



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The Feast of St. Francis with Blessing of the Animals October 4, 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

LARGO FROM TRIO SONATA NO. 2 IN C MINOR, BWV 526
Johann Sebastian Bach

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 121 *Levavi oculus*

B.R. Frost

I *will lift up mine eyes unto the hills *
from whence cometh my help.*

*My help cometh even from the Lord *
who hath made heaven and earth.*

*He will not suffer thy foot to be moved *
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.*

*Behold, he that keepeth Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep.*

*The Lord himself is thy keeper *
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;*

*So that the sun shall not burn thee by day *
neither the moon by night.*

*The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil *
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.*

*The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in *
from this time forth for evermore.*

*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

JOB 39:1-18

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: “Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them.

“Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing.

“Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

“The ostrich’s wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider.”

All stand.

*All sit.***MAGNIFICAT IN B-FLAT** *sung by the choir**Charles Villiers Stanford*

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

LUKE 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’” Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.”

NUNC DIMITTIS IN B-FLAT *sung by the choir**Charles Villiers Stanford*

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.

SUFFRAGES AND COLLECTS

Margaret Burk

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

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant thy people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of thee, delight in thy whole creation with perfectness of joy; 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.

THE BLESSING OF ANIMALS

The Officiant says

Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and Giver of all life: Let thy blessing be upon these and all animals. May our love and care for them reflect thy compassion and safekeeping of all creation. Grant these animals health, peace, and safety. Strengthen us to love and care for them following the good example of Francis of Assisi, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Officiant and other clergy then bless each animal saying

N., may God who created and preserves you bless, defend, heal, and keep you, this day and always. **Amen.**

Afterwards, the Officiant and people then say together

Lord, make us instruments of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

ANTHEM

JUBILATE 'COLLEGIUM REGALE'

Herbert Howells

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands :
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.*

*Be ye sure that the Lord he is God :
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

*O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise :
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.*

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting :

and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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.

Text: Psalm 100 and Gloria Patri

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 405

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

Royal Oak

THE POSTLUDE

ALLEGRO FROM TRIO SONATA NO. 2 IN C MINOR

Johann Sebastian Bach

Notes on the notes: Bach's six organ trio sonatas (BWV 525-530) are some of the most difficult and delicate works in the repertoire. As the name suggests, they have only three parts: one for each hand, and one for the feet. Bach wrote these works to develop the player's coordination and pedal technique, and for this reason they have a reputation for being his most challenging organ works. Their light texture and relatively restrained volume also perhaps makes them more pet-friendly!

Collegium Regale, often colloquially shortened to "Coll Reg," is Latin for "King's College" and indicates that a piece was written for the choir of King's College, Cambridge. Not surprisingly, numerous pieces by different composers have this designation, but Howells' "Coll Reg" works are the best known and most extensive, including canticles for Matins (Te Deum and Jubilate), a communion service (Kyrie, Gloria, etc.), and an evening service (Magnificat and Nunc dimittis)

PARTICIPATING THIS EVENING

<i>Officiant</i>	The Very Rev. Andrea McMillin, <i>Dean and Rector</i>
<i>Assisting Clergy</i>	The Rev. Thomas Alexander, <i>Associate Rector</i> The Rev. Peggy Cromwell, <i>Priest Associate for Pastoral Care</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Charliss Russ Lillian Hardaway
<i>Music</i>	Dr. Colin MacKnight, <i>Director of Music</i> Katie Gunn, <i>Associate Director of Music</i> Trinity Cathedral Choir Trinity Cathedral Choristers

Upcoming Music Events

Weekly Lunchtime Organ Recitals

Wednesdays at 12:15 pm

30-minute lunchtime organ recitals happen each Wednesday. There will not be recitals on December 23, December 30, February 10 (Ash Wednesday), March 24 (Holy Week), or March 31 (the Octave of Easter). Come enjoy some wonderful music during your lunch break!

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.

Other Upcoming Events

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.

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.

