

**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.*

*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 baptistry at the back of the church.*

***The service is found in the black Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Hymns are found in the red hymnal.***

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**Prelude** Kyrie, Gott Vater, BWV 669 *Johann Sebastian Bach*  
Prelude in A minor, BWV 543.1 *Johann Sebastian Bach*

**Hymn 144** Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness *Cornhill*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**The Penitential Order** **BCP 319**

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;

*People* **His mercy endureth for ever.**

**The Confession** **BCP 320**

**Kyrie** *sung by all* **Hymnal S-92**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* 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 First Reading** 1 Samuel 16:1-13

**T**he Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he

will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 23** *sung by the choir to plainsong (Tone VIII.1)*

**BCP 612**

**The Epistle**

Ephesians 5:8-14

**O**nce you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!  
Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Hymn 490** I want to walk as a child of the light

*Houston*

*During the singing of this hymn, children second grade and younger wanting to take part in the Children’s Liturgy follow the Cross out of the Nave. They will return at the Peace.*

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

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an

astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

*Priest*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*      **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

*The Rev. Canon Dr. Lisa Corry*

## **The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 326**

## **Prayers of the People**

**BCP 328**

## **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**

*During the Offertory anthem, ushers collect an offering from the congregation. Please stand while the offering is brought to the Altar.*

**Anthem**      My eyes for beauty pine

*Herbert Howells*

*My eyes for beauty pine,  
 My soul for Goddes grace :  
 No other care nor hope is mine,  
 To heaven I turn my face.*

*And every gentle heart,  
 That burns with true desire,  
 Is lit from eyes that mirror part  
 Of that celestial fire.*

*One splendour thence is shed  
 From all the stars above :  
 'Tis named when God's name is said,  
 'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.*

*Text by Robert Bridges*

**The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer II**

BCP 340

*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 the Lord our God.*People* **It is meet and right to do so.****The Sanctus** *sung by all*

Hymnal S-115

*The people stand or kneel.***The Great Thanksgiving continues**

BCP 341

**The Lord's Prayer**

BCP 336

**The Breaking of the Bread****Fraction Anthem**

S-159

**The Administration of Holy Communion**

*Ushers will assist in directing the flow of communicants. Please receive communion at the rail or at the station. Those choosing to receive at the rail use the right side of the center aisle; those going to the station should use the left. 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. **Please do not intinct (dip) your wafer.***

**Motet**

The King of love my shepherd is

Edward Bairstow

1. *The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never.*

*I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine forever.*

2. *Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth;  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.*

3. *In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.*

4. *Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!*

5. *Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me;  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.*

6. *And so through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.*

*Text by Henry Williams Baker*

**Hymn 339** Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*Schmücke dich**The people stand or kneel.***The Postcommunion Prayer**

BCP 339

## The Solemn Prayer

**Hymn** I heard the voice of Jesus say (*see insert*)

*Kingsfold*

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

**Postlude** Fugue in A minor, BWV 543

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

## ✻ ALTAR GIFTS ✻

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
MY GRANDPARENTS, SUZETTE RISHER, EDITH HUNTER, AND OTIS GILL  
BY KEITH HEARNSBERGER

## PARTICIPATING TODAY

*Celebrant* The Rev. Susan Payne

*Preacher* The Rev. Canon Dr. Lisa Corry

*Lectors* Mike Schmidt, Diane Turner

*Intercessor* Jane McMullin

*Lay Eucharistic Ministers* Sally Fittsizer, Mike Schmidt, Lee Kinnebrew

*Acolytes* Serena Utter, Alex Wayland, Michael Wayland,  
James Wayland

*Ushers* Susan Borné, Herschel Cast, Josh Hill,  
Rettina Hill, Lisa McNeir

*Music* Dr. Colin MacKnight, Director of Music

Dr. Stephen Karr, Guest Organist

Trinity Choir

Trinity Cathedral Ringing Society

*Greeter* Linnie Lyle

*Cathedral Tour Guide* Caroline Hartstein

## Notes on the Notes

This morning's communion motet is a hymn anthem based on the well-known hymn "The King of Love my shepherd is." This piece is a paraphrase of Psalm 23, today's appointed psalm. Howells' "My eyes for beauty pine" is also hymnlike in that it consists of three verses, each sung to the same melody. It is selected for its relation to today's gospel.

Today is Lent IV, the halfway point in Lent. Traditionally, this day has been a respite from the austerity of the rest of the season. Customs vary depending on the church and the tradition, but some churches allow altar flowers, weddings, and the use (or more expanded use) of the organ. (Advent has a similar custom on Advent III, the midpoint of Advent.) This shift is reflected in today's music: the choral and organ music are more optimistic, the anthems are accompanied, and the organist will improvise rather than leaving extended silences.