



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people



The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ: Christmas Eve

The Holy Eucharist, Rite I
December 24, 2025 at 11 p.m.

May this Christmas bring you tidings of good news and great joy tonight and throughout the year!

Welcome: Whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-time member, we are honored to celebrate Christmas with you tonight. 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 as it passes by later in the service, and we'll be in conversation with you soon. We hope that you'll continue the Christmas celebration with us on an upcoming Sunday. We have services each week at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 4:00 p.m. You'll also find more information about other upcoming classes and offerings at the back of this order of service. 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.

THE PRELUDE

HYMN	WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT (<i>sung by all</i>)	<i>Winchester Old</i>
ORGAN	WEIHNACHTEN, OP. 145, No. 3	<i>Max Reger</i>
HYMN	GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE (<i>Page 5, Sung by all</i>)	<i>In dulci jubilo</i>
ORGAN	CHORAL-IMPROVISATION ON 'IN DULCI JUBILO,' OP. 75, No. 2	<i>Sigfrid Karg-Elert</i>
HYMN	THE FIRST NOWELL THE ANGEL DID SAY (<i>Page 5, Sung by all</i>)	<i>The First Nowell</i>
ORGAN	ES IST EIN ROS' ENTSRUNGEN, OP. 122, No. 8	<i>Johannes Brahms</i>

Descant

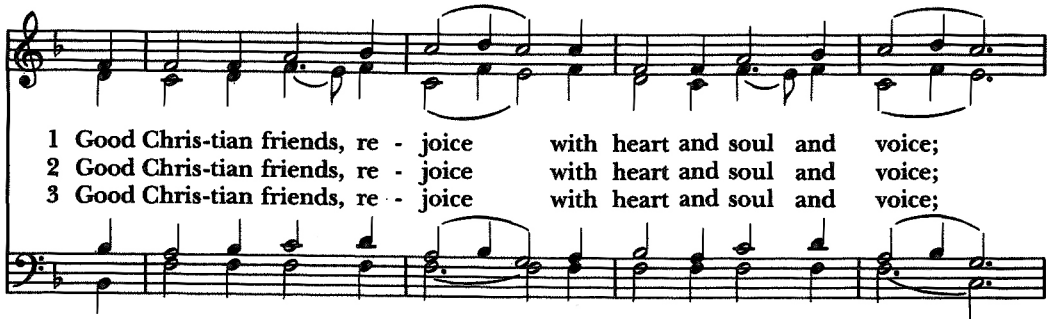
2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou - bled mind;
 6 "All glo - ry be to God on high and on the earth be peace;

1 While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the ground,
 2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou-bled mind;
 3 "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day is born of Da - vid's line
 4 "The heav - en - ly Babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played,
 5 Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth-with ap-peared a shin-ing throng

2 "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man-kind."
 6 good will hence-forth from heaven to men be - gin and nev - er cease."

1 the an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.
 2 "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man-kind.
 3 the Sa - vior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:
 4 all mean - ly wrapped in swath-ing bands, and in a man - ger laid."
 5 of an - gels prais - ing God, who thus ad - dressed their joy - ful song:

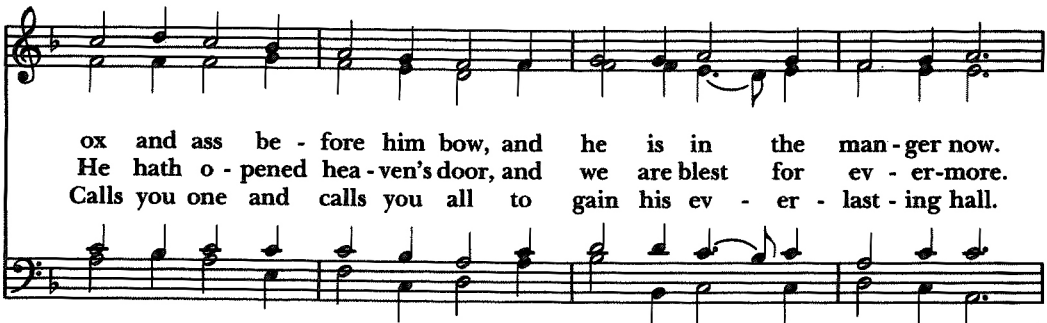
6 "All glory be to God on high
 and on the earth be peace;
 good will henceforth from heaven to men
 begin and never cease."



