



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 27, 2026, 4 p.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. 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.

CHORAL EVENSONG

THE PRELUDE

LÉGENDE, OP. 31, NO. 13

Louis Vierne

All stand.

THE OPENING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

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*

Margaret Burk

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 46 *Deus noster refugium*

Derrick Cantrell

God 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

JAMES 3:1-13

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No

more can salt water yield fresh.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.

All stand.

HYMN 409

THE SPACIOUS FIRMAMENT ON HIGH

Creation

All sit.

MAGNIFICAT: THE SHORT SERVICE *sung by the choir*

William Byrd

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

MATTHEW 13:44-52

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure

what is new and what is old.”

NUNC DIMITTIS: THE SHORT SERVICE *sung by the choir*

William Byrd

*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 *said 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

Margaret Burk

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

Margaret Burk

*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.*

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

O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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

ABENDLIED

Josef Rheinberger

Bleib bei uns, denn es will Abend werden, und der Tag hat sich geneiget.

Bide with us, for evening shadows darken, and the day will soon be over.

Text: Luke 24:29

All stand.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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 DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE CONCLUDING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

HYMN 57

LO! HE COMES, WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING

Helmsley

THE POSTLUDE

FUGUE IN C MINOR, OP. 37, NO. 1

Felix Mendelssohn

Notes on the notes: Today's choral music is, apart from the psalm, entirely a cappella. In the English Renaissance, a short service is a relatively straightforward setting, performable without accompaniment, with a mostly syllabic (i.e. one note per syllable) treatment of the text. Rheinberger's *Abendlied* is perhaps his most performed work. It is a gorgeous six-part gem which, as the title "Evening Song" suggests, is a prayer for protection at night.

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

Weekly Lunchtime Organ Recitals

Wednesdays, 12:15 p.m.

Choral Evensong with Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4 at 4 p.m.

Trinitas Ensemble Fall Concert: The American Soundscape

Saturday, October 17 at 7 pm

First Presbyterian Church 800 Scott St, Little Rock, AR 72201

In honor of the country's 250th birthday, The Trinitas Ensemble, Arkansas's only fully professional choir, will present a program of music by American composers.

Tickets cost \$15 and are free for people ages 17 and under. For tickets, visit bit.ly/trinitas2.

All Souls' Day Requiem by John Rutter (with chamber orchestra)

Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 4 pm

In commemoration of All Souls' Day, the Trinity Choir and members of the Arkansas Symphony will perform John Rutter's Requiem with chamber orchestra. Rutter's Requiem is an Anglican perspective on the typical Requiem. Rutter sets most of the Latin Requiem text, but also inserts English settings of Psalm 130 (Out of the deep), Psalm 23 (The Lord is my shepherd), and other biblical verses. A festive reception will follow.