

The Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025, 10:30 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.

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.

Hymns are found in the red hymnal.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

PRELUDE CHACONNE FROM PARTITA NO. 2 IN D MINOR FOR UNACCOMPANIED VIOLIN, BWV 1004

Johann Sebastian Bach

(arr. MacKnight)

Hymn 180

He is risen, he is risen!

Unser Herrscher

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia. People

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.

Hymn of Praise 199

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

St. Kevin

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for eyer. **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

 \mathbf{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 SECOND READING 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.

Hymn 231

By all your saints still striving

King's Lynn

Verse 2: Praise for the light from heaven and for the voice of awe:

Praise for the glorious vision the persecutor saw.

O Lord, for Paul's conversion, we bless your Name today.

Come shine within our darkness and guide us in the Way.

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 JOHN 21:1-19

Priest

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

People (

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 to you, Lord 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: FORM VI

The Intercessor and people pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and John our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The people may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The people may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The people may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant says

Grant, Lord God, to all who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, that, as we have put away the old life of sin, so we may be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

THE PEACE

The people stand.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

During the Offertory Anthem, ushers collect an offering from the congregation.

Use the QR code to make a plate offering.



During the Offertory Anthem, representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread, wine, money, and other gifts to the Celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar.

ANTHEM

Alleluia, I heard a voice - Thomas Weelkes

Alleluia, I heard a voice as of strong thunderings, saying: Alleluia.

Salvation and glory and honour and power be unto the Lord our God and to the Lamb for evermore. Alleluia.

Text: Revelation 19:1, 6 (adapted)

Soloist: Alan Rackley

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - PRAYER A

BCP 361

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 to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 sung by all

HYMNAL S-125

The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son,...

... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

...All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 has 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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM sung by all

HYMNAL S-155

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.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

COMMUNION MOTET

My beloved spake

Patrick Hadley

My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;

The flowers appear on the earth;

the time of the singing of birds is come,

and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;

The fig-tree putteth forth her green figs,

and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell.

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Text: Song of Solomon 2:10-13

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

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 Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

Hymn 495

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

In Babilone

THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

ÉTUDE HÉROÏQUE, Op. 38

Rachel Laurin

≈ 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

To the glory of God and in Loving memory of Cecil Brady By Jason Brady, Grant Wallace, and Gabriel Wallace

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Dianne Mattison

by her friends

Notes on the Notes:

Today's prelude is an organ transcription made of Bach's Chaconne for violin, indisputably the most important piece of music written for unaccompanied violin. A chaconne is a set of variations based on a repeating chord progression. Bach's handling of the variation form is so creative and imaginative, however, that it is not obvious that one is listening to the same harmonic progression on repeat for 16 minutes! About the Bach Chaconne, Brahms wrote, "On one stave, for a small instrument, the man writes a whole world of the deepest thoughts and most powerful feelings. If I imagined that I could have created, even conceived the piece, I am quite certain that the excess of excitement and earth-shattering experience would have driven me out of my mind."

Rachel Laurin was a French Canadian composer who sadly died in August of 2023 at the age of only 62. She is one of the most frequently performed contemporary organ composers and her *Étude Héroïque* is one of her most frequently played pieces. It begins with an introduction and flashy pedal cadenza and then goes into a colorful, dramatic, and virtuosic theme and variations.

LITURGICAL LEADERS

The Rt. Rev. John T. W. Harmon, Bishop of Arkansas, Dean Pro Tempore

Celebrant The Rev. Canon Chris Keller, III

Preacher The Rev. Danny Schieffler, Interim Vicar

Assisting Clergy The Rev. Thomas Alexander, Curate

Lectors Josie Felton, Christoph Keller

Intercessor Alan Rackley

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Sally Fittsizer, Mike Schmidt

Children's Liturgy Leader Marcia Wayland

Acolytes

Ushers

Music Dr. Colin MacKnight, Director of Music

Jeremiah Mead, Associate Director of Music

Trinity Cathedral Choir Trinity Cathedral Ringing Society

Herschel Cast, Matt McCoy, Michelle McLellen, Richard Moore, Lisa Thorpe

Docent Michelle McLellen

Events and Information

This week at and around the Cathedral

Today 5 pm, Catechumenate Class

Monday 7 am, Breakfast and Bible Study

8:30 am, Morning Prayer

5:30 pm, Dean Search Committee Meeting

Tuesday 8:30 am, Morning Prayer Wednesday 8:30 am, Morning Prayer

> 12:15 pm, Bach Organ Recital 4 pm, Trinity Chorister Rehearsal

5 pm, Trinity Ringing Society Practice 5:30 pm, Eucharist with Healing Prayers

6:30 pm, Book Club

6:30 pm, Sacred Feminine Program (Harrison House)

Thursday 8:30 am, Morning Prayer

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Trinity Cathedral Ringing Society to Ring for VE Day

May 8 at 12:30 p.m.

Confetti showering down on Times Square, street parties, parades, even a young princess slipping out of Buckingham Palace to dance and sing with her future subjects—these are all iconic images of the exuberation that burst forth on Victory in Europe (V-E) Day on May 8, 1945.

Eighty years later, Little Rock will experience a taste of that joyfulness 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.

Recognition Sunday

Sunday, May 18

Reception in Garth following 10:30 am service

Please join us on Recognition Sunday to honor those who volunteer their time and talents to our parish. During the 10:30 am service, we will offer prayers and recognitions. Afterwards, all are invited to a festive reception in the Garth. If you have volunteered at Trinity over the past year in any way, please stop by the reception to receive a small token of our appreciation.

Holy Baptism on June 1 and June 8

We will next celebrate the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, June 1 at 10:30 am when Bishop Harmon visits Trinity, and then on Sunday, June 8 at 10:30 am for the Day of Pentecost. 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.

Bishop's Visitation

Sunday, June 1

Join us on Sunday, June 1 for Bishop Harmon's annual visitation to Trinity. Bishop Harmon will preach and celebrate at both the 8:00 am and 10:30 am services, and we will celebrate Holy Baptism, Confirmation, Reaffirmation, and Reception at the 10:30 am service. Bishop Harmon will lead a forum in Morrison Hall at 9:15 am. Following the 10:30 am service, join us for a parish cook-out in the Garth. The church will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, and fixins. Parishioners are invited to bring sides and desserts.

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

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 |
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| 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 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 *executive director@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

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 11: Romans 4–11; Gaventa, Chapter 2

May 18: Romans 12–14; Gaventa, Chapter 3 May 25: Romans 15–16; Gaventa, Chapter 4 and Conclusion