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save!

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THE FIRST NOWELL THE ANGEL DID SAY

The First Nowell



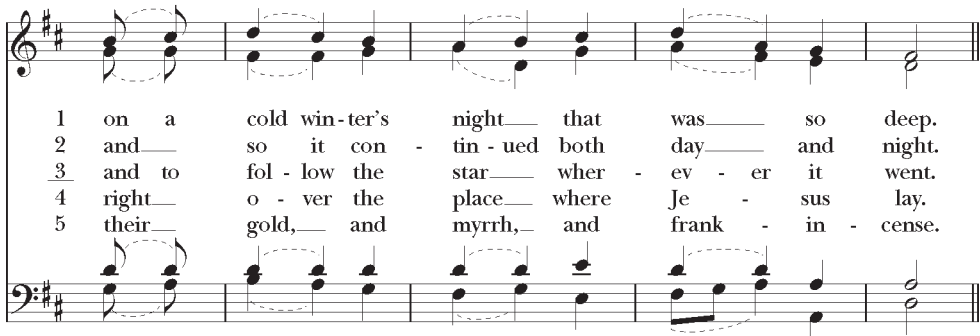
1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star
 3 And by the light of that same star
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three



1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
 2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
 3 three wise men came from coun - try far;
 4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
 5 full rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,



1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
 4 and there it did both stop and stay
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence



1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

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Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All stand.

HYMN

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

Adeste Fideles

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri -
 2. God of Light Sum - moned of his
 3. See how the shep - herds, Poor - ners in the
 4. Child for us sin - ners and in the
 5. Sing choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul -
 6. Yea, Lord we greet thee, Born this hap - py

4

um - phant, O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le hem;
 Light, Lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 cra - dle, Leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh with low - ly fear;
 man - ger, Fain we em - brace thee, with awe and love;
 ta - tion, Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove;
 morn - ing, Je - su, to thee be glo - ry giv'n;

9

Come and be - hold him Born the King of An - gels:
 Ve - ry God, Be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted:
 We too will thith - er Bend our joy - ful foot - steps:
 Who would not love thee, Lov - ing us so dear - ly?
 Glo - ry of the God In the high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

13

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

18

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

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

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.

GLORIA

George Malcolm

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.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dominus.

Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe.

Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris.

Amen.

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

All sit.

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sing to the LORD a new song; *
Sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

*Sing to the LORD
and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation
from day to day.*

*Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.*

*For great is the LORD
and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.*

*As for all the gods of the nations,
they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.*

*Oh, the majesty and magnificence
of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his
sanctuary!*

*Ascribe to the LORD,
you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.*

*Ascribe to the LORD the honor
due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.*

*Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.*

*Tell it out among the nations:
“The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it
cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.”*

*Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be
glad; let the sea thunder
and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.*

*Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for
joy before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.*

