



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2025, 8 a.m.

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.

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

GENESIS 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do

not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’”

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

PSALM 37:1-12, 41-42 *sung by the choir to Anglican Chant*

Gerre Hancock

**Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.**

**For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.**

**Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.**

**Take delight in the LORD, *
and he shall give you your heart’s desire.**

**Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.**

**He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.**

**Be still before the LORD *
and wait patiently for him.**

**Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *

do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off, *

but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *

you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

But the lowly shall possess the land; *

they will delight in abundance of peace.

But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; *

he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

The LORD will help them and rescue them; *

**he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.**

THE EPISTLE

I CORINTHIANS 15:35-38,42-50

Someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Jesus said, “I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

✻ ALTAR GIFTS ✻

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
THEIR PARENTS RUTH AND DAN CHISHOLM, IDAHO PASCHALL CHISHOLM,
AND HAROLD AND BEATRICE BOYD
BY THEIR CHILDREN JUDY AND DAN CHISHOLM

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
FRANK MORLEDGE BY
GEORGE AND ANN MORLEDGE

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
HER FATHER PAUL WILLIAMS “PETE” HOOVER JR
BY JOSEPHINE HOOVER FELTON AND HER FAMILY DANIEL, JOSEPHINE AND MARY ELEANOR FELTON

Celebrant

The Rev. Danny Schieffler

Preacher

The Rev. Thomas Alexander

Lector and LEM

Judy Barger

Events and Information

This week at and around the Cathedral

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| Today | 4 pm, Choral Evensong with Holy Eucharist | 4 pm, Trinity Chorister Rehearsal |
| Monday | 7 am, Breakfast and Bible Study | 5 pm, Trinity Ringing Society Practice |
| | 8:30 am, Morning Prayer | 5:30 pm, Eucharist with Healing Prayers |
| Tuesday | 8:30 am, Morning Prayer | 6:30 pm, Book Club |
| Wednesday | 8:30 am, Morning Prayer | Thursday 8:30 am, Morning Prayer |
| | 12:15 pm, Bach Organ Recital | 5:15 pm, Evening Prayer |
| | | 7 pm, Choir rehearsal |

Trinity News

Bible Study: The Psalms with John Calvin

Sundays at 9:15 am, Conference Room in Keller House

On February 16, our Sunday morning Bible Study will begin studying the Psalms, one of the most treasured books in the whole Bible. During this three-week class, we will also study the sixteenth century reformer, John Calvin, and his own interpretation of the Psalms. A mixture of Bible study and Church history, this class will be not only a chance to hear God in Scripture, but also a chance to hear what God has spoken to one of our Christian ancestors. Participants are encouraged to bring a Bible with them to each session. To sign up for the Bible Study's emails, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander (thomas@trinitylittlerock.org).

Below is the reading schedule:

February 16 – Introduction: Psalm 1 & 2

February 23 – Prayers: Psalm 22, 51, & 130

March 3 – Imprecations and Laments: Psalm 109 & 137

“Preparing for Lent” Retreat

Sunday March 2nd after Church 12pm-3pm

Registration Fee: \$25 - Includes Lunch and all materials (scholarships available)

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. Register at bit.ly/prep_lent or with the QR Code.



The Catechumenate

Sundays in Lent and Easter, 5 pm – 6:30 pm (beginning March 9)

Lounge in Keller House

Registration closes Sunday, March 2

Are you interested in deepening your life of faith? Or in revisiting the basics of the Christian life? The “Catechumenate” (an ancient Greek word for “instruction”) is an annual, several-week-long process by which adults who desire a deeper life in Christ prepare for Holy Baptism (full initiation into the Church), Confirmation (for those who are baptized), Reaffirmation (for those who are baptized and confirmed but desire to reaffirm their faith), or Reception (for those who were baptized in another denomination but desire to be received into the Episcopal Church). This group gathers weekly through Lent and Easter to share a meal, to pray, and to study the Christian faith. The Catechumenate begins on Sunday, March 9 and the Cathedral will celebrate Holy Baptism, Confirmation, Reaffirmation, and Reception on Sunday, June 1. The class, meals, and materials are free, but registration is required. Please register no later than Sunday, March 2 by emailing the Rev. Thomas Alexander (thomas@trinitylittlerock.org).

