)*

5. *The holly bears a bark,  
As bitter as any gall,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
To redeem us all. (Refrain)*

6. *The holly and the ivy,  
When they are both full grown,  
Of all the trees that are in the wood,  
The holly bears the crown. (Refrain)*

*Soloists: Grady McCoy, Marcia McConkie,  
John Willis, Anna Squire, Tomas Baxter*

*Text: English carol traced back to the 19th  
century, but potentially older.*

## 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 our thanks and praise.**



*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where 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

*Hans Leo Hassler*

*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 hath 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

*Hans Leo Hassler*

*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

### THERE IS NO ROSE

*John Joubert*

*There is no rose of such virtue  
As is the rose that bare Jesu;  
Alleluia.*

*For in this rose contained was  
Heaven and earth in little space;  
Res miranda.*

*By that rose we may well see  
That He is God in persons three,  
Pari forma.*

*Then leave we all this worldly mirth  
And follow we this joyful birth;  
Transeamus.*

*Text: Anonymous, c. 1420*

*All are invited to sing the hymn.*

**HYMN 101**

AWAY IN A MANGER, NO CRIB FOR HIS BED

*Cradle Song*

**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 87**

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

*Mendelssohn*

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Priest* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

JOSEPH EST BIEN MARIÉ

*Claude Balbastre*

*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 Rev. Thomas Alexander, <i>Curate</i>
<i>Preacher</i>	The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux, <i>Dean and Rector</i>
<i>Assisting Clergy</i>	The Rev. Susan Payne, <i>Priest Associate</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	Herschel Cast
<i>Intercessor</i>	Herschel Cast
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	Missy McCain, Emma Mitchell
<i>Acolytes</i>	Harper Bennings
<i>Music</i>	Dr. Colin MacKnight, <i>Director of Music</i> Jeremiah Mead, <i>Associate Director of Music</i> The Trinity Schola
<i>Ushers</i>	Susan Borné, Herschel Cast
<i>Docent</i>	Michelle McLellen

**Notes on the Notes:** This morning's prelude is based on a type of Argentinian carol called a "Villancico."

Today, the Trinity Schola will sing a type of choral mass setting, popular in the 16th century, called a parody mass. The defining characteristic of parody masses is that they borrow musical material from a pre-existing piece of music. Usually the title of the mass indicates the source of the original material. In this case, it is a motet by Hassler called *Dixit Maria* which supplies the thematic material of the mass. The text of this motet is Luke 1:38, in which Mary tells Gabriel that she accepts God's role for her as Jesus' mother, so this work is particularly appropriate for Advent and Christmas.