



TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 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, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING

ACTS 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 67 *Deus misereatur*

**May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.**

**Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *

let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

THE SECOND READING

REVELATION 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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.**

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

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 LOVING MEMORY OF
THE REVEREND ROBERT M COOPER, SR.
BY HIS WIFE DR. ANN HEDGE-CARRUTHERS

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. Rob Leacock, *Chaplain, Episcopal Collegiate School*

Lector and Lay Eucharistic Minister

Ken Dick

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 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 August 15.

You can pledge or make a gift with the QR Codes or links below or pick up a pledge card in the back of the church.

Make a Gift



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Make a Pledge



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Events and Information

This week at and around the Cathedral

Today	5 p.m., Catechumenate Class
Monday	Cathedral Offices Closed
Tuesday	8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer 7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer 5 p.m., Trinity Ringing Society Practice 5:30 p.m., Eucharist with Healing Prayers 6:30 p.m., Book Club 6:30 p.m., Sacred Feminine Program (Harrison House)
Thursday	8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer 5:15 p.m., Evening Prayer 7 p.m., Holy Eucharist for Ascension Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

“A House of Prayer for All People”: Discerning Cathedral Identity

Sundays, May 25 – June 15 at 9:15 am

Morrison Hall, with breakfast served

Who are we as Trinity Cathedral? And where is the Holy Spirit leading us next? Join us in Morrison Hall for a four-week series on discerning our identity as a Cathedral parish, led by Father Danny, Father Thomas, and Bishop Harmon. Breakfast will be served. This will be a great way for the congregation to participate in this season of transition as we search for our next Dean and Rector.

Broadway Community Garden Maintenance and Harvesting

The Broadway Community Garden is dedicated to growing fresh produce and fostering community connections. It will only thrive with the assistance of the many members of our church. **Anyone can volunteer! No gardening experience is required!**

As a volunteer at the garden, during your assigned week, you will be asked to check in on the garden 3-4 times. We will send you a detailed instruction sheet, provide any tools you may need, and we will provide a contact who will be readily available to answer questions you have. Your tasks will include checking on the watering system and pruning and maintaining the plant beds

early in the week and then harvesting produce on Fridays and storing in a church refrigerator. You are also encouraged to take home any produce you would like during your volunteer week as a thank you!

We sincerely hope that many members of the church will join us in cultivating this ministry.

Sign up at <https://bit.ly/BCGardenHelp>

Ascension Day

Thursday, May 29 at 7 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate Holy Eucharist for 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.

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.

2025 SoMa Pride Booth Support!

Saturday, June 7

10:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Together with Christ Episcopal Church, we're hosting a downtown Episcopal churches booth at the 2025 Pride Parade on Main St! Swing by the booth anytime that day or sign up to be a welcoming and inclusive presence by working a shift. We'll have stickers, a photo booth, and an all around great time! Sign up to help here ----->



EYC @ the Travs!

Wednesday, June 11

6:15 p.m. at Dickey-Stephens Park

Come hang with other Convocational Youth (rising 6th-12th graders) at an AR Travelers game! We've got your ticket covered, plan to bring money for food/snacks. RSVP for ticket headcount by June 8. Questions? Contact Emma Mitchell at emma@trinitylittlerock.org

June Playground Hangout

Second Saturday, June 14

9:00-11:00 a.m., corner of 16th & Center St

Families with kids 6ish and under are invited for a casual playground hangout on Saturday morning. We'll have coffee, lemonade/juice for kids, and snacks.

Future dates: July 12, August 9. Questions? Contact Emma Mitchell at emma@trinitylittlerock.org