



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 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 HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

THE DECALOGUE

All stand or kneel.

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 32 *Beati quorum*

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

**While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.**

**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

**Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.**

**I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

**You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

**“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.**

**Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you.”**

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

THE EPISTLE

2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 5:1-3, 11B-32

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So Jesus told them this parable:

“There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to

spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.” So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit**

Then all may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*At this time ushers collect an offering from the congregation.
Use the QR code to make a plate offering.*



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God...

...Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

THE SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world...

...By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say

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

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People **have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People **have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People **grant us thy peace.**

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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 direct you to the altar rail. Please let an usher know if you need Holy Communion brought to you.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The Celebrant prays over the people, saying,

Bow down before the Lord.

Look down in mercy, Lord, on thy people, and grant that those whom thou hast nourished by thy Word and Sacraments may bright forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

✠ ALTAR GIFTS ✠

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MY FATHER JOHN PIERCE CALHOUN
BY HARRIET CALHOUN STEPHENS

LITURGICAL LEADERS

Celebrant

The Rev. Thomas Alexander, *Curate*

Preacher

The Rev. Susan Sims Smith

Lector and Lay Eucharistic Minister

Judy Barger

Stitch-In for Peace

April 2, 6-7:15 pm

The Interfaith Center at Harrison House

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

Playground Hangout for Parents and Kids!

Saturday, April 5, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Families with kids ages 6 and under are invited to drop by the ECEP/Trinity Playground (16th & Center) for donuts, coffee, and casual conversation about new parent ministry offerings!

Hosted by Tori Tackett and Sara Slimp.

Questions? Contact Emma Mitchell at


emma@trinitylittlerock.org

Palm Cross Making

Saturday April 12 at 9:00

Ever wonder where those awesome palm crosses come from on Palm Sunday?

Come join us in Morrison Hall on Saturday April 12 at 9:00 is help create them. There are multiple methods and we are happy to teach you how to make them as we prepare for Holy Week. All are welcome to come help. We will have coffee and donuts available. Contact Dawn Howe for more information. 501-690-0997 or howeow@aol.com



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THE Insights

LECTURE SERIES


“A Theology of City Planning”

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with the Rev. Dr. Willie James Jennings

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?

Dr. Jennings’ lecture will be followed by a panel discussion with local change-makers, Kathy Webb and Jay Jennings, and a reception.

Friday, April 4, 2025, 6:30 pm – 8 pm
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
310 W 17th Street, Little Rock
\$25 for admission, free for students



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Holy Week at Trinity

Join us at Trinity as we walk with our Lord toward the cross and resurrection. Regular attendance throughout Holy Week makes Easter Sunday all the more meaningful.

Palm Sunday, April 13

8:00 am – Holy Eucharist with Liturgy of the Palms

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with Liturgy of the Palms and Procession (Cathedral) ^{1 3}

4:00 pm – Holy Week Musical Meditation: Stabat Mater by Pergolesi ¹



Monday in Holy Week, April 14

8:30 am – Morning Prayer (Chapel)

12:00 pm – Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Tuesday in Holy Week, April 15

8:30 am – Morning Prayer (Chapel)

12:00 pm – Holy Eucharist with Renewal of Clergy Vows and Blessing of Chrism (Cathedral)



Wednesday in Holy Week, April 16

8:30 am – Morning Prayer (Chapel)

12:00 pm – Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

5:30 pm – Community Dinner (Morrison Hall)

6:00 pm – Koinonia with Footwashing

7:00 pm – The Office of Tenebrae (Cathedral) ¹

Maundy Thursday, April 17

8:30 am – Morning Prayer (Chapel)

7:00 pm – Holy Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar (Cathedral) ^{1 3}



Good Friday, April 18

12:00 pm – The Liturgy for Good Friday (Cathedral) ¹

Holy Saturday, April 19

9:00 am – The Liturgy for Holy Saturday (Treadway Garden)

7:00 pm – The Great Vigil of Easter (Cathedral) ^{1 2 3}

Easter Sunday, April 20

7:00 am – Holy Eucharist (Cathedral)

9:00 am – Holy Eucharist with Choir and Strings (Cathedral) ^{1 2 3}

10:15 am – Easter Egg Hunt (Garth and Treadway Garden)

11:00 am – Holy Eucharist with Choir and Strings (Cathedral) ^{1 2 3}



¹*This service will be livestreamed*

²*Incense will be used at this service*

³*Nursery available*