*He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.*


THE SECOND LESSON

TITUS 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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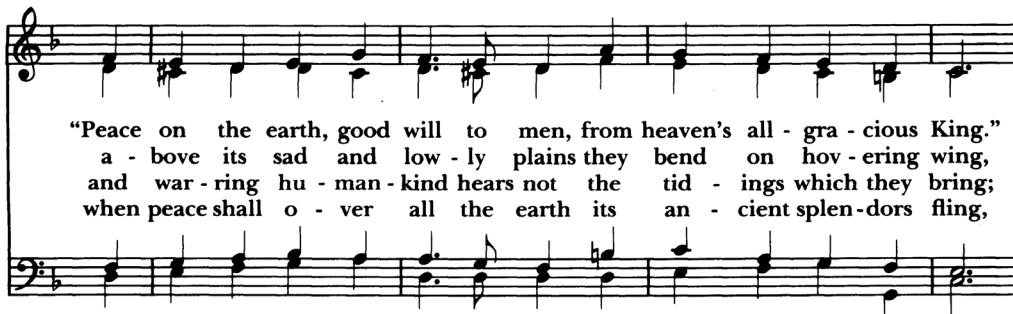
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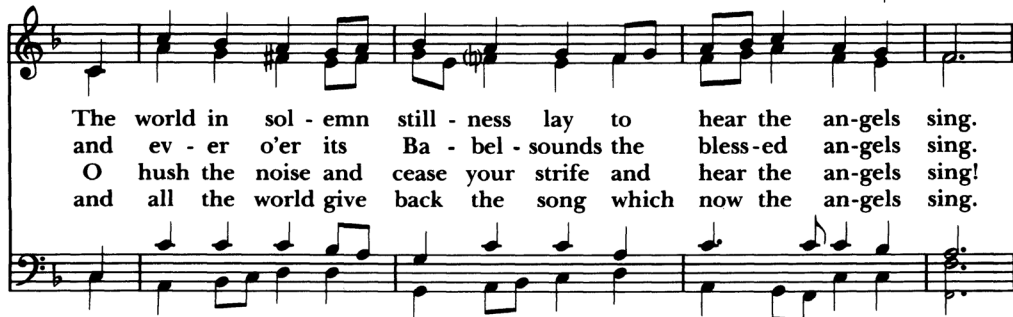
1 It came up-on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clov-en skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf - fered long;
 4 For lo! the days are haste-ning on, by pro - phets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold;
 and still their heaven - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;
 be - neath the heaven - ly hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all - gra - cious King."
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - ering wing,
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the tid - ings which they bring;
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 and ev - er o'er its Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!
 and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Deacon

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

*People***Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People***Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

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

The Intercessor and People pray responsively

O God, the creator and preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of thy people; that thou wouldst be pleased to make thy ways known to them, and thy saving health to all nations.

Hear us, good Lord.

More especially, we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

Hear us, good Lord.

Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Hear us, good Lord.

To thy congregation here both present and absent, bestow thy heavenly grace; that they may behold and receive the Incarnation of thy Son, and serve thee in faithfulness all their days.

Hear us, good Lord.

We commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings.

Hear us, good Lord.

We remember those who have gone before us in the peace of Christ, and we give thee praise for all thy faithful servants, with whom we rejoice in the communion of saints.

Hear us, good Lord.

The Celebrant prays a concluding collect

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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.*



Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread, wine, money, and other gifts to the Celebrant.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

ANGELUS AD VIRGINEM

arr. David Willcocks

*Angelus ad virginem,
Subintrans in conclave,
Virginis formidinem
Demulcens, inquit "Ave!
Ave, regina virginum:
Coeli terraeque dominum
Concipies et paries intacta
Salutem hominum;
Tu porta coeli facta,
Medela criminum."

"Quomodo conciperem,
Quae virum non cognovi?
Qualiter infringere,
Quae firma mente vovi?"
"Spiritus sancti gratia
Perficiet haec omnia.
Ne timeas, sed gaudeas
Secura, quod castimonia
Manebit in te pura
Dei potentia."

Ad haec, virgo nobilis
Respondens inquit ei,
"Ancilla sum humilis
Omnipotentis Dei.
Tibi coelesti nuntio,
Tanti secreti conscio,
Consentiens et cupiens videre
Factum quod audio,
Parata sum parere
Dei consilio."*

The angel came to the Virgin,
entering secretly into her room;
the Virgin's fear
calming, he said, "Hail!
Hail, queen of virgins:
you will conceive the Lord of heaven and earth
and bear him, still a virgin,
to be the salvation of mankind;
you will be made the gate of heaven,
the cure of sins."

