



# TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

*A house of prayer for all people*

The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 20, 2025, 10:30 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 a of the visitor card** 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.*

**Portions of our service during the first half of Ordinary Time come from Enriching Our Worship, a resource provided by the Episcopal Church.**

**Hymns are found in the red hymnal.**

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

THE PRELUDE

ROMANCE FROM SYMPHONIE NO. 4, OP. 32

*Louis Vierne*

HYMN 488

BE THOU MY VISION

*Slane*

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

*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.**

A SONG OF PRAISE

HYMNAL S-236

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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 VI)*

**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

Christ 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.**

## THE GOSPEL

LUKE 10:38-42

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**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 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 Leader and People pray responsively*

O God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Gracious and loving God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Please lead the Search Committee, Vestry, and people of Trinity Cathedral to discern your will as we seek a new Dean and Rector to shepherd our parish with love, compassion, vision, wisdom and dedication. Help us to feel your presence and guidance through this time of transition. We pray that your Holy Spirit continues to open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas so that we may follow where you lead — knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way.

Empower all members of our Search Committee to use their gifts to the fullest, to share their thoughts openly and honestly, to respect the opinions of others, and to encourage humility, patience, and joy.

Finally, instill in all the people of Trinity Cathedral a glorious vision of your Kingdom, trusting that, guided by your Holy Spirit, we may be united in love, with enlightened minds and open arms, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Deacon and People*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*The people stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Christ 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 Hymn, ushers collect an offering from the congregation.  
Use the QR code to make a plate offering.*



*Please stand for the Offertory Hymn. Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread, wine, money, and other gifts to the Celebrant.*

### HYMN 495

**HAIL, THOU ONCE DESPISED JESUS!**

*In Babilone*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - PRAYER I

FROM *ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP*

*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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

### THE SANCTUS

**HYMNAL S-127**

*The people stand or kneel.*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed

your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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

### FRACTION ANTHEM

**HYMNAL S-154**

*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

#### MOTET

#### O FOR A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD

*Charles Villiers Stanford*

*O for a closer walk with God,  
A calm and heavenly frame;  
A light to shine upon the road  
That leads me to the Lamb!*

*Return, O holy dove, return,  
Sweet messenger of rest;  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,  
And drove thee from my breast.*

*So shall my walk be close with God,  
Calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road  
That leads me to the Lamb.*

*Text by William Cowper*

#### HYMN 336

#### COME WITH US, O BLESSED JESUS

*Werde munter*

### THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*If people are being sent to take the Bread and Wine to those who are absent, the Celebrant says*

*Deacon* In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one, because we all share one bread and one cup. Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

**HYMN 317**

THIS IS THE HOUR OF BANQUET AND OF SONG

*Morestead*

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**THE POSTLUDE**

JESUS CHRISTUS, UNSER HEILAND, BWV 688

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

✧ **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

***Words on the Words:*** This summer, our liturgy at the 10:30 a.m. celebration of the Holy Eucharist comes from *Enriching Our Worship*, a liturgy approved by the Episcopal Church in 1997. This liturgy offers us fresh and faithful ways to pray, drawing upon the words of scripture and early Christian tradition, while using language that reflects the full dignity of all people. It helps us name and praise God with imagery that is expansive, inclusive, and spiritually resonant for our time. We will return to Eucharistic prayers A, B, C, and D from the Book of Common Prayer in the Fall. I look forward to hearing your feedback.

## LITURGICAL LEADERS

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Thomas Alexander, <i>Curate</i>
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Danny Schieffler, <i>Interim Vicar</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Dr. Susan Loy Lyon
<i>Assisting Clergy</i>	The Rev. Susan Payne, <i>Priest Associate</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Randy Hankins
<i>Intercessor</i>	Herschel Cast
<i>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Otis Howe, Jane McMullin
<i>Music</i>	Dr. Colin MacKnight, <i>Director of Music</i> Trinity Cathedral Choir Trinity Cathedral Ringing Society
<i>Ushers</i>	Susan Borné, Herschel Cast, Josh Hill, Rettina Hill, Lisa McNeir
<i>Docent</i>	Tom Fennell

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for lemonade and cookies after the service in the courtyard hosted this week by the Men's Breakfast Group

If you would like to know about the Cathedral building and its history, a docent-led tour is available following the service. The tour starts in the baptistery at the back of the church.

## EVENTS AND INFORMATION

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

Monday	8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer 5:30 p.m., Dean Search Committee
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**



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.

One hundred seventy of you successfully completed the Church Assessment Survey 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.

## 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

