

Christmas Day December 25, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Welcome: Whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-time member, we are honored to celebrate Christmas 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 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.

THE PRELUDE IN DULCI JUBILO Johann Michael Bach
WHAT IS THIS LOVELY FRAGRANCE? Paul Manz

Hymn 88 Sing, O sing, this blessed morn England's Lane

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

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

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

Celebrant Almighty God, 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**.

Song of Praise Angels we have heard on high Gloria





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

THE FIRST READING ISAIAH 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,

who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy;

for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem;

for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations;

and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98 Said in unison

Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.

The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world * and the peoples with equity.

THE SECOND READING
HEBREWS 1:1-4

Lour ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

People

Hymn 89

It came upon the midnight clear

Carol

OHN 1:1-14

THE GOSPEL

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

Deacon People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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.

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, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **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 HOLY COMMUNION

During the Offertory, ushers collect an offering from the congregation.

Use the QR code to make a plate offering.



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



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, PRAYER B

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.

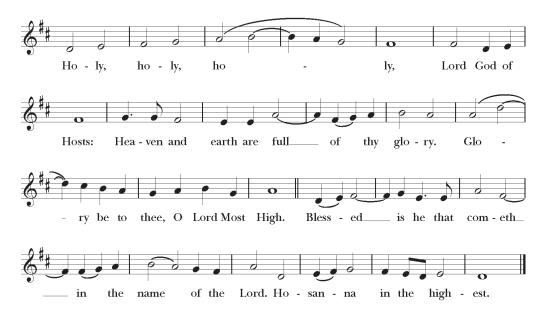
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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



All stand or kneel.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



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

Hymn 79

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

St. Louis

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. 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 Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

Hymn 100

Joy to the world! The Lord is come

Antioch

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

DER TAG, DER IST SO FREUDENREICH

Johann Pachelbel

LITURGICAL LEADERS

Celebrant and Preacher

Deacon

Lectors

Intercessor

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Music

The Rev Thomas Alexander, Curate

The Rev. Dr. Susan Loy Lyon

Herschel Cast, Charliss Russ

Richard Moore

Judy Barger

Katie Gunn, Associate Director of Music Josiah Wheeler, Cantor

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.

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*

Epiphany Season

Sunday, January 4

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

New Verse Translation (ISBN: 9780393341782).

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

Tuesday, January 6

7 p.m. Holy Eucharist for the Epiphany



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

To the glory of God and in Loving memory of Henry Thomas by Marti Thomas and family

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 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

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

ALTAR GIFTS

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

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

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