

# Thanksgiving Day November 27, 2025, 10:30 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.

Children in Worship: We love the presence of children in our worship services here at Trinity. Engaging materials for children can be found near the bell tower doors in the back of the Cathedral. The bell tower has a speaker that allows you to hear the service if you need to step out with your child. Nursery care is also available for infants and toddlers up to 4 years old. If you need directions, our ushers and greeters would be happy to show you the way.

Hymns are found in the red hymnal.

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

THE PRELUDE NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, BWV 657

Johann Sebastian Bach

("Now thank we all our God")

Hymn 290 Come, ye faithful people, come

St. George's, Windsor

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

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.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dominus.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe.

Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris.

Amen.

Soloists: Stephanie Smittle, Asher Owen, Josiah Wheeler

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 gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

All sit.

hen you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an / inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 100 Jubilate Deo Sung by the choir

Anglican Chant by John Stainer

 $B^{\it e}$  joyful in the LORD, all you lands; \* serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The LORD himself is God; \*
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; \* give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; \* and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

THE SECOND READING PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 291

WE PLOW THE FIELDS, AND SCATTER

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The Gospel John 6:25-35

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the crowd found Jesus on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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.

#### A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

The Deacon says

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

The Intercessor and People pray responsively

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ, **We thank you, Lord.** 

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity, **We thank you, Lord.** 

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

#### THE PEACE

All 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, ushers collect an offering from the congregation. Use the QR code to make a plate offering. Today's loose plate offering will go to St. Francis House, an outreach ministry of the Episcopal Church in Arkansas here in Little Rock



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.

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

THOU, O GOD, ART PRAISED IN SION

Malcolm Boyle

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion, and unto Thee shall the vow be perform'd in Jerusalem. Thou that hearest the prayer,

unto Thee shall all flesh come.

Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest

and receives unto Thee.

He shall dwell in Thy courts

and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house,

e'en of Thy holy temple.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stay'd on Thee.
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace

because he trusteth in Thee.
Trust ye in the Lord forever,
for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

Let the people praise Thee, O God, yea, let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God shall give us His blessing.

Text: Psalm 65, Isaiah 26, and Psalm 67

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - PRAYER A

**BCP 361** 

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.

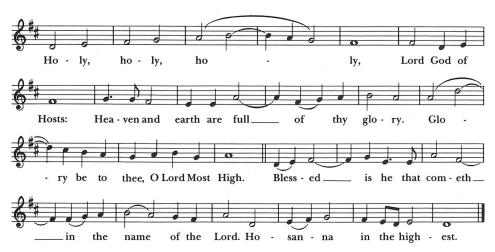
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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** sung by all

HYMNAL S-114



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, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many 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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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,

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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM sung by all

HYMNAL S-158



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. Glutenfree 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.

#### MUSIC AT COMMUNION

#### COMMUNION ANTHEM

Thou visitest the earth

Maurice Greene

Thou visitest the earth and blessest it: and crownest the year with thy goodness.

Text: Psalm 65:9, 12 Soloist: John Willis

Hymn 416

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

Lucerna Laudoniae

# 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

Hymn 397

Now thank we all our God

Nun danket alle Gott

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Nun danket alle Gott, Op. 65, No. 13

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

#### & ALTAR GIFTS €

To the glory of God and in grateful thanksgiving for the staff and parishioners of Trinity Cathedral by Lillan Hardaway and the Rev. Thomas Alexander

To the glory of God and in grateful thanksgiving for Vicki Kirchoff, Andrew Saunders, Harry, Nick, Jacquelyn, Harry, Teddy Kirchoff Scheme, and in Loving memory of Harry Parkin and Virginia Parkin Hodges, Carleton McMullin, and Parkin Saunders by Jane McMullin

To the glory of God and in grateful thanksgiving for Anne, Lois, Janie, Graham, Amie, and Greyson Sumpter by James Sumpter and P. Allen Smith

