



# TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
A house of prayer for all people

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 15, 2026, 4 p.m.

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***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.*

*Choral Evensong is a service of readings from the Bible and prayers for the evening, almost entirely led by the Trinity Choir on behalf of the congregation. A very brief service of Holy Communion is celebrated afterwards for those who wish to receive the Bread and Wine.*

## CHORAL EVENSONG WITH HOLY EUCHARIST

**THE PRELUDE**

FUGUE NO. 3 ON BACH, OP. 60

*Robert Schumann*

*All stand.*

**THE OPENING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**BCP 61**

**THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling or standing*

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*The Officiant alone stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*All stand.*

**THE PRECES** *Sung by the Officiant and the choir*

*Kenneth Leighton*

*Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.*

*Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.*

*Officiant O God, make speed to save us.*

*Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.*

*Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;*

*Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.*

*Officiant Praise ye the Lord.*

*Choir The Lord's name be praised.*

*All sit.*

**PSALM 19** *Caeli enarrant*

*Plainsong (IV.5)*

**T***he heavens declare the glory of God \*  
and the firmament sheweth his handywork.*

*One day telleth another \* and one night certifieth another.*

*There is neither speech nor language \* but their voices are heard among them.*

*Their sound is gone out into all lands \* and their words into the ends of the world.*

*In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun \* which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his  
chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.*

*It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again \*  
and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.*

*The law of the LORD is an undefiled law, converting the soul \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.*

*The statutes of the LORD are right, and rejoice the heart \*  
the commandment of the LORD is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.*

*The fear of the LORD is clean, and endureth for ever \*  
the judgements of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.*

*More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold \*  
sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.*

*Moreover, by them is thy servant taught \*  
and in keeping of them there is great reward.*

*Who can tell how oft he offendeth \* O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.*

*Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me \*  
so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.*

*Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart \*be always acceptable in thy sight,*

*O LORD \* my strength, and my redeemer.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**PSALM 46** *Deus noster refugium*

*Plainsong (V.3)*

**G***od is our hope and strength \*  
a very present help in trouble.*

*Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved \*  
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;*

*Though the waters thereof rage and swell \*  
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.*

*The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God \*  
the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.*

*God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed \*  
God shall help her, and that right early.*

*The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved \*  
but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.*

*The LORD of hosts is with us \* the God of Jacob is our refuge.*

*O come hither, and behold the works of the LORD \*  
what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.*

*He maketh wars to cease in all the world \*  
he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.*

*Be still then, and know that I am God \**

*I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.*

*The LORD of hosts is with us \* the God of Jacob is our refuge.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:*

*as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 48:8-22

When Israel saw Joseph's sons, he said, 'Who are these?' Joseph said to his father, 'They are my sons, whom God has given me here.' And he said, 'Bring them to me, please, that I may bless them.' Now the eyes of Israel were dim with age, and he could not see well. So Joseph brought them near him; and he kissed them and embraced them. Israel said to Joseph, 'I did not expect to see your face; and here God has let me see your children also.' Then Joseph removed them from his father's knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand towards Israel's left, and Manasseh in his left hand towards Israel's right, and brought them near him. But Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on the head of Manasseh, crossing his hands, for Manasseh was the firstborn. He blessed Joseph, and said,

'The God before whom my ancestors Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day, the angel who has redeemed me from all harm, bless the boys; and in them let my name be perpetuated, and the name of my ancestors Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude on the earth.'

When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him; so he took his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. Joseph said to his father, 'Not so, my father! Since this one is the firstborn, put your right hand on his head.' But his father refused, and said, 'I know, my son, I know; he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great. Nevertheless, his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his offspring shall become a multitude of nations.' So he blessed them that day, saying,

'By you Israel will invoke blessings, saying,  
'"God make you like Ephraim and like Manasseh."'

So he put Ephraim ahead of Manasseh. Then Israel said to Joseph, 'I am about to die, but God will be with you and will bring you again to the land of your ancestors. I now give to you one portion more than to your brothers, the portion that I took from the hand of the Amorites with my sword and with my bow.'

