



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 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

All stand as the ministers enter the Cathedral.

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.

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.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

I was glad when they said to me, *
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.

For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
“May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good.”

THE SECOND READING

ROMANS 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Deacon
People

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Deacon
People

The Gospel of the Lord.

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.

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

Use the QR code to make a plate offering.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

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All 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 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People **have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People **have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People **grant us thy peace.**

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

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

✠ ALTAR GIFTS ✠

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MY GRANDPARENTS, SUZETTE RISHER, EDITH HUNTER, AND OTIS GILL
BY KEITH HEARNSBERGER

LITURGICAL LEADERS

Celebrant

The Rev. Peggy Cromwell, *Priest Associate for Pastoral Care*

Preacher

The Rev. Thomas Alexander, *Curate*

Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Susan Loy Lyon

Lector and Lay Eucharistic Minister

Ken Dick

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

Today	4 p.m., Advent Lessons and Carols 4 p.m., Youth Advent Event at St Margaret's	5 p.m., St. Cecilia Singers 5:30 p.m., Community Dinner
Monday	7 a.m., Breakfast Bible Study 8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer	5:30 p.m., Eucharist w/Healing Prayers 6:00 p.m., Koinonia Eucharist
Tuesday	8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer 7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m., Book Club 6:30 p.m., Labyrinth Walk
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	7:30 p.m., Choral Compline Thursday 8:30 p.m., Morning Prayer 7 p.m., Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Refreshments after Church

People have loved the cookies and lemonade, and the opportunity for socializing following the 10:30 a.m. service. We are looking for folks to bring cookies or other treats each Sunday. These can be home baked or store bought. We encourage folks to team up with other friends and family to make this a fun activity. Sign up with this code:



Advent Service of Lessons and Carols

Tonight 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.

Nominations for Vestry

The Nominations Committee of the Vestry invites nominations for parishioners to stand for election to a three-year term on the Vestry, beginning February

2026. To nominate someone for the Vestry, or to self-nominate, contact Grady McCoy (gradylmccoy@gmail.com) by Tuesday, December 9. The slate of those standing for election will be announced in early January. Voting will take place on Sunday, January 18, when additional nominations for Vestry will also be taken “from the floor.”

A parishioner eligible to serve as a Vestry member must be “a confirmed communicant of the Parish in good standing of not less than 18 years of age, a frequent attendant upon the services of the Parish for the six months next preceding the election and a regular contributor and pledger of record, or a member of a family unit which is a regular contributor and pledger of record for the support of the Parish” (*Canon 25.6*).

It's Warm & Fuzzy Time

The Warm & Fuzzy Trees aren't decorated yet but we're starting our collection early this year! You can start bringing your Warm & Fuzzy gifts now thru Sunday, December 14 to Morrison Hall or the back of the Cathedral.

The biggest need is for coats, jackets, fleece pullovers and sweaters for children of all ages- don't forget larger sizes for teens. Newly purchased items are preferred, or very gently used. Financial gifts are welcome if you're not a shopper! Please mail to the Cathedral or place in the Offering, noting: Warm & Fuzzy Gift.

Along with your Warm & Fuzzy gifts this year, please also consider adding cans of food, cereal or any non-perishable food items to the Warm & Fuzzy Tree to help those who struggle for basics during this Christmas season.

Our gifts will be distributed to the families of Dorcas House, El Zócalo Resource Center and Little Rock School District.

As always, thank you so much for your generous support of this annual Trinity Outreach program!

Book Club: *Migrant God: A Christian Vision for Immigrant Justice* by Isaac Samuel Villegas

*Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, December 3, 10, and 17
Baker Parlor in Keller House*

In many ways, Advent is a season of migrants: of the Holy Family making their way to Bethlehem, of God the Son making His way to earth. This Advent, the Cathedral's Book Club will read Isaac Samuel Villegas' *Migrant God: A Christian Vision for Immigrant Justice*, an accessible and rich book that takes readers to the front lines of immigrant justice where Christians are putting hope into action.

December 3: Introduction, Chapters 1–2; December 10: Chapters 3–5; December 17: Chapters 6–7, Conclusion

The book is available for purchase online or for order at booksellers of your choice. To sign up or to learn more, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander (thomas@trinitylittlerock.org).

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

*Wednesday, December 3 @ 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 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

**Advent Teaching Mission and Lecture:
“Hope in Despairing Times” featuring
The Reverend Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas**

*Friday, December 5, 2025 at 6:00 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.

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.*

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

EKC/EYC Schedule in the upcoming weeks:

4:00 EKC (4th & 5th)

5:00 EYC (6th-12th)

Convocational Youth Friendsgiving!

Sunday, November 23

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral (310 W 17th St)

EKC: 4:00 - 5:30

EYC Friendsgiving: 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

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.

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!