



# TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
A house of prayer for all people

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
December 25, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.  
Christmas Day

***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**

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, BWV 659

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

**HYMN 59**

HARK! A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING

*Merton*

## THE WORD OF GOD

*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**

**HYMNAL S-91**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever.. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 52:7-10

**H**ow beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,

who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,  
together they sing for joy;

for in plain sight they see  
the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;

for the Lord has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations;

and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**S**ing to the Lord a new song, \*  
**S**for he has done marvelous things.

**W**ith his right hand and his holy arm \*  
 has he won for himself the victory.

**T**he Lord has made known his victory; \*  
 his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

**H**e remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
 and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**S**hout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*  
 lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**S**ing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
 with the harp and the voice of song.

**W**ith trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
 shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

**L**et the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
 the lands and those who dwell therein.

**L**et the rivers clap their hands, \*  
 and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
 when he comes to judge the earth.

**I**n righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
 and the peoples with equity.

## THE EPISTLE

HEBREWS 1:1-4

**L**ong ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

*Lector*  
*People*

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

## THE GOSPEL

JOHN 1:1-14

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

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

**I**n the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*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**

*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.

**Glory 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.

**Glory 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 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 76**

ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY

*Winchester New*

### 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 unto 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:

**Make a pledge, or year end gift  
to the Trinity Operating Fund.**



*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*

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM *sung by all*

HYMNAL S-158

*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

CANITE TUBA

*Francisco Guerrero*

*Canite tuba in Sion,  
quia prope est dies Domini.  
Ecce veniet ad salvandum nos.  
Erunt prava in directa,  
et aspera in vias planas:  
Veni, Domine, et noli tardare.*

*Blow the trumpet in Zion,  
for the day of the Lord is nigh.  
Lo, He comes to our salvation.  
The crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways plain.  
Come, Lord, and do not delay.*

*Text: Joel 2:1 and Isaiah 40:4*

*All are invited to sing the hymn.*

## **HYMN 75**

THERE'S A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS CRYING

*Ascension*

## **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 67**

COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

*Psalm 42*

## **THE DISMISSAL**

*Priest* Let us bless the Lord.

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

## **POSTLUDE**

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, BWV 661

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

*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  
THEIR PARENTS BETTY AND WALTER HUSSMAN, SR., AND MARY AND FRED A KENDRICK,  
AND IN GRATEFUL THANKSGIVING FOR THEIR CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
BY BEN AND WALTER HUSSMAN

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN GRATEFUL THANKSGIVING FOR  
FRANCES PALMER AND LESLIE ELLIS FLANAGAN  
BY THEIR PARENTS MEREDITH AND FRANK FLANAGAN

Make arrangements for a Christmas memorial by contacting Missy McCain  
([missy@trinitylittlerock.org](mailto:missy@trinitylittlerock.org)) by December 18.

**Notes on the Notes:** This morning's voluntaries comprise two pieces by J.S. Bach based on today's sequence hymn, Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, or "Come now, Savior of the nations." These pieces belong to a set of large chorale preludes by Bach called the Great Eighteen Leipzig Chorales. Despite being based on the same tune, they vary dramatically. The first (BWV 659) presents the chorale (i.e. hymn tune) in a lyrical, highly ornamented manner, and the second (BWV 661) is an energetic fugue with the chorale in the pedal.

## LITURGICAL LEADERS

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|----------------------------------|---|
| <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>                   | Myra Kinnebrew, Richard Moore   |
| <i>Intercessor</i>               | Greg Albert   |
| <i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>  | Lee Kinnebrew, Christy Kalder   |
| <i>Acolytes</i>                  | Lily Morse, Serena Utter, Alex Wayland, Michael Wayland   |
| <i>Children's Liturgy Leader</i> | Marcia Wayland  |
| <i>Music</i>                     | Dr. Colin MacKnight, <i>Director of Music</i><br>Jeremiah Mead, <i>Associate Director of Music</i><br>Trinity Cathedral Choir |

*Ushers*

Herschel Cast, Tom Fennell, Tommy Jameson,  
Kerry McCoy, Grady McCoy

*Docent*

Scott Whitfield

## Events and Information

### **This week at and around the Cathedral**

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| Today     | 4 pm, Choral Evensong                  | 5:30 pm, Eucharist with Healing Prayers |
| Monday    | 7 am, Breakfast and Bible Study        | 6:30 pm, Book Club                      |
|           | 8:30 am, Morning Prayer                | 7:30 pm, Choral Compline                |
| Tuesday   | 8:30 am, Morning Prayer                | Thursday 8:30 am, Morning Prayer        |
| Wednesday | 8:30 am, Morning Prayer                | 5:15 pm, Evening Prayer                 |
|           | 4 pm, Trinity Chorister Rehearsal      | 7 pm, Choir rehearsal                   |
|           | 5 pm, Trinity Ringing Society Practice |   |

# Trinity News

## Choral Complines in Advent

Come to Compline on Wednesday nights at 7:30 in Advent for a peaceful, beautiful conclusion to your day. Compline is a short service of night prayer with prayers, readings, and music. Traditionally, there are no musical instruments; the music is entirely a cappella. The Trinity Schola will sing for these services.

## Breakfast and Bible Study

*Every Monday at 7:00 am  
Community Bakery on Main Street*

Looking for a new weekday spiritual practice? Join us at our local Community Bakery as we begin the week and the work day by sharing breakfast and discussing the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. There's no prior preparation involved. Our time together on Monday makes Sunday even more meaningful. To learn more, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander ([thomas@trinitylittlerock.org](mailto:thomas@trinitylittlerock.org)).

## Young Adult Group

*Saturday, December 14 at 9:30 am  
The Root Café on Main Street*

All those in their 20s and 30s are invited to gather at the Root Café for breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, December 14. We gather on the second Saturday of each month. To learn more, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander ([thomas@trinitylittlerock.org](mailto:thomas@trinitylittlerock.org)).

## Updated Weekday Worship Schedule

With the new liturgical year, we are offering a newly updated weekday worship schedule, which now includes Morning Prayer in Pierce Chapel at 8:30 am, Monday through Thursday. The complete schedule is as follows:

### **Monday**

8:30 am, Morning Prayer, Pierce Chapel

### **Tuesday**

8:30 am, Morning Prayer with Expansive Language, Pierce Chapel

### **Wednesday**

8:30 am, Morning Prayer, Pierce Chapel

5:30 pm, Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers, Pierce Chapel

### **Thursday**

8:30 am, Morning Prayer, Pierce Chapel

5:15 pm, Evening Prayer, Cathedral Chancel and Livestream

## Give the Gift of Warmth

Please look for the WARM & FUZZY TREES in the Cathedral and Morrison Hall just waiting for your gifts! The Matthew 25 Outreach Committee will be collecting your Warm & Fuzzy gifts for children in need through Sunday, December 15. Just a reminder, we will NOT be collecting gloves, hats & scarves. The biggest need is for coats, jackets, fleece pullovers, sweaters for children of all ages—don't forget larger sizes for Teens. Newly purchased items are preferred, or very gently used. Financial gifts are welcome! Please mail to the Cathedral or place in the Offering, noting: Warm & Fuzzy Gift. Your Warm & Fuzzy gifts will be distributed to the children of Dorcas House, El Zócalo Resource Center and St. Francis House. As always, thank you very much for your very generous support of this Trinity Outreach program!!