"How can I conceive,
When I have never known a man?
How can I transgress
resolutions that I have vowed with a firm
mind?"

"The grace of the Holy Spirit
shall do all this.

Do not be afraid, but rejoice
without a care, since your chastity
will remain in you unspoilt
through the power of God."

To this, the noble Virgin,
replying, said to him,
"I am the humble maidservant
of almighty God.

To you, heavenly messenger,
and bearer of such a great secret,
I give my consent, and wishing to see
done what I hear,
I am ready to obey
the will of God."

*Eia Mater Domini,
Quae pacem reddidisti
Angelis et homini
Cum Christum genuisti!
Tuum exora filium
Ut se nobis propitium
Exhibeat, et deleat peccata,
Praestans auxilium
Vita frui beata
Post hoc exilium.*

Hail, Mother of our Lord,
who brought peace back
to angels and men
when you bore Christ!
Pray your son
that he may show favor to us
and blot out our sins,
giving us help
to enjoy a blessed life
after this exile.

Text: Medieval carol, probably Franciscan

All stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN

JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME

Antioch

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - every heart pre - pare him room, and
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 3 far as the curse is found, far
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *Sung by the choir*

George Malcolm

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.*

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant 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 and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do

celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

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

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

A period of silence is kept.

AGNUS DEI

George Malcolm

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Ave Maria, gratia plena
Dominus tecum;
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.
Amen.*

Text: Traditional Catholic prayer to St. Mary

AVE MARIA

Robert Parsons

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with thee;
Blessed art thou amongst women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

HYMN

WHAT CHILD IS THIS, WHO, LAID TO REST

Greensleeves

Unison or harmony

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

All stand as lights are dimmed.

HYMN

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

Stille Nacht

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
 heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy
 peace. born! birth. Sleep Christ, in hea - ven - ly peace.
 the Sa - vior, is born! Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

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 Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

1. Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing — Glo - ry to the new - born King;
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, — Christ, the e - ver - last - ing Lord,
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! — Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, — God and sin - ners re - con - ciled:
 Late in time be - hold him come — Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb:
 Light and life to all he brings, — Risen with heal - ing in his wings:

Joy - ful all ye na - tions rise, — Join the tri - umph of the skies, —
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see, — Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty! —
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, — Born that man no more may die, —

With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, Christ is — born in Beth - le - hem.
 Pleased as man with man to dwell, Je - sus, — our Em - ma - nu - el.
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to — give them se - cond birth.

Hark, the her - ald an - gels sing Glo - ry — to the new - born King.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

FINAL FROM SYMPHONIE NO. 1, OP. 14

Louis Vierne

Notes on the Notes: This evening's prelude consists of three Christmas carols interspersed with Christmas organ pieces by German Romantic composers. Reger's *Weihnachten* (meaning "Christmas") is an enigmatic piece. Unusually for the season, it is dark and murky, but an understanding of its thematic content sheds light on why. The piece is based on three German melodies: the Advent song *Es kommt ein Schiff, geladen* ("A ship is coming, laden") and the Christmas hymns *Vom Himmel hoch* ("From heaven above") and *Stille Nacht* ("Silent night"). The transition from Advent to Christmas songs is mirrored by a transition from a gloomy opening, representing the roughness of the world before the Incarnation, to a beautifully tranquil ending in which Reger very cleverly combines *Vom Himmel hoch* and *Stille Nacht*.

