



# TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
*A house of prayer for all people*

Ascension Day

April 29, 2025, 7 p.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

### EASTER CHORALES FROM DAS ORGELBÜCHLEIN

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN, BWV 625

JESUS CHRISTUS, UNSER HEILAND, BWV 626

ERSTANDEN IST DER HEIL'GE CHRIST, BWV 628

ERSCHIENEN IST DER HERRLICHE TAG, BWV 629

HEUT TRIUMPHIERET GOTTES SOHN, BWV 630

### HYMN 57

### LO! HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING

*Helmsley*

### MASS SETTING

### MISSA QUARTI TONI

*Tomás Luis de Victoria*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*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.**

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

Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father  
Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon  
us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our  
prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the  
Father, have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**PSALM 118:14-29 *Confitemini Domino* Sung by the choir to Anglican Chant

Ivor Atkins

**T**he LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.

*There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:*

*“The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”*

*I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the LORD.*

*The LORD has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.*

*Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.*

*“This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
he who is righteous may enter.”*

*I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.*

*The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.*

*This is the LORD’s doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.*

*On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

*Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! \*  
LORD, send us now success.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; \*  
we bless you from the house of the LORD.*

*God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; \*  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.*

*“You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”*

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.*

## THE SECOND READING

REVELATION 1:4-8

**J**ohn to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN 324

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

*Picardy*

*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.*

*Priest*

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

*People***Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**W**hen it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*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

### O SONS AND DAUGHTERS

*Henry Walford Davies*

*Alleluia!*

*O sons and daughters, let us sing!  
The King of Heaven, the glorious King,  
Over death today rose triumphing.*

*Alleluia!*

*That Easter morn, at break of day,  
The faithful women went their way  
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.*

*Alleluia!*

*An angel clad in white they see,  
Who sat, and spake unto the three,  
"Your Lord doth go to Galilee."*

*Alleluia!*

*That night th'apostles met in fear;  
Amidst them came their Lord most dear,  
And said, "My peace be on all here."*

*Alleluia!*

*How blessed are they who have not seen,  
And yet whose faith has constant been;  
For they eternal life shall win.*

*Alleluia!*

*On this most holy day of days  
Our hearts and voices, Lord, we raise  
To Thee, in jubilee and praise.*

*Alleluia!*

*Text by Jean Tisserand (trans. J.M. Neale)  
Soloists: Anna Squire, Paige Cullins, Grady McCoy*



*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 AND BENEDICTUS

*Sung by the choir*

*Tomás Luis de Victoria*

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,*

Holy, holy, holy

*Dominus Deus Sabaoth.*

Lord God of Hosts.

*Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.*

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

*Hosanna in excelsis.*

Hosanna in the highest.

*Benedictus qui venit*

Blessed is he that cometh

*in nomine Domini.*

in the name of the Lord.

*Hosanna in excelsis.*

Hosanna in the highest.

*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

### AGNUS DEI

*Tomás Luis de Victoria*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.*

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

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

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

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Ushers will direct you to the altar rail. Please let an usher know if you need Holy Communion brought to you.*

### MUSIC AT COMMUNION

#### COMMUNION MOTET

QUIA VIDISTI ME, THOMA

*Orlando di Lasso*

*Quia vidisti me, Thoma, credidisti:*

*beati qui non viderunt, et crediderunt.*

*Alleluia.*

Because thou hast seen me, Thomas, thou hast believed:  
blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

Alleluia.

*Text: John 20:29*

## 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 192

## THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE

*Vruechten*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

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

## POSTLUDE

TOCCATA FROM SYMPHONIE NO. 5 IN F MINOR, OP. 42, NO. 1 *Charles-Marie Widor*

*Notes on the Notes:*

This morning's prelude comprises the Easter section of Bach's *Orgelbüchlein*. The *Orgelbüchlein* is a set of 46 small scale chorale preludes (pieces based on Lutheran hymn tunes) which work their way through the liturgical year. Despite the brevity of these pieces (many are under a minute), they are excellent and profound organ works. In his book, *Bach: the Orgelbüchlein*, Russell Stinson writes, "The *Orgelbüchlein* is simultaneously a compositional treatise, a collection of liturgical organ music, an organ method, and a theological statement. These four identities are so closely intertwined that it is hard to know where one leaves off and another begins."

Today's anthems both relate to today's gospel about Thomas's doubts around Jesus' resurrection.

This morning's postlude is a special treat to those who come to church on the Sunday after Easter, despite the previous week's busy liturgical schedule!

## LITURGICAL LEADERS

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

*Celebrant*

The Rev. Danny Schieffler, *Interim Vicar*

*Preacher*

The Rev. Thomas Alexander, *Curate*

*Lectors*

Justin Craig, Debbie Kincaid

*Intercessor*

Sheila Mehaffy

*Lay Eucharistic Ministers*

Christoph Keller, Jane McMullin

*Children's Liturgy Leader*

Marcia Wayland

*Acolytes*

Jacob Meaux, Woodrow Meaux, Serena Utter

*Music*

Dr. Colin MacKnight, Director of Music  
Jeremiah Mead, Associate Director of Music

*Choral Soloists*

Paige Cullins, Stephanie Smittle, Grady McCoy, Josiah Wheeler

*Orchestra*

*Violin 1*

Kiril Laskarov, Concertmaster  
Drew Irvin

*Violin 2*

Meredith Hicks, Principal  
Katherine Williamson

*Cello*

David Gerstein, Principal

*Bass*

Russell Thompson, Principal

*Oboe*

Leanna Renfro, Principal  
Beth Wheeler

*Trumpet*

Ross Ahlhorn, Principal  
Andrew Stadler

*Bassoon*

Susan Leon, Principal

*Timpani*

Erick Saoud

*Ushers*

Herschel Cast, Harold Joyner, Ann Morledge, George Morledge

*Docent*

Scott Whitfield