

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II January 6 at 7 p.m. Feast of the Epiphany with Baptism

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	Adagio from Suite No. 1	Daniel Ficarri
Нумп 119	As with gladness men of old	Dix
	THE WORD OF GOD	
MASS SETT	ING Missa ad Praesepe	George Malcolm
Celebrant People	Alleluia. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.	
Celebrant	There is one Body and one Spirit;	

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe. Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards 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, Jesus 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 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.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through 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

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.		
For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;		
but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.		
Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.		
Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you;		
your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.		
Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice,		
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.		
A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.		
They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.		
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.		

People Thanks be to God.

Lector

PSALM 72:1-7,10-14 sung by the choir in Anglican chant by Charles Villiers Stanford

Give the King your justice, O God, * Gand your righteousness to the King's Son;

That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice;

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.

He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * *from one generation to another.*

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, * and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

All kings shall bow down before him, * and all the nations do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, * and the oppressed who has no helper.

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; * he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, * and dear shall their blood be in his sight. This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 126

The people who in darkness walked

Dundee

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 2:1-12

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

`And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

PriestThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATE

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents I present Gray Gibson to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidate or of the parents and godparents.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

- Answer I renounce them.
- *Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?Answer I do.Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

The Celebrant says

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

- Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- *People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 - He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 - and born of the Virgin Mary.
 - He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

- He descended to the dead.
- On the third day he rose again.
- He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

- Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- *People* I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
- *Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
- *People* I will, with God's help.
- *Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
- People I will, with God's help.
- Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
- People I will, with God's help.

CelebrantWill you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?PeopleI will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader People	Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader People	Open their hearts to your grace and truth. Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader People	Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader People	Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church. Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader People	Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader People	Send them into the world in witness to your love. Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader People	Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory. Lord, hear our prayer.

A period of silence follows.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their

bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**.

THE BAPTISM

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon, the candidate, saying

Gray, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying to each one

Gray, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen**.

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen**.

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd 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. The congregation is invited to stand when the offering is brought forward.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

In the bleak midwinter

Harold Darke

In the bleak midwinter frosty winds made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, In the bleak midwinter long ago.

Our God, Heav'n cannot hold him nor earth sustain; Heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign: In the bleak midwinter astable place sufficed. The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day, A breastful of milk and a mangerful of hay: Enough for him, whom angels fall down before, The ox and ass and camel which adore.

What can I give him poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb, If I were a Wise Man I would do my part, Yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

Text by Christina Rossetti Soloists: Anna Squire and Tomas Baxter

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, PRAYER B

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.CelebrantLet us give thanks unto the Lord our God.PeopleIt 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

George Malcolm

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,	Holy, holy, holy
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	Lord God of Hosts.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.	Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Osanna in excelsis.	Hosanna in the highest.
Benedictus qui venit	Blessed is he that cometh
in nomine Domini.	in the name of the Lord.
Osanna in excelsis.	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 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

Agnus Dei

George Malcolm

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

> Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us 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.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

The Three Kings

Solo

Three Kings from Persian lands afar to Jordan follow the pointing star: and this the quest of the travellers three, where the new-born King of the Jews may be. Full royal gifts they bear for the King; Gold, incense, myrth are their offering.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray; the kings to Bethlehem make their way, and there in worship they bend the knee, as Mary's child in her lap they see; their royal gifts they show to the King; gold, incense, myrrh are their offering. Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem the Kings are travelling, travel with them! The star of mercy, the star of grace, shall lead thy heart to its resting place. Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring; offer thy heart to the infant King.

Chorale

How brightly shines the morning star! With grace and truth from heaven afar our Jesse tree now bloweth. Of Jacob's stem and David's line, for thee, my Bridegroom, King divine, my soul with love o'erfloweth. Thy word, Jesu, inly feeds us, rightly leads us, life bestowing. Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.

Text by Peter Cornelius Soloist: Josiah Wheeler

All are invited to sing the hymn.

Нуми 122

Alleluia, song of gladness

Urbs beata Jerusalem

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

Нуми 127

Earth has many a noble city

Stuttgart

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Épiphanie

Notes on the Notes: George Malcolm's *Missa ad Praesepe*, or "Mass at the Crib," is perhaps the quintessential mass setting for Christmas. George Malcolm was music director of Westminster Cathedral from 1947-1959 and was also a notable pianist, harpsichordist, organist, and conductor. The piece follows a clever tonal scheme. The Kyrie (which we are not singing tonight) is in D-flat major, the Gloria is an enharmonic minor third higher in E major, the Sanctus is another minor third higher in G major, the Benedictus is another minor third higher in B-flat, and then the Agnus is another enharmonic minor third higher in C-sharp minor, eventually shifting from minor to major to end in D-flat major, the key in which the work began. Put plainly, each movement ascends by a minor third until it comes full circle, arriving at the initial key.