George Malcolm's *Missa ad Praesepe*, or "Mass at the Crib," is perhaps the quintessential mass setting for Christmas. George Malcolm was music director of Westminster Cathedral from 1947-1959, and was also a notable pianist, harpsichordist, organist, and conductor. The piece follows a clever tonal scheme. The Kyrie (which we are not singing tonight) is in D-flat major, the Gloria is an enharmonic minor third higher in E major, the Sanctus is another minor third higher in G major, the Benedictus is another minor third higher in B-flat, and then the Agnus is another enharmonic minor third higher in C-sharp minor, eventually shifting from minor to major to end in D-flat major, the key in which the work began. Put plainly, each movement ascends by a third until it comes full circle by arriving at the initial key.

If you are sad that the Christmas season is concluding, fear not! On January 4th at 4 pm, we will have Twelfth Night, a service of Epiphany lessons and carols (followed by Burning of the Greens and s'mores), and on Tuesday, January 6th, we will have an Epiphany eucharist at 7 pm. We hope you will join us for these additional holiday services!

LITURGICAL LEADERS

Celebrant and Preacher

The Rt. Rev. John Harmon, *Bishop of Arkansas*

Assisting Clergy

The Rev. Danny Schieffler, *Interim Vicar*

The Rev. Thomas Alexander, *Curate*

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

The Rev. Susan Payne, *Priest Associate*

Deacon

The Dr. Rev. Susan Loy Lyon

Lectors

Denise Albert, Valerie Smith

Intercessor

Herschel Cast

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Ken Dick, Marcia Wayland,

Chalmer Wayland, Greg Albert

Acolytes

Serena Utter, Michael Wayland, Alex Wayland, James Wayland

Music

Dr. Colin MacKnight, *Director of Music*

Katie Gunn, *Associate Director of Music*

The Trinity Choir

Ushers

Herschel Cast, Barry Coplin, Lisa Thorpe

ALTAR GIFTS



TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ELLEN AND JIMMY SIMPSON AND J.D. SIMPSON
BY THEIR FAMILY

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JOE GERARD BY GAIL GERARD

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
KELLY McNEIR LANGLEY BY LISA McNEIR

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
FRANK ELLIS McGEHEE, JR. BY HIS FAMILY

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JANE McGEHEE WILSON AND ROBERT M. WILSON
BY LISA McNEIR AND SOPHIE McGEHEE ANTHONY

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE MINISTRY OF
THE REV. DANNY SCHIFFLER, THE CONTINUED MINISTRY OF THE REV. THOMAS ALEXANDER
AND THE FUTURE MINISTRY OF THE REV. ANDREA McMILLIN
AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL BY CLARKE TUCKER

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
FRANCIS AND EVERETT TUCKER AND KATHRYN AND ROGER BOST
BY CLARKE TUCKER

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING AND THANKSGIVING FOR
MY FAMILY, WARREN, LAURA, CLIFF, MARY OLIVE, JOHN, CAROLINE, WARREN, KATIE,
MILES, ROLLINS, LILLIAN, PARKER, AND HARVEY BY HARRIET STEPHENS

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MY MOTHER PAULA CALHOUN, MY FATHER JACK CALHOUN,
MARY STEPHENS AND JACK STEPHENS BY HARRIET STEPHENS

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE MINISTRY OF
LILLIAN HARDAWAY AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF JERRY AND SUE MAULDEN
BY THE REV. THOMAS MAULDEN ALEXANDER

ALTAR GIFTS



TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR
THE CATHEDRAL STAFF AND MUSIC PROGRAM INCLUDING THE CHOIR AND BELLS; AND FOR
FRIENDS AND FAMILY, ELIZABETH AND BOBBY SMITH, CATHERINE AND MICHAEL LANGLEY;
AND GRANDCHILDREN, ANNA, DREW, MAGGIE, SARA CATE, HENRY, KARA, WESLEY, AND TAP
BY MARTI THOMAS

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
HENRY THOMAS BY MARTI THOMAS AND FAMILY

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR
OUR CHILDREN ANDERSON, HENRY, AND EDWARD
BY LARA AND ETHAN SCHOCK

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
HERSCHEL AND JANE CAST, BILL AND JANE SIMMONS, AND ROBERT HUBBLE
AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR TRUDA HUBBLE BY HERSCHEL CAST, JR.

