



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
November 9, 2025, 8 a.m.

***Welcome:** Whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-time member, we are honored to worship with you today. If you are searching for a church home, we would love to tell you more about this congregation and to learn more about you. Fill out a visitor card found in the back of the pew in front of you, drop it in the offering plate, and we'll be in conversation with you this week. Above all, please know that this is your Cathedral, and all are welcome.*

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 God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING

JOB 19:23-27A

Job said,
“O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 17:1-9 *Exaudi, Domine*

Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD; give heed to my cry; *
Listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

**Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

**Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.**

I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
I have heeded the words of your lips.

My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.

Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.

Keep me as the apple of your eye; *
hide me under the shadow of your wings,

From the wicked who assault me, *
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

THE SECOND READING

2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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.**

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

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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.**

A COLLECT FOR VETERANS DAY

Almighty God, we commend to thy gracious care and keeping all those of our armed forces, all veterans, and their families. Defend them day by day with thy heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of thine abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

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.**

A Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2.*

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.*



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

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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, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice...

...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

To receive the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion, please come forward and kneel or stand at the Altar rail. Gluten-free Bread is available upon request. If you prefer not to drink the Wine, please know that receiving only Bread is a "full Communion." If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the Bread and Wine, come forward to the rail and cross your arms over your chest. If, for whatever reason, you prefer to receive the Bread and Wine in your pew, let your usher know.

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 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

✠ ALTAR GIFTS ✠

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DR. ROGER BOST AND KATHRYN KING BOST
BY THEIR LOVING FAMILY, DAUGHTERS BECKY TUCKER, MARGARET FAULKNER,
AND VIRGINIA BERNER; AND SON KINGSLEY

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
OSCAR AND CRYSTAL PECKHAM, CLAIRE AND DONALD RICHARDS, AND DON RICHARDS
BY JO RICHARDS

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR
MARY BETH AND HENRY HUDSON
BY ELSA AND CHARLES CROCKER

LITURGICAL LEADERS

Celebrant

The Rev. Thomas Alexander, *Curate*

Preacher

The Rev. Susan Sims Smith

Lector and Lay Eucharistic Minister

Judy Barger

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

This week at and around the Cathedral

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| Today | 4 p.m., Choral Evensong
4 p.m., EKC
5 p.m., EYC |
| Monday | 7 a.m., Breakfast Bible Study
8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer |
| Tuesday | 8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer |
| Wednesday | 8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer
12:15 p.m., Bach Organ Recital
4 p.m., Trinity Choristers
5 p.m., Trinity Ringing Society
5:30 p.m., Eucharist w/Healing Prayers
6:30 p.m., Book Club |
| Thursday | 8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer
5:15 p.m., Evening Prayer
7 p.m. Cathedral Choir Rehearsal |

UPCOMING EVENTS

Update on Our Search for the Next Dean and Rector

The Search Committee is deeply grateful for the trust you have placed in us, and we feel the weight of this responsibility as we move forward prayerfully and diligently.

First and foremost, we want to thank you for your faithful prayers and support during this transition. The prayers offered during each Sunday's worship have been inspiring.

Here is where we are in the process:

Phase 1: Receiving Applications (Completed). We received a strong pool of applications from highly qualified candidates.

Phase 2: Initial Interviews (In Progress). We have completed our initial interviews with a select number of candidates. We have been impressed by the caliber of individuals we have met and their commitment to ministry.

Phase 3: Next Steps (Upcoming). Our work is far from over. In the coming weeks, we will continue with further discernment and deeper conversations with a smaller group of candidates.

We know that this season of transition can feel lengthy, but we are committed to moving forward with intention and without undue haste. This is not just a hiring process; it is a spiritual discernment process. We believe that with God's guidance, we will identify the right leader to guide our parish into its next chapter of mission and ministry.

Please continue your prayers for wisdom, clarity, and patience for all involved. We are excited about the future of Trinity Cathedral Parish and look forward to sharing more with you in the months ahead.

In Christ,

Rick Smith M.D. and Melonese Clarke
Search Committee Co-Chairs

Thanksgiving Memorials

If you would like to make a memorial gift for the Thanksgiving Altar Flowers, please email Missy McCain, missy@trinitylittlerock.org by November 21.

Help Little Rock Students and Families during Benefits pause

Many students and families in the Little Rock School District (LRSD) will experience stoppage of their SNAP benefits beginning on November 1 with no clear idea of when they will regain assistance. The LRSD is working to support families as much as possible, but we could use help. If you are interested in helping here are some ways:

Bring shelf stable food to church on Sundays, November 9 and 16 and place them in the bins in the back of the church

Prepare bags of food that can be sent home with students for families. Use a sturdy bag with handles as many students walk to take a bus home. Suggested items: Peanut butter, bread, pasta, rice, canned fruits/vegetables, applesauce, a treat for children such as cookies!

Kroger or Walmart gift cards are always useful; the school can hand them out or use them to purchase food for their pantry so they have a stock of items to give away when requested.

If you are interested in helping in other ways, please reach out. Schools keep track of requests from families, so we can connect willing volunteers with more specific needs of a family. Contact Stefanie (Stefanie.Vestal@LRSD.org or 501-503-9146)

SAGEing Group November Meeting

Tuesday, November 11 at 1pm

If you have been thinking about checking this group out, now is a good time. We will take a look at the major headlines from the past 30 years, and how they impacted our lives then, and some - even now!

There have been many changes in matters of faith in America in general as well as in the Episcopal church. How are we dealing with these changes? Coffee and dessert served.

Holy Eucharist for Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 27 at 10:30 am

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

All are invited to Trinity Cathedral for worship on Thanksgiving Day. Music will be led by the Trinity Choir and the sermon will be offered by the Rev. Len Griffen, Chair of the Board of Directors for St. Francis House, a social outreach ministry of the Episcopal Church in Arkansas. The loose plate offering collected that morning will go towards St. Francis House. Nursery care will be available.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

EKC/EYC Schedule in the upcoming weeks:

4:00 EKC (4th & 5th)

5:00 EYC (6th-12th)

Sunday, November 9: **Garden Service Project Day** - help us get the Broadway Community garden ready for winter

Sunday, November 16: **Campfire Cookout** - S'mores and chill hangs!

Convocational Youth Friendsgiving!

Sunday, November 23, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral (310 W 17th St)

Join us for a Friendsgiving Potluck, Thanksgiving games, and fellowship with other youth from around the Central AR Convocation! Trinity will provide the entree, plan to bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share! Bring your friends to celebrate the season! Drop off and pick up at gym doors off of Spring St.