



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.*

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.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

PRELUDE THE CANDLEMAS SECTION OF DAS ORGELBÜCHLEIN *Johann Sebastian Bach*
MIT FRIED UND FREUD ICH FAHR DAHIN, BWV 616 (*With peace and joy, I depart*)
HERR GOTT, NUN SCHLEUSS DEN HIMMEL AUF, BWV 617 (*Lord God, now open the sky*)

HYMN 93 ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY *Regent Square*

MASS SETTING COLLEGIUM REGALE *Herbert Howells*

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.**

*Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will toward 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, Jesu 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 the most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING

MALACHI 3:1-4

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.

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

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!*

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 324

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

Picardy

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.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 2:22-40

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

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

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 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 III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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 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.

Silence

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 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 Anthem, ushers collect an offering from the congregation.
Use the QR code to make a plate offering.*



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

JUBILATE DEO “COLLEGIUM REGALE”

Herbert Howells

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise:
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.*

Text: Psalm 100 and Gloria Patri

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*

Herbert Howells

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

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

FRACTION ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

Herbert Howells

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy 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.

All are invited to sing the hymn.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

NUNC DIMITTIS IN G

Herbert Sumsion

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.*

For mine eyes have seen :thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared:

before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:

and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

world without end. Amen.

Luke 2:29-32 and Gloria Patri

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.

If people are being sent to take the Bread and Wine to those who are absent, the Celebrant says

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one, because we all share one bread and one cup. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

May God, who has led us in the paths of justice and truth, lead us still, and keep us in God's ways. **Amen.**

May God, whose Son has loved us and given himself for us, love us still, and establish us in peace. **Amen.**

May God, whose Spirit unites us and fills our hearts with joy, illumine us still, and strengthen us for the years to come. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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.

Notes on the Notes: Today's choral music includes multiple pieces with the title "Collegium Regale." This label, often colloquially shortened to "Coll Reg," is Latin for "King's College" and indicates that a piece was written for the choir of King's College, Cambridge. Not surprisingly, numerous pieces by different composers have this designation, but Howells' "Coll Reg" works are the best known and most extensive, including canticles for Matins (Te Deum and Jubilate), a communion service (Kyrie, Gloria, etc.), and an evening service (Magnificat and Nunc dimittis). Today's music includes the Jubilate and the communion service.

✧ 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

LITURGICAL LEADERS

Celebrant and Preacher

The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux, *Dean and Rector*

Assisting Clergy

The Right Rev. John Harmon, Bishop

The Rev. Danny Scheiffler, Interim Vicar

The Rev. Thomas Alexander, *Curate*

The Rev. Rob Leacock

The Rev. Susan Payne

Lectors

Sarah Bennings, Eliza Borné

Intercessor

Carolyn Hartstein

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Mary Hodges, Clarke Tucker

Children's Liturgy Leader

Frances Mitchell

Acolytes

Harper Bennings, Kate Faulkner, Gray Gibson, Matsy Leacock,

Jacob Meaux, Woodrow Meaux, Oliver Wippo, Maggie Wippo

Music

Dr. Colin MacKnight, *Director of Music*

Jeremiah Mead, *Associate Director of Music*

Trinity Cathedral Choir

Ushers

Herschel Cast, Richard Moore, Matt McCoy,

Michelle McLellen, Lisa Thorpe

Docent

Michelle McLellen

Events and Information

This week at and around the Cathedral

Today	4 pm, Choral Evensong and Celebratory reception for Dean Meaux	5:30 pm, Community Dinner
Monday	7 am, Breakfast and Bible Study	5:30 pm, Eucharist with Healing Prayers
	8:30 am, Morning Prayer	6 pm, Koinonia Eucharist
Tuesday	8:30 am, Morning Prayer	6 pm, Stitch-in for Peace
Wednesday	8:30 am, Morning Prayer	6:30 pm, Book Club
	12:15 pm, Bach Organ Recital	Thursday 8:30 am, Morning Prayer
	4 pm, Trinity Chorister Rehearsal	5:15 pm, Evening Prayer
	5 pm, St. Cecilia Singer	7 pm, Choir rehearsal
	5 pm, Trinity Ringing Society Practice	Saturday 9:30 a.m. Young Adults' Group

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

Young Adults' Group

Saturday, February 8, 9:30 am – 10:30 am

The Root Café on Main Street

Join fellow parishioners in their 20s and 30s this coming Saturday for a monthly time of fellowship over breakfast. This group meets on the second Saturday of each month. To learn more, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander (thomas@trinitylittlerock.org).

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.)

Stitch-In for Peace

*February 5th and 1st Wednesday evenings - 6-7:15 pm
The Interfaith Center at Harrison House*

Each month we will gather to express our gratitude or write our prayers on a scraps of paper. These will be folded then passed to a neighbor to stitch into a 3x3 inch prayer patch. You will stitch your neighbors prayers they will stitch yours. At the end of the gathering the patches will be stitched together into strands. One stitch at a time and with many hands we will stitch a quilt of prayers, gratitude and peace.

All are welcome, no stitch experience required. Free will donation of \$5-20 requested.

Hosted by The Interfaith Center, facilitated by Lisa Thorpe.

For more info email: lisathorpeartist@gmail.com

Mark your calendar with these 1st Wednesdays 2/5, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7



Stitch-In for Peace
A monthly gathering to
build community and
share our stories,
one stitch
at a time.

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.



Preparing for Lent: counting the days

a mixed modality
art & discovery retreat
with Lisa Thorpe

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.