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR
OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY ESPECIALLY COURTNEY AND BRADY BROWN,
AND EMMALINE AND MITCH ROSS, JR. BY KELLY AND MITCHELL ROSS, SR.

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR
THE BLESSINGS OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL AND EPISCOPAL COLLEGIATE SCHOOL
BY KELLY AND MITCHELL ROSS, SR.

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR
MARTI THOMAS AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF HENRY THOMAS
BY ELIZABETH, BOBBY, MAGGIE, SARA CATE, AND HENRY SMITH

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
GEORGE HARPER BY JEAN HARPER

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
THEODORE CHARLES (TED) TREADWAY, III, WINSTON THEODORE TREADWAY, MARGARET AND
THEODORE CHARLES TREADWAY, JR., ALICE AND THEODORE CHARLES TREADWAY, LOU DELL
AND JACK COLLIER EAST, ROSEMARY WRIGHT AND PHILIP SIDNEY ANDERSON, ROSEMARY
TUNNEY AND EDWARD LEDWIDGE WRIGHT BY LOU ELLEN TREADWAY

ALTAR GIFTS



TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR
ELLON COCKRILL AND BRANT AND KATE BUCK BY DAN C. YOUNG

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
BOB HUBBLE AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR HERSCHEL CAST BY TRUDA HUBBLE

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR
OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN, FRANCES AND DAVID MITCHELL, SUSAN GRACE AND
ELIZABETH, SARAH AND RYAN GIBSON, JAMES AND VIRGINIA
BY SUSAN AND CARROLL PENICK

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
OUR PARENTS KURT AND MARY HARTSTEIN AND FRANK AND EVELYN BAUGHTMAN
BY PETER AND CAROLYN HARTSTEIN

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MOM AND DAD, MAX AND ANITA HARRIS BY BO HARRIS

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR
OUR CHILDREN HOLDEN, HAMILTON, WALTER HILL AND MARY HELEN,
OUR GODCHILDREN CORT, WITT, WILL, WILDER, WRIGHT AND LIDDY
AND FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE GAINES, HUSSMAN AND RAMSEY FAMILIES
BY ELIZA AND ALEC GAINES

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MARGARET R. DELAO BY SUZANNE, ANDREW, MARGARET AND ARMIE GROBMYER

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
BARBARA ACKER PENICK DARRAGH, JIM PENICK JR., JIM PENICK, III (BEBO),
THELMA AND JAKE, ACKER, VIRGINIA AND JIM PENICK, SR.
BY MARY AND HENRY HODGES, BARBARA AND JIM MCNAMEE,
THEIR FAMILIES AND THE FAMILY OF JIM PENICK, III

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR
HENRY HODGES; ACKER, CHRIS, PENICK, AND SULLIVAN BELL; AND HANK HODGES AND
JESSICA MEERBOTT BY MARY AND HENRY HODGES

ALTAR GIFTS



TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
OLIVIA WATSON NEILL BY MARY HODGES

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE BIRTH OF
WHIT DOUGLAS TAYLOR BY MR. AND MRS. BOB HARGRAVES

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JACK HARGRAVES TAYLOR BY MR. AND MRS. BOB HARGRAVES

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR
THE RT. REV. LARRY R. BENFIELD, 13TH BISHOP OF ARKANSAS
BY DUSTYN SPENCER AND THE REV. DR. KEITH HEARNSBERGER

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR
OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN; JORDAN AND MARLO PARKER, AND THEIR CHILDREN
HENRY AND DAISY; AND DAVID AND ELIZABETH PARKER, AND THEIR DAUGHTER PENN,
BY BERT AND ROBIN PARKER.

