



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II
December 8, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent

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.

PRELUDE

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, BWV 659

Johann Sebastian Bach

HYMN 59

HARK! A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING

Merton

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.**

KYRIE

HYMNAL S-91

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING

BARUCH 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.

For God will give you evermore the name,
“Righteous Peace, Godly Glory.”

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look toward the east,

and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;

but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God’s command.

For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,

with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 16 *Sung by the choir*

BENEDICTUS IN C

Charles Villiers Stanford

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us *
in the house of his servant David,
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, *
which have been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies, *
and from the hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, *
that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, *
all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, *
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord
to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *
for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God, *
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Text: Song of Zechariah (Luke 1: 68-79)

THE EPISTLE

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 54

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME!

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

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 3:1-6

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

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

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 II

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean our Presiding Bishop, John our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

I ask your thanksgiving for... *Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Celebrant 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 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

**Make a pledge, or year end gift
to the Trinity Operating Fund.**



THE HOLY COMMUNION

During the Offertory Hymn, ushers collect an offering from the congregation. The congregation is invited to stand while singing. Use the QR code to make a plate offering.



OFFERTORY HYMN 76

ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY

Winchester New

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 unto the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where 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 *sung by all*

HYMNAL S-114

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 hath 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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM *sung by all*

HYMNAL S-158

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.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

CANITE TUBA

Francisco Guerrero

*Canite tuba in Sion,
quia prope est dies Domini.
Ecce veniet ad salvandum nos.
Erunt prava in directa,
et aspera in vias planas:
Veni, Domine, et noli tardare.*

*Blow the trumpet in Zion,
for the day of the Lord is nigh.
Lo, He comes to our salvation.
The crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways plain.
Come, Lord, and do not delay.*

Text: Joel 2:1 and Isaiah 40:4

All are invited to sing the hymn.

HYMN 75

THERE'S A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS CRYING

Ascension

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN 67

COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

Psalm 42

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, BWV 661

Johann Sebastian Bach

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.

✠ ALTAR GIFTS ✠

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
THEIR PARENTS BETTY AND WALTER HUSSMAN, SR., AND MARY AND FRED A KENDRICK,
AND IN GRATEFUL THANKSGIVING FOR THEIR CHILDREN AND FAMILY
BY BEN AND WALTER HUSSMAN

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN GRATEFUL THANKSGIVING FOR
FRANCES PALMER AND LESLIE ELLIS FLANAGAN
BY THEIR PARENTS MEREDITH AND FRANK FLANAGAN

Make arrangements for a Christmas memorial by contacting Missy McCain
(missy@trinitylittlerock.org) by December 18.

Notes on the Notes: This morning’s voluntaries comprise two pieces by J.S. Bach based on today’s sequence hymn, Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, or “Come now, Savior of the nations.” These pieces belong to a set of large chorale preludes by Bach called the Great Eighteen Leipzig Chorales. Despite being based on the same tune, they vary dramatically. The first (BWV 659) presents the chorale (i.e. hymn tune) in a lyrical, highly ornamented manner, and the second (BWV 661) is an energetic fugue with the chorale in the pedal.

LITURGICAL LEADERS

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux, <i>Dean and Rector</i>
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Thomas Alexander, <i>Curate</i>
<i>Assisting Clergy</i>	The Rev. Susan Payne, <i>Priest Associate</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	Myra Kinnebrew, Richard Moore
<i>Intercessor</i>	Greg Albert
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	Lee Kinnebrew, Christy Kalder
<i>Acolytes</i>	Lily Morse, Serena Utter, Alex Wayland, Michael Wayland
<i>Children’s Liturgy Leader</i>	Marcia Wayland
<i>Music</i>	Dr. Colin MacKnight, <i>Director of Music</i> Jeremiah Mead, <i>Associate Director of Music</i> Trinity Cathedral Choir
<i>Ushers</i>	Herschel Cast, Tom Fennell, Tommy Jameson, Kerry McCoy, Grady McCoy
<i>Docent</i>	Scott Whitfield

Events and Information

This week at and around the Cathedral

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

Trinity News

Choral Complines in Advent

Come to Compline on Wednesday nights at 7:30 in Advent for a peaceful, beautiful conclusion to your day. Compline is a short service of night prayer with prayers, readings, and music. Traditionally, there are no musical instruments; the music is entirely a cappella. The Trinity Schola will sing for these services.

Breakfast and Bible Study

*Every Monday at 7:00 am
Community Bakery on Main Street*

Looking for a new weekday spiritual practice? Join us at our local Community Bakery as we begin the week and the work day by sharing breakfast and discussing the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. There's no prior preparation involved. Our time together on Monday makes Sunday even more meaningful. To learn more, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander (thomas@trinitylittlerock.org).

Young Adult Group

*Saturday, December 14 at 9:30 am
The Root Café on Main Street*

All those in their 20s and 30s are invited to gather at the Root Café for breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, December 14. We gather on the second Saturday of each month. To learn more, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander (thomas@trinitylittlerock.org).

Updated Weekday Worship Schedule

With the new liturgical year, we are offering a newly updated weekday worship schedule, which now includes Morning Prayer in Pierce Chapel at 8:30 am, Monday through Thursday. The complete schedule is as follows:

Monday

8:30 am, Morning Prayer, Pierce Chapel

Tuesday

8:30 am, Morning Prayer with Expansive Language, Pierce Chapel

Wednesday

8:30 am, Morning Prayer, Pierce Chapel

5:30 pm, Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers, Pierce Chapel

Thursday

8:30 am, Morning Prayer, Pierce Chapel

5:15 pm, Evening Prayer, Cathedral Chancel and Livestream

Give the Gift of Warmth

Please look for the WARM & FUZZY TREES in the Cathedral and Morrison Hall just waiting for your gifts! The Matthew 25 Outreach Committee will be collecting your Warm & Fuzzy gifts for children in need through Sunday, December 15. Just a reminder, we will NOT be collecting gloves, hats & scarves. The biggest need is for coats, jackets, fleece pullovers, sweaters for children of all ages—don't forget larger sizes for Teens. Newly purchased items are preferred, or very gently used. Financial gifts are welcome! Please mail to the Cathedral or place in the Offering, noting: Warm & Fuzzy Gift. Your Warm & Fuzzy gifts will be distributed to the children of Dorcas House, El Zócalo Resource Center and St. Francis House. As always, thank you very much for your very generous support of this Trinity Outreach program!!

