



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The First Sunday after Christmas
December 28, 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. If you would like to learn more about the Cathedral building and its history, a docent-led tour is available following the service, starting in the Baptistry at the back of the Cathedral. 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 PRELUDE

THREE CHRISTMAS CHORALE PRELUDES

Johann Sebastian Bach

Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, allzugleich, BWV 732

Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ, BWV 697

Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ, BWV 722

HYMN 82

OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

Divinum mysterium

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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.**

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain
Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the LORD God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;

**For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.**

**He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.**

**He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.**

**He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.**

**He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?**

**He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.**

**He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**

**He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.**

Hallelujah!

THE SECOND READING

GALATIANS 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Lector
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 1:1-18

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*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. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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, we humbly pray for all sorts and conditions of your people; that you would make your ways known to them, and your saving health to all nations.

Hear us, good Lord.

More especially, we pray for your holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by your 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 your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Hear us, good Lord.

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

Hear us, good Lord.

We give you thanks for (_____ and) all the many blessings of this life.

Hear us, good, Lord.

We commend to your fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate (especially _____); that you might 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 (especially _____), and we give thee praise for all your 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.*

HYMN 106

CHRISTIANS, AWAKE, SALUTE THE HAPPY MORN

Yorkshire

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**

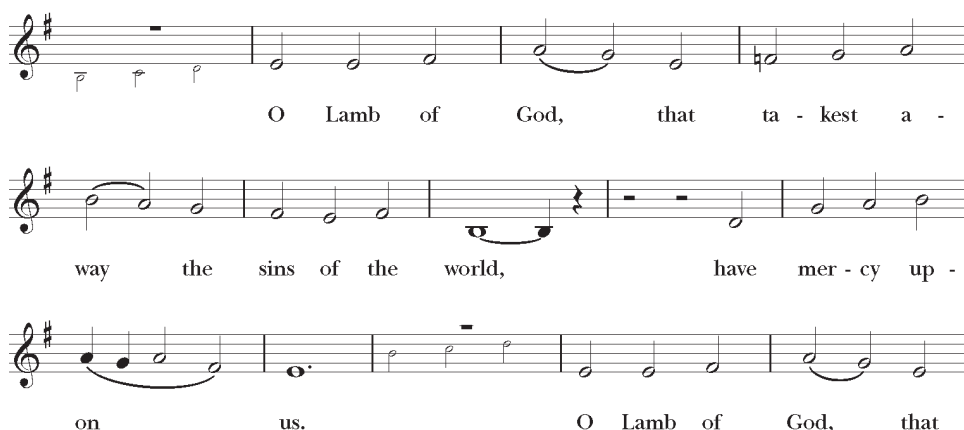
Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

A period of silence is kept.



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -

way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. O Lamb of God, that

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of

God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, grant us thy 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

*Minuit! Chrétien, c'est l'heure solennelle
 Où l'homme Dieu descendit jusqu'à nous
 Pour effacer la tache originelle
 Et de son père arrêter le courroux:
 Le monde entier tressaille d'espérance
 A cette nuit qui lui donne un Sauveur
 Peuple, à genoux!
 Attends ta délivrance
 Noël, Noël!
 Voici le Rédempteur!
 Noël, Noël!
 Voici le Rédempteur!*

*De notre foi, que la lumière ardente
 Nous guide tous au berceau de l'enfant
 Comme autrefois, une étoile brillante
 Y conduisit les chefs de l'Orient
 Le Roi des Rois naît dans une humble
 crèche;
 Puissants du jour, fiers de votre grandeur
 A votre orgueil c'est de là qu'un Dieu prêche:
 Courbez vos fronts
 Devant le Rédempteur
 Courbez vos fronts
 Devant le Rédempteur!*

*Le Rédempteur a brisé toute entrave:
 La terre est libre, et le ciel est ouvert
 Il voit un frère où n'était qu'un esclave
 L'amour unit ceux qu'enchaînait le fer
 Qui lui dira notre reconnaissance ?
 C'est pour nous tous qu'il naît, qu'il souffre
 et meurt
 Peuple, debout
 Chante ta délivrance
 Noël, Noël!
 Chantons le Rédempteur!
 Noël, Noël!
 Chantons le Rédempteur!*

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining;
 it is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
 Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
 till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
 A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
 for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
 Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
 O night divine!
 O night
 when Christ was born!
 O night divine!
 O night,
 O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
 with glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.
 So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
 there came the wise men from Orient land.
 The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger;
 in all our trials born to be our friend.
 He knows our need, to our weakness is no
 stranger.
 Behold your King; before Him lowly bend!
 Behold your King; before Him lowly bend!

Truly He taught us to love one another;
 His law is love and His gospel is peace.
 Chains shall He break, for the slave is our
 brother,
 and in His name all oppression shall cease.
 Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise
 we,
 let all within us praise His holy name.
 Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever!
 His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!
 His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!

HYMN 84

LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS

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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 93

ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

Regent Square

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

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Thomas Alexander, <i>Curate</i>
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Rob Leacock, <i>Head Chaplain, The Episcopal Collegiate School</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Dr. Susan Loy Lyon
<i>Assisting Clergy</i>	The Rev. Susan Payne
<i>Lectors</i>	Peter Hartstein, Richard Moore
<i>Intercessor</i>	Sissi Brandon
<i>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Debbie Kincaid, Emma Mitchell
<i>Acolytes</i>	
<i>Music</i>	Dr. Colin MacKnight, <i>Director of Music</i> Katie Gunn, <i>Associate Director of Music</i> Stephanie Smittle, <i>Cantor</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week at and around the Cathedral

Today 4 pm, Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols with festive reception for the Rev. Danny Schieffler

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 *Christmas Eve*

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

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

Thursday *Christmas Day*

10:30 am, Holy Eucharist with hymns

Cathedral Offices Closed

Friday Cathedral Offices Closed

UPCOMING EVENTS

Stewardship Update

We are very near to meeting our goal for 2026, moving ever closer to \$1.5 million in pledges. Even more important to the health of ministries at Trinity is how we got here.

Over seventy-two percent of the 213 pledges received to date are either new or increased over last year. The average increase is 27% and our total amount pledged is 24% higher than last year.

It is not too late for you to make an impact on ministries in the coming year by making a pledge. Fill out a pledge card from the back of the church or use the QR code below to fill out a pledge online.

Every gift of any size will make a difference in how we serve church, our diocese, and our community.

Thank you!



Christmas Memorials

Each year, the Cathedral is decorated for Christmas in honor and in memory of loved ones. Memorials are listed in the orders of service for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. To arrange for a memorial, scan the QR code below or send your memorial to Missy McCain (missy@trinitylittlerock.org) with a check by Sunday, December 21.



Thank You Gift for Danny

Christmas Eve will be Father Danny's last service with us as Interim Vicar. We have found a unique surprise gift for him to celebrate the guidance, wisdom and ministry that he shared with us this year. If you would like to contribute to the gift, click the link below, or send a check made to Trinity Cathedral with "Danny Gift" in the memo or use this QR code.



