



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant and People **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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING

ACTS 9:1-6, (7-20)

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." *[The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.]*

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And

immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."]

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 30 *Exaltabo te, Domine*

Sung by the choir to Anglican Chant

Gerald Knight

**I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.**

**O LORD my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.**

**You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.**

**Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.**

**For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.**

**Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.**

**While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. *
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."**

**Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.**

**I cried to you, O LORD; *
I pleaded with the LORD, saying,**

**"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?**

**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; *
O LORD, be my helper."**

**You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.**

**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.**

THE EPISTLE

REVELATION 5:11-14

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 21:1-19

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

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

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for

they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

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

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing

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.

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.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world...

...By whom, and with whom, and in 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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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 BLESSING

The Celebrant says,

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia**

✠ ALTAR GIFTS ✠

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF

BOBBIE WALLACE

BY DON, NITA, GRANT, JASON, GABRIEL, BECCA, DON II, AND ASHLEY

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Celebrant

The Rev. Thomas Alexander, *Curate*

Preacher

The Rev. Danny Schieffler, *Interim Vicar*

Lector and Lay Eucharistic Minister

Charliss Russ

UPCOMING EVENTS

Broadway in Bloom: An event benefiting the Broadway Community Garden Featuring P. Allen Smith

Sunday, May 4 at 12:30 p.m.

We are honored to welcome one of America's most recognized garden experts to Morrison Hall to discuss the Power of Pollinators: Orchestrating vegetables, herbs and flowers successfully, followed by a container demonstration and a Q & A. Eventgoers will also get the chance to shop a one-day-only market in the Garth and tour the Broadway Community Garden.

All ticket sales and portions of the market proceeds will go to funding the Broadway Community Garden and its efforts to provide educational opportunities through gardening, promote access to healthy and locally-grown food, biodiversity, and foster connection.

\$75 registration includes a light lunch.

Mother's Day Purse Drive

May 4 at the 10:30 Service

The Matthew 25 Outreach Committee is happy to announce our wonderful Mother's Day Purse-giving project that benefits so many mothers who, unfortunately, miss out on their special day.

Our goal is to collect 200 purse gifts this year. Please bring your gifts to the Cathedral on **Sunday, May 4** for a special blessing of this ministry, or drop your gifts by the Cathedral office if you are unable to attend May 4.

Place your purse and goodies in a gift bag with decorative tissue, ribbon and a Happy Mother's Day card that a child can sign.

OR, if you're not a shopper: A monetary gift is welcome (note for Purse Gifts). Send to Trinity Cathedral, 310 W. 17th Street, LR 72206; or, place in the offering.

Trinity Cathedral Ringing Society to Ring for VE Day

May 8 at 12:30 p.m.

Eighty years after victory was declared in Europe, Little Rock will experience a taste of the joyfulness of that day when the Cathedral's eight massive tower bells peal at precisely 12:30 p.m. in solidarity with bell towers all across the United Kingdom. The Trinity Cathedral Ringing Society has been invited to participate by the VE Day 80 organization. Bell ringers will synchronize their performance with that of the English bell towers across the sea.

For more information about the Trinity Cathedral Ringing Society's participation in this historic event, please contact TCRS Tower Captain Julie Keller at 501-454-8369.

Today
Monday

5 pm, Catechumenate C
7 am, Breakfast and Bible
8:30 am, Morning Prayer
5:30 pm, Dean Search C

Tuesday



Register

Thursday

5:15 pm, Evening Prayer
7 pm, Choir rehearsal

8:30
Wed
12:1
4 pm
5 pm
5:30
6:30
6:30
8:30

Recognition Sunday

Sunday, May 18

Reception in the Garth following 10:30 am service

Please join us on Recognition Sunday to honor those who volunteer their time and talents to our

8:30 am Morning Prayer

During Morning Prayer service, we will offer prayers and recognitions. Afterwards, all are

Back Organ Recital

on Choir and Chapel

Trinity Ringing Society Practice

pm, Eucharist with Healing Prayers

We will next celebrate the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, June 1 at 10:30 am when

Book Club

Bishop Harmon visits Trinity, and then on Sunday, June 8 at 10:30 am for the Day of Pentecost.