To the glory of God and in grateful thanksgiving for the lives and in loving memory of Paul Allen Smith and Sylvia Talley Smith by P. Allen Smith

To the glory of God and in Loving memory of Kay Szafranski by the Rev. Peggy Cromwell

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Anne L. Rorie by Sarah Henry

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Buzz Johnson by Karen Johnson

To the glory of God and in grateful thanksgiving for my children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, and in loving memory of my husband by Sheila Mehaffy

To the glory of God and in grateful thanksgiving for our family, Jessica, Parker, and Pyper Cogburn; Peter, Sara Kate, Jake, Mollie, and Annie Howe; and Duane and Edna Fenske by Dawn and Otis Howe

To the glory of God and in Loving Memory of Ruth and Otis Howe, Jr. By Dawn and Otis Howe III

To the glory of God and in Loving memory of Jeremy Cogburn by Jessica, Parker and Pyper Cogburn

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Doug Brandon and Bess Riggs by Sissi Brandon

To the glory of God and in grateful thanksgiving for Gladys and Pete Blanton, Mode and Lois Gregory, Alma Montagure, Sarah Murphy, Mary Ann Trulock, Larry Maze, P. Allen Smith, and James Sumpter by Rick and Susan Sims Smith

**Notes on the Notes:** This morning's offertory anthem is Malcolm Boyle's ecstatic and rambunctious anthem, *Thou O God art praised in Sion*. The piece follows a loose ABA form, with jubilant outer sections based on psalm texts and a more subdued inner section with the sopranos singing a passage from Isaiah. The communion motet, *Thou visitest the earth* by Maurice Greene, is the final portion of a larger anthem, also titled "*Thou O God art praised in Sion*."

This morning's prelude and postlude are both based on our final hymn, *Nun danket alle Gott*, or "Now thank we all our God," but the two settings could not be more different. Bach's chorale prelude is elegant and refined, not to mention full of complex imitation and counterpoint. (You can hear phrases of this hymn combined with themselves in all sorts of clever ways.)

Karg-Elert's chorale improvisation, on the other hand, is boisterous and raucous. As the title suggests, it sounds more like a wild improvisation than the meticulously planned piece by Bach. Nevertheless, it has become the quintessential Thanksgiving organ piece.

# LITURGICAL LEADERS

Celebrant The Rev. Danny Schieffler, Interim Vicar

Preacher The Rev. Len Griffin

Deacon The Rev. Dr. Susan Loy Lyon

Assisting Clergy The Rev. Thomas Alexander, Curate

Lectors Eliza Borné, Valerie Smith

Intercessor Carolyn Hartstein

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Sally Fittsizer, Peter Hartstein, Charliss Russ, Mike Schmidt

Acolytes Alex Wayland, Michael Wayland

Music Dr. Colin McKnight, Director of Music

Katie Gunn, Associate Director of Music

Trinity Cathedral Choir

Ushers Herschel Cast, George Morledge

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# This week at and around the Cathedral

Sunday 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:30 a.m., Choral Eucharist, Rite II 4 p.m., Advent Lessons and Carols 4 p.m., Youth Advent Event at St Margaret's

Monday 7 a.m., Breakfast Bible Study

8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer

Tuesday 8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer

7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

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 p.m., St. Cecilia Singers 5:30 p.m., Community Dinner

5:30 p.m., Eucharist w/Healing Prayers

6:00 p.m., Koinonia Eucharist

6:30 p.m., Book Club 6:30 p.m., Labyrinth Walk

7 p.m., Choral Compline ay 8:30 p.m., Morning Prayer

Thursday 8:30 p.m., Morning Prayer 7:30 p.m., Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# Advent Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, November 30 at 4 p.m.

Join us for Advent Service of Lessons and Carols, a beautiful service of readings, hymns, and choral music. A festive reception follows in Morrison Hall.

# Advent at Trinity

Prepare for Christ's birth with us this Advent at Trinity Cathedral, starting November 30.

