

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.

Celebrant and People **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.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A I waited patiently upon the Lord; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.

He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

Happy are they who trust in the Lord! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.

In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);

Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, “Behold, I come.

In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.’”

I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 1:29-42

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O 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 Deacon says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world, saying "Lord, in thy mercy, hear our prayer."

All kneel or stand.

The Deacon and People pray responsively

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.

Deacon

Lord, in thy mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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.

Deacon

Lord, in thy mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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.

Deacon

Lord, in thy mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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.

Deacon

Lord, in thy mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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.

Deacon

Lord, in thy mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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.

Deacon

Lord, in thy mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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.

Deacon

Lord, in thy mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

*At this time ushers collect an offering from the congregation.
Use the QR code to make a plate offering.*



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...

...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.**

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...

...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.

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

Celebrant May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

❖ ALTAR GIFTS ❖

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR
ANN MORLEDGE ON HER BIRTHDAY,

AND OUR CHILDREN MELISSA MORLEDGE EDWARDS, AND BIRC AND AMY MORLEDGE,
AND OUR GRANDCHILDREN SAVANNAH, WALKER, BENNETT, AND JONAH MORLEDGE.
BY GEORGE MORLEDGE, III

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
OVERTON SUTFIELD ANDERSON, II,
BY LARA AND ETHAN SCHOCK.

LITURGICAL LEADERS

Celebrant and Preacher

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

Lector and Lay Eucharistic Minister

Charliss Russ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week at and around the Cathedral

Today	4 p.m. Choral Evensong 4 p.m., EKC 5:30 p.m., EYC	6:30 p.m., Book Club 8 a.m., Men's Group 8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer 5:15 p.m. Evening Prayer 7 p.m., Cathedral Choir Rehearsal
Monday	7 a.m., Breakfast Bible Study 8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer	Friday - Sunday Parish Retreat at Camp Mitchell
Tuesday	8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer 1 p.m., SAGEing Group	
Wednesday	8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer 12:15 p.m., Organ Recital 4 p.m., Trinity Choristers 5 p.m., Trinity Ringing Society 5:30 p.m., Eucharist w/Healing Prayers	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Report Articles Due

The Annual Meeting of Trinity is Sunday, January 25. If you are part of a ministry or committee at Trinity and would like to submit an article telling about your accomplishments in 2025, please email it to Jack Dowling (jack@trinitylittlerock.org) by Thursday, January 15.

Weekly Organ Recitals Resume

Wednesdays from 12:15 - 12:45 p.m., beginning on January 7

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).

Christian Understandings of Israel

Beginning Sunday, January 11 at 9:15 am
Keller House Conference Room

In a time when the word "Israel" is invoked constantly in public debate and war, Christians

everywhere are called to ask ourselves: what does Christianity mean by “Israel”? This multi-week class will explore Christian understandings of Israel through Holy Scripture, theology, and history. Together, we will seek clarity amid widespread confusion, grounding our conversation in the Anglican way of holding faith, truth, and charity together. All are welcome, and no prior background is required. To learn more, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander (thomas@trinitylittlerock.org).

Insights Presents

“The Life of the Mind and the Christian Life”: A Conversation with Dr. Cornel West and Dr. Robert George

Sunday, February 1 at 9 a.m.

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

Join us for our next installment of the Insights Lecture Series, an unmissable morning of deep dialogue and spirited conversation at Trinity Cathedral between two of America’s most prominent public intellectuals. Dr. Robert George, a Roman Catholic and conservative legal scholar, and Dr. Cornel West, is a democratic socialist philosopher in the progressive Christian tradition. Although they come from different ideologies, they have developed a bond that transcends their differences. Together, they stress the importance of civil dialogue. During this program, they will explore together the relationship between the life of the mind and the Christian life. This is a rare opportunity to witness meaningful conversation between longtime friends across ideological divides. This program is free and open to the public, but reservations are required. Scan the QR code to register online. To learn more, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander (thomas@trinitylittlerock.org).



CHILDREN & YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

For all program questions contact Emma Mitchell, emma@trinitylittlerock.org

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

We’re looking for volunteers to help provide dinner, lead worship, and support programming on Wednesdays, especially in Lent when we will offer Koinonia weekly. Please reach out to Emma if interested.

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 18: NO EKC/EYC (Parish Retreat Weekend)

January 25: EKC/EYC (Gym)

Youth Confirmation - Spring 2026

Bishop Harmon will make his annual visitation on June 7, 2026 when we will celebrate Holy Baptism, Confirmation, Reaffirmation, and Reception. If there are any 9th-12th grade youth who are interested in Holy Baptism or Confirmation, please contact Emma Mitchell by February 1.