Sacred Feminine Program (Harrison House)

pm, Morning Prayer

Please contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander (thomas@trinitylittlerock.org) if you or any member

of your family would like to be baptized on one of these days.

Ascension Day

Thursday, May 29 at 7 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate Ascension Day, the day we remember Jesus' ascent into heaven 40 days

after his resurrection, and one of the seven principal feasts of the Church. Music will be led by

the Trinity Choir and members of the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, and incense will be used.

A festive reception will follow in Morrison Hall.

ADULT FORMATION

Book Club: *The Reason for God* by Tim Keller

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (beginning April 23)

Conference Room in Keller House

For Easter, Trinity's Book Club will read *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism* by

the late Timothy Keller. This book addresses the frequent doubts that skeptics, and even ardent

believers, have about religion—a worthwhile read for the Easter season. Tim Keller was hailed as

the “C. S. Lewis for the 21st century,” and *The Reason for God* was a *New York Times* bestseller.

Copies of *The Reason for God* are available for order at WordsWorth Books with 2–3 day delivery

and with a 10% discount available for Trinity Cathedral. To sign up, contact the Rev. Thomas

Alexander (thomas@trinitylittlerock.org).

April 23: Preface, Introduction, Chapter 1

April 30: Chapters 2–4

May 7: Chapters 5–7

May 14: Chapters 8–9

May 21: Chapters 10–11

May 28: Chapters 12–14, Epilogue

Exploring the Sacred Feminine

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

In the Christian tradition, the liturgical season of Easter follows Easter Sunday. The name Easter is actually an ancient name for the Great Goddess. She is imbued with the power of creation and new life, two of the primary values of the rising consciousness of the Sacred Feminine in our day.

To intentionally observe this Easter season, and to offer a balance to the penance of Lent, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral is hosting a series of speakers. They will discuss their encounters and experiences with the feminine aspect of God and the conscious role she plays in their lives. The presenters will be Stuart Hoke, April 30; Susan Sims Smith, May 7; Thomas Alexander, May 14; Clarke Tucker, May 21; Larry Maze, May 28; and Lisa Thorpe, June 4.

If you have been curious about the feminine aspect of God, please join us. For more information, please email The Rev. Patricia Lewis Matthews at executivedirector@theinterfaithcenter.org.

Be Still and Know That I Am God

Sundays, April 27 through May 25

9:15 a.m. in Baker Parlor

The Rev. Danny Schieffler will lead a six-week introduction to the practice of contemplation, using the method of Centering Prayer. No preparation is required. Each week, we will spend a few minutes reading aloud from *Open Mind, Open Heart* by Thomas Keating, followed by a discussion. We will then spend a few minutes in silence.

Nearly 30 years ago, I felt like my life was falling apart—and that's when someone introduced me to Centering Prayer. This practice of silence changed everything. I began to experience a peace, a healing, and a strength in my life that I had never known before.

If this sounds like something you could use in your life, please join me in Baker Parlor on April 27 at 9:15 AM. The book is widely available from the book seller of your choice.

Bible Study: Romans with Beverly Gaventa

Sundays at 9:15 am (beginning April 27)

Conference Room in Keller House

For Easter, our Sunday morning Bible Study will study Paul's letter to the Romans. During this five-week class, participants are invited to read *When In Romans: An Invitation to Linger with the Gospel according to Paul*, a short, accessible introduction to Romans by one of the world's leading New Testament scholars, Beverly Gaventa. Saint Paul and Dr. Gaventa will be wonderful companions to our Easter season celebrations. Copies of *When in Romans* are available for order at WordsWorth Books with 2–3 day delivery and with a 10% discount available for Trinity Cathedral. To sign up, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander (thomas@trinitylittlerock.org).

April 27: Romans 1:1–17; Gaventa, Introduction

May 4: Romans 1–3; Gaventa, Chapter 1

May 18: Romans 12–14; Gaventa, Chapter 3

May 11: Romans 4–11; Gaventa, Chapter 2

May 25: Romans 15–16; Gaventa, Chapter 4 and Conclusion