# SUNDAYS IN ADVENT

Formation for all ages will start in Morrison Hall at 9:15 a.m. for Advent wreath prayers before programming begins.

November 30 Holiday floral decoration with Missy McCain for adults and Advent Wreath decorating with Margaret Faulkner for children

**December** 7 Spiritual Practices of Preparation with The Rev. Danny Schieffler and The Rev. Susan Sims Smith for adults and St. Nicholas cookie-decorating for children

**December 14** Intergenerational Service Project with Matthew 25 Committee

**December 21** Intergenerational Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long

WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT

5:30 p.m. Healing Eucharist (Chapel)

5:30 p.m. Community Dinner (Morrison)

6 p.m. Koinonia Eucharist (Cathedral)\*

**6:30 p.m.** Book Club (Keller House), reading *Migrant God* by Isaac Villegas

7:30 p.m. Choral Compline (Cathedral)

\*St. Nicholas will visit on Wednesday, December 3 and during Children's Chapel on Sunday, December 7, and the annual "pick-up" Christmas Pageant will take place on Wednesday, December 17.

# Advent Teaching Mission and Lecture: "Hope in Despairing Times" featuring The Reverend Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas

Friday, December 5, 2025 at 6 p.m.

7:45–Reception and book signing in Morrison Hall Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

Free Community Lecture by The Rev. Dr, Kelly Brown Douglas followed by Panel Discussion in the Cathedral

The Rev. Canon Kelly Brown Douglas is the Canon Theologian at the National Cathedral. In 2017, she was named Dean of Episcopal Divinity School at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, and in 2019, she was appointed to the Bill and Judith Moyers Chair in Theology at Union. Kelly is considered a leader in the field of womanist theology, racial reconciliation, social justice, and sexuality and the Black church.

# Creative Darkness – Pregnant with Possibility: Gathering & Labyrinth Walk

Wednesday, December 3 @ 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. 1616 Spring Street

In this sacred service and Labyrinth walk we will explore the creative darkness. Embrace the richness in wintering and darkening days as fertile ground, pregnant with possibility, ripe with feminine energy. Gather for community and contemplation at Spring House before we process across the street to Chancellors Hall to walk the labyrinth. Those with mobility challenges can request a finger labyrinth to follow the along the path while seated.

Please RSVP so we know how many to plan for.



**RSVP** 

# Youth and Family Ministries

#### EKC/EYC Advent Event

Sunday, November 30

St. Margaret's/AR House of Prayer

4 - 6 p.m.

For the first Sunday in Advent, we're gathering at the AR House of Prayer/St. Margaret's to begin this liturgical season with reflection and community. This will be in lieu of EKC/EYC that day, so make plans to join us as a family! We'll have some time for prayer, advent activities, food, and fellowship!

### St. Nick Visits

St. Nick will be joining us on Wednesday, December 3 at Koinonia Eucharist, and during the Children's Liturgy during the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, December 7. Come hear the story of St. Nicholas and his generosity this Advent season!

# Koinonia with Christmas "Pick-up" Pageant

Wednesday, December 17

6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Our annual Christmas Pageant will take place during worship on the last Wednesday of Advent. If you would like to participate (all ages welcome) arrive during Community dinner at 5:30 p.m. and pick out your role and costume. We'll read and sing together to hear the Christmas Story during the Eucharist service.

# "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place."

# Sunday, December 21

4 pm, Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols with festive reception

# Christmas Eve, December 24

4 pm, Holy Eucharist with choir, hymns, and a children's sermon

11 pm, Holy Eucharist with choir, hymns, and incense (prelude at 10:30 pm)

# Christmas Day, December 25

10:30 am, Holy Eucharist with hymns

# Twelfth Night:, January 4

4 pm, Epiphany Service of Lessons and Carols with Burning of the Greens and s'mores

# Epiphany, January 6

7 pm, Choral Eucharist for the Epiphany