



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The Presentation of Our Lord

February 2, 2025

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Thus says the LORD, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

PSALM 84

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

**The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she
 may lay her young; *
 by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

**Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
 they will always be praising you.**

**Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
 whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

**Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
 for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

**They will climb from height to height, *
 and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

**LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
 hearken, O God of Jacob.**

**Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

**For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in
the tents of the wicked.**

**For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;**

**No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.**

**O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!**

THE EPISTLE

HEBREWS 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and

the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Priest

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE ENDING OF A PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP

The Minister addresses the Bishop and the congregation with these words

On the sixteenth day of August, 2020, I was inducted by Bishop Benfield as dean and rector of Trinity Cathedral Parish. I have, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities.

After prayer and careful consideration, it now seems to me that I should leave this charge, and I publicly state that my tenure as rector ends this day.

Bishop Do you, the people of Trinity Cathedral Parish, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

People **We do.**

The departing Minister and the congregation then say together the following prayer

O God, you have bound us together for a time as pastor and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past.

Silence

We thank you for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our many failures.

Silence

Especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained.

Silence

We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son.

Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants of your Word and Sacraments. We thank you especially for the work of Amy among us, and the presence of her family here. Grant that both she and we may serve you in the days ahead, and always rejoice in your glory, and come at length into your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ ALTAR GIFTS ✠

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
OUR PARENTS LORRAINE HOVIE MOSS AND ROBERT MIKE MOSS,
AND MARTHA HILL THOMAS AND HENRY CASTLEMAN THOMAS,
AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR
THE BIRTHDAY OF ELIZABETH THOMAS SMITH AND CATHERINE THOMAS LANGLEY
BY MARTI AND HENRY THOMAS

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JACK HARGRAVES TAYLOR
BY MARY AND MAX TAYLOR

Celebrant and Preacher

The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux

Lector and Lay Eucharistic Minister

Ken Dick

Events and Information

This week at and around the Cathedral

Today	4 pm, Choral Evensong and Celebratory reception for Dean Meaux	5 pm, Trinity Ringing Society Practice 5:30 pm, Community Dinner
Monday	7 am, Breakfast and Bible Study 8:30 am, Morning Prayer	5:30 pm, Eucharist with Healing Prayers 6 pm, Koinonia Eucharist
Tuesday	8:30 am, Morning Prayer	6:30 pm, Book Club
Wednesday	8:30 am, Morning Prayer 12:15 pm, Bach Organ Recital 4 pm, Trinity Chorister Rehearsal 5 pm, St. Cecilia Singer	Thursday 8:30 am, Morning Prayer 5:15 pm, Evening Prayer 7 pm, Choir rehearsal

Trinity News

Conversation with Bishop Harmon

Sunday, February 9 at 9:15 am

Morrison Hall

Bishop Harmon will gather with the congregation on Sunday, February 9 during the Sunday School hour to talk about the upcoming transition and eventual search for our next Dean and Rector. All are welcome. Please note that this gathering will replace Adult Formation on February 9. To learn more, contact the Rev. Danny Shieffler (danny@trinitylittlerock.org).

Gift for Bishop-Elect Meaux

Trinity Cathedral is gifting Amy a set of vestments (chasuble, stole, and mitre) in thanksgiving for her ministry as our 21st Dean and Rector and in honor of her new ministry as 9th Bishop of West Missouri. If you would like to contribute, please donate online via the QR code or write a check to Trinity Episcopal Cathedral with “Amy’s Gift” in the memo line.



Give Someone a Happy Birthday

Trinity Cathedral Parish with Daughters of the King, have a birthday celebration each month for the residents of Dorcas House. They look forward to this event on the first day of each month.

We need your help to provide a birthday cake, napkins & plates for one of the parties. We are scheduling volunteers beginning March 2025 through December 2025. If you would like to volunteer please call or email Marti Thomas for additional information. 501-680-6707 or martithomas@janetjones.com

Bach Organ Recitals

Wednesdays from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.

In commemoration of the 275th anniversary of the death of Johann Sebastian Bach in 1750, Director of Music Colin MacKnight will perform Bach's complete organ works throughout 2025. Colin will perform most of these works in lunchtime recitals on Wednesdays from 12:15 to 12:45.

Lenten Preaching Mission & Revival with The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry

Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock,

Thursday, March 13, 7:30pm Lenten Preaching Revival.

Friday, March 14, 7:30pm Lenten Preaching Revival.

Saturday, March 15, 5:00 - 7:00pm(limited seating with registration)

5:00 - 6:00pm: Welcome Dinner- Morrison Hall

6:00 - 6:30pm: Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Speaker

6:30pm - 7:00pm: Book signing

Sunday, March 16, 9:00 - 10:30am Eucharist Service with The Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Preacher

(Detailed itineraries and registration for Lenten Preaching Mission & Revival will be provided when finalized. Thank you.)

Preparing for Lent Retreat

*Sunday March 2nd after Church 12pm-3pm
Registration Fee: \$25 - Includes Lunch and all*

Join artist and educator Lisa Thorpe in a day of preparation for Lent. Each person will make a deck of Lenten cards to reflect on during the days of Lent. Like it's familiar counting cousin, the Advent calendar, these cards will be used to mark the 40 days of Lent. Instead of the candy or treats of the Advent calendar your Lenten cards will challenge you each day to make the three practice of Lent manifest: love your God, love your neighbor, love yourself.

This workshop is for all – no art experience necessary just an open heart and mind! Our Lenten Cards will be made as torn paper collage an accessible technique that is designed for all levels from those with art-phobia to those art-phonemes in our midst, come and enjoy.

