



**TRINITY**  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
*A house of prayer for all people*

The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 20, 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* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*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 Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

### THE FIRST READING

GENESIS 18:1-10A

**T**he LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My LORD, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on-- since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 15** *Domine, quis habitabit? sung by the choir*

*Plainsong (Tone 1.7)*

**L**ORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.**

**There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.**

**In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the LORD.**

**He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.**

**He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

**Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.**

## THE SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 1:15-28

**C**hrist Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

*Lector*  
*People*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Deacon*

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

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

**A**s Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

*Deacon*

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

*Deacon* 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 CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Deacon* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Deacon and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*The Celebrant says the Comfortable Words.*

## 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 GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

BCP 340

*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* 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 DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



✻ ALTAR GIFTS ✻

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN GRATEFUL THANKSGIVING FOR  
SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF MARRIAGE TO CAROLYN BY  
PETER HARTSTEIN

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
L'MOORE S. ALFORD AND DR. DALE ALFORD, SR.  
BY ANNE WINANS

LITURGICAL LEADERS

*Celebrant*

The Rev. Thomas Alexander, *Curate*

*Preacher*

The Rev. Danny Schieffler, *Interim Vicar*

*Deacon*

The Rev. Dr. Susan Loy Lyon

*Lector and Lay Eucharistic Minister*

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The past weeks have been busy laying the groundwork for our search/recruitment. The “Have Your Say” townhall was a big success: over 80 of you had your say and gave numerous ideas and opinions. Thank you for making the time to attend.

The Church Assessment Survey was also successfully completed by 170 of you and the reports are beginning to help us understand more clearly how you feel about our parish and what you want the future to look like. Again, thank you for taking the time for your contribution to this effort.

Over the next month, the committee and the vestry will be processing these data and then condensing them into a readable, attractive format (what is known as the Parish Profile) that will help us articulate who we are at Trinity and attract our next spiritual leader.

Please remember to pray for this process.

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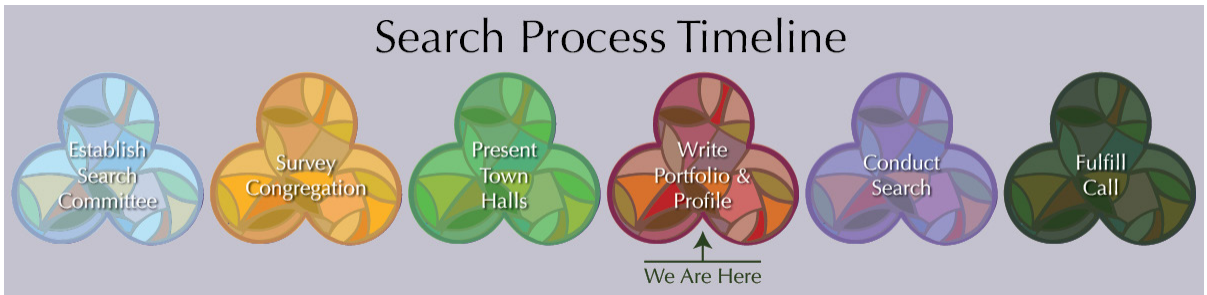
Please join us for coffee and continental breakfast after the service in Morrison Hall.

### EVENTS AND INFORMATION

#### **This week at and around the Cathedral**

Monday	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

#### **Dean and Rector Search/Recruitment Update**



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Come Make a Joyful Noise

This summer, Trinity is having a weekly “pick-up” choir on Sunday mornings. The choir meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 to rehearse music for the 10:30 eucharist. This allows people to try out choir without Thursday night rehearsals, evensongs, and with relatively simple music. Reach out to Colin MacKnight at [colin@trinitylittlerock.org](mailto:colin@trinitylittlerock.org) to get involved!

### Be Still and Know that I am God: An Introduction to Centering Prayer

*Sundays, June 22 – Sunday, July 27 at 9:15 am*

*Baker Parlor in Keller House*

Join the Rev. Danny Schieffler in Baker Parlor in Keller House for 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. The book is widely available from the bookseller of your choice. To learn more, contact the Rev. Danny Schieffler [danny@trinitylittlerock.org](mailto:danny@trinitylittlerock.org).

### Clavier-Übung III: The Pinnacle of the Complete Bach Organ Series

*Monday, July 28th (the exact 275th anniversary of Bach's death) at 7 pm*

Totaling about 100 minutes, “Clav III” is Bach’s largest, most complex, and most difficult organ work. Reception to follow.

### Interest Meeting for Parish Pilgrimage to Canterbury 2026

*Sunday, July 27 immediately after the 10:30 am service*

*Pierce Chapel*

The Trinity Cathedral choir has accepted an invitation to be the choir-in-residence at Canterbury Cathedral in southeast England in Summer 2026, leading their daily services of Choral Evensong and Holy Eucharist. Alongside the choir tour, the Rev. Thomas Alexander will lead a pilgrimage for parishioners of all ages. Not only will pilgrims have the opportunity to worship daily with the Trinity Cathedral choir in the historic setting of Canterbury Cathedral, but they will also have a chance to study and experience all that Canterbury and the surrounding area have to teach us. Pilgrims will depart from Little Rock on Saturday, July 25 and arrive back home on Monday, August 3. Join the Rev. Thomas Alexander for an interest meeting on Sunday, July 27 in Pierce Chapel immediately following the 10:30 am service to learn more.

## The Cost of Discipleship in a Conflicted Age

*Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30 p.m.*

*August 24, 31, September 7, 14*

We live in a world of social and cultural conflict, in which Christians struggle to know how best to respond in faith. Does our faith require a response? Ever? Always? How do we know whether and how Jesus would have us activate our faith? Rather than discern and decide in a vacuum, Christians should plumb the wisdom of those thinkers and saints who have gone before us. In this four-part seminar, The Rev. Barkley Thompson and participants will read and discuss Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *The Cost of Discipleship*, St. Patrick's "Letter to the Soldiers of Coroticus," and the 1932 epic epistolary debate between brothers Reinhold and H. Richard Niebuhr. At the seminar's end, participants will be equipped to live their faith in new ways in the world. This seminar requires registration in advance, and participants are asked to attend all four sessions. The seminar is limited to 20 participants. (NOTE: August 31 falls on Labor Day weekend.) Register by emailing Barkley at [bthompson@st-marks.com](mailto:bthompson@st-marks.com).

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### EYC Ice Skating @ AR Skatium

*Wednesday, July 23, 1:00 p.m.*

Let's beat the heat with an afternoon at the rink! Join other Convocational Youth for an afternoon of iceskating at Arkansas Skatium. We'll cover your entry fee, bring your own concession money!

### ECEP Sunday & Backpack Blessings

We will pray for ECEP and bless our backpacks before school starts on Monday, August 11. Can't wait to see you there!

### More Dates in August

*Make sure to get these dates on your calendar.*

August 9: Playground Hangout

August 10: ECEP Sunday & Backpack Blessings

August 17: Children's Liturgy (Chapel during church) resumes!

August 24: Youth Back-to-School Bowling