Today's postlude, *Épiphanie* by the blind twentieth century French organist and composer Gaston Litaize, comes from a tradition of French organ music based on plainsong. Although it is not at all obvious, this piece is based on the Alleluia chant for the Feast of the Epiphany.

LITURGICAL LEADERS

Celebrant and Preacher	The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux, Dean and Rector
Assisting Clergy	The Rev. Thomas Alexander, Curate
	The Rev. Rob Leacock The Rev. Susan Payne
Lectors	Charliss Russ, Barry Coplin
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Missy McCain, Emma Mitchell
Acolytes	Harper Bennings, Mary Eleanor Felton, Marshall Pittman, Serena Utter
Music	Dr. Colin MacKnight, <i>Director of Music</i> Jeremiah Mead, <i>Associate Director of Music</i> Trinity Cathedral Choir
Ushers	Herschel Cast, Harold Joyner, Michelle McLellen, Ann Morledge, George Morledge

Trinity News

Children & Youth Events in January 2025!

Sunday, January 5, 9:15 a.m. Children's Formation (K-5th) resumes! Wednesday January 15, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Community Dinner + Koinonia Worship Saturday, January 25, 10:00 a.m. Cooking in Bloom Class for Youth Wednesday, January 29 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Community Dinner + Family Service Project: Hope Sacks for CALS

Young Adults' Group

Saturday, January 11, 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*).

Book Club: The Christian Imagination by Willie James Jennings

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, beginning January 8 Baker Parlor in Keller House

On Wednesday, January 8, the Cathedral's Book Club will start our next book, The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race by Willie James Jennings. A groundbreaking account of the potential and failures of Christianity since the colonialist period, The Christian Imagination is now widely recognized as a theological masterpiece. This will be a chance to study Professor Jennings' work before his Insights Lecture on Friday, April 4. The book is not available for purchase locally, but it is readily available on Amazon and as an audiobook. Interested? Contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander. Below is the reading schedule:

- January 8 Introduction, pages 1–11
- January 15 Chapter 1, pages 15–64
- January 22 Chapter 2, pages 65–116
- January 29 Chapter 3, pages 119-168
- February 5 Chapter 4, pages 169-203
- February 12 Chapter 5, pages 207-249
- February 19 Chapter 6 and Conclusion, pages 250-294

Bible Study: The Gospel of Luke with Martin Luther

Sundays at 9:15 am, beginning January 12 Conference Room in Keller House On January 12, our Sunday morning Bible Study will begin reading the Gospel of Luke. During this four-week class, we will also study the sixteenth century reformer, Martin Luther, and his own interpretation of Luke's Gospel. 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 learn more, or to sign up for the Bible Study's emails, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander (thomas@trinitylittlerock.org). Below is the reading schedule:

January 12 – Luke 1–2	January 26 – Luke 10–19:27
January 19 – Luke 3–9	February 2 – Luke 19:28–24:53

Bach Organ Recitals

Wednesdays from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m., beginning January 8

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. Bach is indisputably the most important composer of organ music, but due to the difficulty and quantity of Bach's organ music, very few organists ever perform the complete works.

Bach's organ oeuvre comprises about 18 hours of music: six trio sonatas, 43 preludes and fugues and other free works, four trios, five miscellaneous pieces, five concertos, and over 200 chorale preludes (pieces based on Lutheran hymn tunes). Colin will perform most of these works in lunchtime recitals on Wednesdays from 12:15 to 12:45. These weekly recitals will begin on January 8th, pause for Holy Week (April 16) and Easter week (April 23), and continue through May. They will resume in the fall on September 10.

The Catechumenate

Sundays in Lent and Easter, 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm, beginning March 9 Lounge in Keller House

Are you interested in deepening your life of faith as a Christian? Or are you interested in revisiting the foundations 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 of the Church but desire to be received into the Episcopal Church). This small-group gathers weekly through Lent and Easter to share an evening meal, to pray together, 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. To learn more or to sign up, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander (*thomas@trinitylittlerock.org*).