



TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 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 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 *Dominus regit me*

The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

THE SECOND READING

REVELATION 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!
Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Lector
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Priest

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

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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 HOLY COMMUNION

*At this time ushers collect an offering from the congregation.
Use the QR code to make a plate offering.*



✻ ALTAR GIFTS ✻

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN GRATEFUL THANKSGIVING FOR
KATHERINE ALLEN
BY JACKSON, THOMAS AND WALLIS ALLEN

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
THEIR MOTHERS PAULETTE WILLIAMS BADLY AND JILL COLE WATKINS
BY JACK HARVEY AND JENNIFER WILSON HARVEY

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
OTTIS, ORA AND CATHERINE CROCKER
BY ELSA AND CHARLES CROCKER

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN GRATEFUL THANKSGIVING FOR
THE WARREN STEPHENS FAMILY
BY THE SCOTT FAMILY

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN GRATEFUL THANKSGIVING FOR
THE WEDDING OF TIMO AND PENNY ANDERSON
MARRIED IN THIS CATHEDRAL YESTERDAY

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.**

The Celebrant continues

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**

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Celebrant

The Rev. Thomas Alexander, *Curate*

Preacher

The Rev. Danny Schieffler, *Interim Vicar*

Lector and Lay Eucharistic Minister

Charliss Russ

TRINITY DEBT RELIEF CAMPAIGN

“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” – 2 Corinthians 9:8

Please help with Trinity’s effort to pay off our financial debt! Our goal is to raise \$350,000 to make Trinity fully debt-free, which will free up nearly \$50,000 a year for ministry. Getting this debt paid will empower us to look to the future with excitement and creativity, and it will strengthen our case to call our next Dean & Rector. As of this week, we are approximately 60% toward that goal.

As a guide, we are asking parishioners to consider adding 25% of your annual gift to Trinity to your 2025 contribution and giving that toward this campaign. We are hoping to have the funds committed by June 8 and raised by September 1.

You can pledge or make a gift with the QR Codes or links below:

Make a Gift



bit.ly/TrinityDebtGift

Make a Pledge



bit.ly/TrinityDebtPledge

Events and Information

This week at and around the Cathedral

Today	4 pm, Choral Evensong with Holy Eucharist 5 pm, Catechumenate Class
Monday	7 am, Breakfast and Bible Study 8:30 am, Morning Prayer
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, St. Cecilia Singers Rehearsal 5 pm, Trinity Ringing Society Practice 5:30 pm, Eucharist with Healing Prayers 5:30 pm, Family Garden Event 6:30 pm, Book Club 6:30 pm, Sacred Feminine Program (Harrison House)
Thursday	8:30 am, Morning Prayer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Event at Broadway Community Garden

Wednesday, May 14 at 5:30 p.m.

Come join us for family fun at the Broadway Community Garden on Wednesday May 14th at 5:30. Come paint rocks to decorate the garden and learn about how amazing seeds are!

“Still other seeds fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown” (Luke 8:8).

We will have fun treats and perhaps something fresh from the garden. Please meet at the lower level of the garden by going down the alley off of West 17th Street directly before the fenced parking lot starts.

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.

Daughters of the King Discernment and Training

Sunday, May 18 at 11:45 a.m.

The Trinity Cathedral Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King will begin a new members class for discernment and training in June.

First, we will have an informational meeting on Sunday, May 18, in Baker Parlor right after the 10:30 service, for women who are interested in learning more about DOK and joining our chapter. If you've ever wanted to know more about the Daughters of the King and what we do, this is your chance.

Please join us! If you have questions, contact Sarah Henry @ sarahhenry501@gmail.com or 501-690-1896.

Final Evensong of the Season

May 18 at 4 p.m.

Join us for the last Choral Evensong service of Spring. The service will be followed by a reception in Morrison Hall. Evensong services will return in September.

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.

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.

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.

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).

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 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 Sundays at 9:15 a.m.