



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 2026, 8 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. Above all, please know that this is your Cathedral, and all are welcome.*

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, 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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

EXODUS 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19 *Caeli enarrant*

The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Although they have no words or language, *
 and their voices are not heard,
 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
 and their message to the ends of the world.
 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
 it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
 it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
 and runs about to the end of it again; *
 nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
 the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
 the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
 the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
 sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
 and in keeping them there is great reward.
 Who can tell how often he offends? *
 cleanse me from my secret faults.
 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
 let them not get dominion over me; *
 then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
 heart be acceptable in your sight, *
 O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

THE SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More

than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 21:33-46

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

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes?'

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing

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

Deacon

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.**

The Celebrant then says 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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All stand.

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.**

The Celebrant continues

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,

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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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

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 LOVING MEMORY OF
CHARLOTTE AND GEORGE DICK
BY RHONDA AND KEN DICK, DEBBIE AND TED DICK

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MY MOTHER, PAULA WHITAKER CALHOUN
BY HARRIET CALHOUN STEPHENS

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
RUTH AND OTIS HOWE, JR.
BY THEIR FAMILY

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN GRATEFUL THANKSGIVING FOR
THE MARRIAGE OF ELIZABETH CLINE AND BLAKE TITUS
WHO WERE MARRIED IN THE CATHEDRAL YESTERDAY

LITURGICAL LEADERS

Celebrant and Preacher

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

Lector and Lay Eucharistic Minister

Ken Dick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We'd love to connect with you about how to make this church your home. To do so, please fill out one of the pew cards in front of you and drop it in the offertory plate.

Please join us for coffee and continental breakfast after the service in Morrison Hall.

This week at and around the Cathedral

Today	4 p.m.	Blessing of the Animals at Choral Evensong	5 p.m.	St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal Trinity Ringing Society
	5 p.m.	EKC/EYC	5:15 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing Prayers Community Dinner
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	6 p.m.	Koinonia Eucharist
	6 p.m.	Cottage Gathering hosted by Elizabeth and Tom Clark	6:30 p.m.	Book Club Walking the Mourner's Path Labyrinth Walk
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Thursday	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
	12:15 p.m.	Organ Recital		5:15 p.m. Evening Prayer
	4 p.m.	Chorister Rehearsal		7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

UPCOMING EVENTS

QR codes provided for additional information and registrations

Choral Evensong with Blessing of the Animals

Tonight at 4 p.m.

The annual Blessing of the Animals will take place during the Choral Evensong service today at 4 p.m. Pets on leash or in crates, are welcome to join the congregation in the Cathedral for this service. Alternatively, a stuffed animal or photo of a beloved pet can be brought for blessing. A reception with pet friendly treats will follow.

The Feast of Dedication

Join us on Sunday, October 18, as we celebrate Trinity Cathedral's 142nd birthday with worship, history, fellowship, and music throughout the day.

Sunday Morning Services and Reception

At our morning services, we will celebrate the anniversary of Trinity's dedication with historic liturgical objects and vestments from the Cathedral's past. Following the 10:30 a.m. service, everyone is invited to enjoy birthday cake in the Garth.

Annual Cathedral History Lecture: The Story of Our Properties

9:15 a.m., Morrison Hall

Canon Michael McNeely, the Diocesan Historiographer, will explore the remarkable story of the Cathedral's properties beyond the church building itself. From homes and parish buildings to other sites that have shaped our common life, discover the people, places, and stories that have helped make Trinity Cathedral what it is today.

Choral Evensong in Honor of the 1884 Legacy Society

4 p.m., Cathedral

The day of celebration concludes with Choral Evensong, including special prayers for Trinity's past benefactors. A festive reception in Morrison Hall will follow as we honor our 1884 Legacy Society and welcome the Society's newest members.

Necrology for All Souls' Requiem on November 1

All Souls' Day is a chance for our congregation to remember and pray for our beloved dead. During the Requiem Eucharist for All Souls' Day on Sunday, November 1 at 4 p.m., we will pray the "Necrology," a list of names of those who have died. If you have names you would like included in this year's Necrology, please email them to Missy McCain (missy@trinitylittlerock.org) by Wednesday, October 28. Please note that names submitted in previous years will not automatically be added to this year's list.

Next Opportunities for Holy Baptism

We will next celebrate the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 10:30 a.m., and then on Sunday, January 10, 2027 at 10:30 a.m. If you or a family member would like to be baptized, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander at thomas@trinitylittlerock.org.

The Cathedral Forum: The Bible in English, 500 Years Later

Sundays, 9:15 a.m., Morrison Hall (beginning October 25)

Five hundred years ago this year, William Tyndale published his printed English New Testament, helping transform the way English-speaking Christians encountered Scripture. This fall, the Cathedral Forum will use that anniversary to explore the larger story of the Bible: What is it? Where did its texts come from? How did it come into English? And how should English-speakers read the Bible today? Over four weeks, we'll trace the Bible from its earliest traditions and manuscripts through the Reformation and into the world of modern English translations, considering along the way what this history means for the Bible we hear in worship and read at home today. To learn more, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander (thomas@trinitylittlerock.org).

October 25: What is the Bible?

November 1: How the Bible Became a Book

November 8: The Bible Comes into English

November 15: Which Bible should I read?

Trinity Book Club: When Helping Hurts by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. (beginning October 21) – Parish House Room 101

Join us each Wednesday evening as we read and discuss classic and contemporary books that deepen our understanding of the Christian life. Our conversations are thoughtful, welcoming, and open to anyone who enjoys reading alongside others.

Beginning October 21, the Trinity Book Club turns to *When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty without Hurting the Poor...and Yourself* by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert (ISBN: 0802409989), a widely read exploration of Christian ministry among people experiencing poverty. The book challenges some of our assumptions about what it means to help, asking how churches and individuals can serve others in ways that honor human dignity, strengthen relationships, and avoid creating unintended harm or dependency. Along the way, we'll consider larger questions about poverty, charity, mission, and what faithful Christian service

looks like in practice. The discussion will be led by the Rev. Thomas Alexander. To sign up or receive Book Club emails, contact Thomas at thomas@trinitylittlerock.org.

Save the Date for Cathedral Day

Saturday, April 24, 2027

Cathedral Day will be a joyful celebration of the life we share: gardens and sacred spaces, music, children and youth ministries, and above all, worship together. Congregations from across Arkansas are invited to come, take part in fun, educational, and creative activities and join in a great festival procession in the afternoon.

Sunday Evening Youth Groups

EKC (4th-5th) & EYC (6th-12th)

Sundays, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Youth Room, Chancellors Hall

Every Sunday evening, our youth gather for food and fellowship. Our two communities share dinner together for the first 30 minutes, and then gather separately for 1 hour of programming, including faith formation, games, and service projects. This is a weekly opportunity to grow as disciples in a joyful and welcoming community. We invite parents and other volunteers to help provide weekly dinner for our youth, sign up here: <https://bit.ly/tclrsundaydinners>

To learn more, contact Emma Mitchell at emma@trinitylittlerock.org.

Upcoming Schedule

Oct 4: Blessing of the Animals Service Project

Oct 11: Tie-Dye Night

Oct 18: Pumpkin Carving/Painting AT TRINITY

Oct 25: Haunted House Set-Up & Decorating

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.



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