*All stand.*

**HYMN 301**

BREAD OF THE WORLD, IN MERCY BROKEN

*Rendez à Dieu*

*All sit.*

**MAGNIFICAT: THE SECOND SERVICE** *sung by the choir*

*William Byrd*

*Soloists: Paige Cullins, Carolina Kipnis, Tomas Baxter*

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**THE SECOND LESSON**

JOHN 6:27-40

**D**o not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’ Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.” ’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’

Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.’

*Soloists: Paige Cullins , Anna Squire, Carolina Kipnis, Tomas Baxter*

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**THE APOSTLES' CREED** *intoned by the Officiant, sung by all, standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*All stand or kneel.*

*The following are sung by the Officiant and the choir.*

**THE SALUTATION**

*Kenneth Leighton*

*Officiant The Lord be with you.*

*Choir And with thy spirit.*

*Officiant Let us pray.*

*Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Kenneth Leighton*

*Choir Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

**SUFFRAGES AND COLLECTS**

*Kenneth Leighton*

*Officiant O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.*

*Choir And grant us thy salvation.*

*Officiant O Lord, save the State.*

*Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

*Officiant Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.*

Choir *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

Officiant *O Lord, save thy people.*

Choir *And bless thine inheritance.*

Officiant *Give peace in our time, O Lord.*

Choir *Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*

Officiant *O God, make clean our hearts within us.*

Choir *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

### ***The Collect of the Day***

*Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

### ***A Collect for Peace***

*O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

### ***A Collect for Aid against Perils***

*Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

*All sit.*

**ANTHEM**

VERILY, VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU

*Thomas Tallis*

*Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.*

*Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.*

*He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.*

*Text: John 6:53-56*

*All stand.*

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

BCP 72

HYMN 688

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

*Ein feste Burg*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

PRELUDE IN A MINOR, BWV 543

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

*For those who wish to receive the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion, come up to the choir pews as you are able during the Offertory.*

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. 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...

...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.**

**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 SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE**

Look mercifully on this thy family, Almighty God, that, by thy great goodness, they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **PARTICIPATING THIS EVENING**

*Officiant* The Very Rev. Andrea McMillin, *Dean and Rector*

*Lector* Judy Barger

*Music* Dr. Colin MacKnight, *Director of Music*  
Katie Gunn, *Associate Director of Music*  
Trinity Cathedral Choir

**Notes on the notes:** This evening's prelude comes from Schumann's masterful Six Fugues on BACH, Op. 60. In German musical nomenclature, B = B-flat and H = B-natural, so the letters BACH can be converted into music as B-flat, A, C, B-natural. This motive is the basis for the six fugues.

Thomas Tallis and William Byrd were both recusant composers living in Protestant England. Recusants were Roman Catholics living in post-Reformation England, when it was illegal to practice Roman Catholicism. Usually, the punishment for recusancy consisted of fines, property confiscation, and/or imprisonment, but in some cases, could include capital punishment, but both Byrd and Tallis

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Trinity Connections

The Transition Committee is planning a series of small gatherings around Little Rock to get to know the Very Reverend Andrea McMillin, our new Dean and Rector. The gatherings are scheduled in different parts of Little Rock and will involve food, conversations, and opportunities to connect. Scan the QR Code to see the schedule and sign up.



### Memorials for Easter

*Due Friday, March 27 at 5:00 p.m.*

On Easter Sunday, the Cathedral is decorated with flowers given by parishioners in honor or in memory of loved ones, and these memorials are listed in the service booklets. Donations of any amount are welcome. To arrange a memorial, contact Missy McCain, Parish Administrator ([missy@trinitylittlerock.org](mailto:missy@trinitylittlerock.org)) or use this QR code no

were saved from the worst of these outcomes by their immense talent. Despite their own religious convictions, both composers wrote large and rich bodies of music for the Anglican church, such as tonight's music. (While Roman Catholics used these texts, they would never have used them in English, so these works are strictly Anglican.)