Mardi Gras!

Tuesday, March 4, 5:30 - 7 pm; Burning of the Palms at 6:45 pm

Trinity Gym (entrance off of Spring St)

Join ECEP & Trinity at our annual Mardi Gras celebration in the gym! We'll have a gumbo cookoff, music & dancing, cotton candy, pancakes, king cake, and beads galore! Donations welcomed at the door.

Gumbo Teams Wanted!

To register your Gumbo Krewe or Volunteer, contact Dawn & Otis Howe, 2025 Event Chairs, at howeow@aol.com or 501-690-0997!

Arkansas Youth Event

Friday, March 7 - Sunday, March 9

Camp Mitchell

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/yb9wwu42>

AYE is our biannual youth retreat held at Camp Mitchell on Petit Jean Mountain. Open to 6th-12th grade youth in Arkansas! This year's theme is “Finding Joy” and cost is \$135/camper and scholarships are available. We spend the weekend in community as we worship, learn, play and relax together!

If you are in need of transportation, or have other questions, please contact



Emma Mitchell at emma@trinitylittlerock.org no later than March 1.

Book Club -Marilynne Robinson's *Reading Genesis* with Chris Keller

Wednesdays from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm, beginning March 12

For the season of Lent, Trinity Cathedral's Book Club will welcome as guest facilitator the Rev. Dr. Christoph Keller, III as we take up our next book, *Reading Genesis* by Marilynne Robinson. *Reading Genesis* is a penetrating look into scriptures that are read literally by some, and skeptically by others, by a brilliant writer who is neither credulous nor doubtful—rather informed, engaged, and faithful. We will have fun in the class and, for Lent, this will be time well spent. The book is available for order at Wordsworth Books for \$29 (hardback), with a 10% discount available for Trinity Cathedral's Book Club. To sign up, please email the Rev. Thomas Alexander at thomas@trinitylittlerock.org.

March 12: Adam and Eve (pages 3–32)

March 19: Noah's Ark (pages 32–81)

March 26: Abraham & Sarah (pages 81–131)

April 2: Jacob and Esau (pages 131–178)

April 9: Joseph and his brothers (pages 178–230)

Time for J.O.Y Retreat for Women

Friday, April 4 - Sunday, April 6

Ferncliff Retreat House

At Time for Joy participants enjoy a weekend of pampering, music, healthy food, spiritual direction, and worship. Jerusalem Greer is a member of the staff of the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. She is an author, a preacher, teacher, and speaker.

All-inclusive retreat style accommodations, meals and programming: \$300

Scholarships are available until March 15 or until all funds are designated. Send scholarship requests or questions to Denise Albert deni500@aol.com.



Insights Lecture Series presents “A Theology of City Planning”

A Lecture and Panel Discussion with the Rev. Dr. Willie James Jennings

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Little Rock, AR

Friday, April 4, 2025, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

\$25 for admission, free for students (register here)

What kind of city do we want to live in? What kind of city should we live in? And how might a Christian participate in making those decisions? As Little Rock undergoes a new city planning process, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral welcomes the Rev. Dr. Willie James Jennings, one of the world’s leading and most celebrated theologians, to speak about a “theology of city planning” as a part of the Insights Lecture Series. Immediately after his lecture, Professor Jennings will participate in a panel discussion local civic leaders. A reception and book-signing will follow in Morrison Hall. On Sunday, April 6, Professor Jennings will lead Trinity’s adult Bible study at 9:15 am and will preach at the 10:30 am service. To learn more, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander (thomas@trinitylittlerock.org).



Lenten Preaching Mission & Revival, March 13 - March 16 with The Right Reverend Michael B. Curry.

Hosted at Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock

Thursday, March 13, 7 pm - Lenten Preaching Revival

Friday, March 14, 7 pm - 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 - 10:30 am Eucharist Service with former Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Preacher

Registration for Saturday will be shared at a later date.