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DON CHRISTIAN AND ROBERT DANIEL ANTHONY BY PAM CHRISTIAN

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR
WHIT DOUGLAS TAYLOR BY MARY AND MAX TAYLOR

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JACK HARGRAVES TAYLOR BY MARY AND MAX TAYLOR

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JERRY AND JILL WATKINS, AND PAULETTE AND BAILEY BADDLEY
BY THEIR CHILDREN JENNIFER WILSON-HARVEY AND JACK HARVEY

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR
ROBERT AND CATIE WILSON, ROBERT IV AND GINNY, JILLIAN WILSON AND SAM JACKSON,
HARRY AND FRANCIE BY JENNIFER WILSON-HARVEY AND JACK HARVEY

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
GEORGE ELTON SCHILLER BY DENISE SCHILLER ALBERT

ALTAR GIFTS



TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR
CHRISTY SNOWDEN DAVIS BY MISSY McCAIN

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR
McCAIN REAVES BRYANT AND DARCY BERTYLE DOSTAL BY BUTTER AND BIG TOM

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING AND THANKSGIVING FOR
OUR NEW GRANDDAUGHTER, AUDREY DEANES ROWEDDER
AND OUR FAMILY MARISA ANN AND ALEX ROWEDDER, AND CLAYTON ERWIN,
AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS PAT AND HARRY ERWIN,
AND VIRGINIA AND JOHN B. JOHNSON
BY TERRI AND CHUCK ERWIN

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holy Baptism on Sunday, January 11

We will next celebrate the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, January 11 at 10:30 am. Please contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander (thomas@trinitylittlerock.org) if you or any member of your family would like to be baptized.

Koinonia Wednesdays

Wednesday, January 7 & 21

4:00-5:30 pm Trinity Choristers (2nd-8th)

5:00-5:30 pm St. Cecilia Singers (PreK-1st)

5:30 Community Dinner

6:00 Koinonia Worship

EKC/EYC Schedule in January 2026!

EKC: 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Shared Dinner: 5:00-5:30 pm

EYC: 5:30-6:30 pm

January 4: No regular EKC/EYC. Join us at 4:00 p.m. Epiphany Lessons & Carols with Burning of the Greens (and smores!) afterwards.

January 11: EKC/EYC resumes! (Gym)

January 18: NO EKC/EYC (Parish Retreat Weekend)

January 25: EKC/EYC (Gym)

A Romp through the Prayer Book

Sunday, December 28 and Sunday, January 4 at 9:15 am

Keller House Conference Room

Interested in developing a deeper prayer life in 2026? Or interested in learning more about why Episcopalians pray and worship the way we do? Join Father Thomas for this two week class that introduces the Book of Common Prayer, including

its history, theology, and content. Additionally, after the 10:30 am service on Sunday, December 28, Father Thomas will offer an indepth, backstage tour of Trinity's worship spaces. To learn more, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander (thomas@trinitylittlerock.org).

Book Club: *Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer

*Wednesdays, January 7 – February 11 at 6:30 pm
Keller House Conference Room*

Join the Trinity Book Club for Chaucer's famous *Canterbury Tales*, a collection of stories about all kinds of characters making pilgrimage to Canterbury. This iteration of the Book Club will be led by Dr. Ben Utter, a faithful Trinity parishioner and an Associate Professor of English, Language, and Literature at the Ouachita Baptist University. Ben is a medievalist by training and has taught Chaucer to many an undergraduate. We are grateful to have him take us on pilgrimage in Book Club this year. To sign up for emails and to receive the schedule, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander (thomas@trinitylittlerock.org). For this group, we will use Sheila Fisher's translation, *The Selected Canterbury Tales: A New Verse Translation* (ISBN: 9780393341782).

Epiphany Season

Sunday, January 4

4 p.m. Twelfth Night: Epiphany Service of Lessons and Carols

5 p.m. Burning of the Greens and s'mores reception to follow

Tuesday, January 6

7 p.m. Holy Eucharist for the Epiphany

**Make a year-end gift to the
Trinity Operating Fund.**

