



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 1, 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, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING

ACTS 16:9-15

ACTS 16:16-34

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself,

for we are all here.” The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 97 *Dominus regnavit exultet terra*

**The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.**

**Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.**

**A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.**

**His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.**

**The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.**

**The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.**

**Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.**

**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O Lord.**

**For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.**

**The Lord loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

**Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.**

**Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.**

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:

“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 17:20-26

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

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

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 loose plate offering today will go to the Bishop's Fund (see back page).

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,

May the risen Christ who has passed into the heavens clothe you with power from on high; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among 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**

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TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN CELEBRATION OF
TODAY'S CANDIDATES FOR
BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION AND REAFFIRMATION

PARTICIPATING TODAY

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

Assisting Clergy

The Rev. Danny Schieffler, *Interim Vicar*

The Rev. Thomas Alexander, *Curate*

Lector and Lay Eucharistic Minister

Judy Barger

Events and Information

This week at and around the Cathedral

Today	4 p.m., Final Choral Evensong with Holy Eucharist followed by a reception 5 p.m., Catechumenate Class
Monday	7 a.m., Breakfast Bible Study 8 a.m., Vacation Bible School (all week) 8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer
Tuesday	8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer
Wednesday	8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer 5 p.m., Trinity Ringing Society Practice 5:30 p.m., Eucharist with Healing Prayers
Thursday	8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer 5:15 p.m., Evening Prayer
Saturday	10:30 a.m., SoMa PRIDE Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcoming Council Formed

A new group with the charge to invite, welcome and connect with visitors and members alike has been formed, bringing together folks from Trinity's divergent ministry groups. The Welcome Council is chaired by Kerry McCoy and is made up of members of the ushers, greeters, docents, children's ministry, chefs, and staff.

This past Sunday the group brought back name tags so we can all get to know each other again, and beginning June 8 will offer cookies and lemonade following the 10:30 service. Another initiative is to introduce new members in the Message newsletter, so look for that in the next issue.

If you would like to be involved in a welcoming ministry reach out to Kerry at kerry@flagandbanner.com

Daughters of the King Discernment & Training

The Trinity Cathedral Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King will begin a new members class for discernment and training in mid-June. If you are interested in learning more about DOK, please contact one of our members or Sarah Henry at sarahhenry501@gmail.com or 501-690-1896.

“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. **Hot 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.

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

Trinitas Ensemble Spring Concert

Friday, June 13th at 7 pm at Trinity

The Trinitas Ensemble will present its first-ever concert at Trinity on Friday, June 13 at 7 pm! The program is bookended by two Bach motets in commemoration of the 275th anniversary of his death, and will also include works by Brahms, Howells, Pearsall, Praetorius, Daley, Antognini, Ramsey, and Chesnokov. A reception will follow the concert. Tickets cost \$15 and are free for minors. Visit tinyurl.com/38wkse2j to book tickets.

The Bishop's Fund

The Bishop's Fund consists of gifts that are not a part of the normal operating income of the diocese. The fund focuses on work in three areas:

- Assisting people
- Assisting congregations
- Assisting organizations that do God's work

Gifts help people and ministries both in Arkansas and beyond, as in individual financial assistance, gifts to congregations, help after disasters, and supporting the work of Christians throughout the world. You may give to this fund by putting cash or a check marked "Bishop's Fund" in the offering plate, or by texting 'EPISCOAR' to 73256.

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.

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