



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 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, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 90:1-6, 13-17 *Domine, refugium,*

LORD, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.**

**You turn us back to the dust and say, *
“Go back, O child of earth.”**

**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.**

**You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.**

**In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.**

**Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

**Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.**

**Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.**

**May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

THE SECOND READING

I THESSALONIANS 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Lector
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Deacon
People

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

"The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet"?"

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Deacon
People

The Gospel of the Lord.

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
BABS DARRAGH ON HER BIRTHDAY
BY HER CHILDREN, MARY PENICK HODGES, BARBARA PENICK MCNAMEE, THEIR FAMILIES,
AND THE FAMILY OF BEBO PENICK.

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN GRATEFUL THANKSGIVING FOR
NAT LEA ON HIS BIRTHDAY
BY NEAL, LUCY, AND TAYLOR

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN GRATEFUL THANKSGIVING FOR
GRANT WALLACE ON HIS BIRTHDAY
FROM JASON BRADY AND GABRIEL WALLACE

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN GRATEFUL THANKSGIVING FOR
THE MARRIAGE OF GRACE RICE AND PATRICK DAVIS
WHO WERE MARRIED IN THE CATHEDRAL OCTOBER 24, 2026

LITURGICAL LEADERS

Celebrant and Preacher

The Rev. Thomas Alexander, *Associate Rector*

Lector and Lay Eucharistic Minister

Judy Barger

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.	Choral Evensong	6 p.m.	Koinonia Eucharist
	5 p.m.	EKC/EYC	6:30 p.m.	Book Club
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Walking the Mourner's Path
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Thursday	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		5:15 p.m. Evening Prayer
	12:15 p.m.	Organ Recital		7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
	4 p.m.	Chorister Rehearsal	Friday	5:30 p.m. Halloween Carnival
	5 p.m.	St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal		
		Trinity Ringing Society		
	5:15 p.m.	Healing Eucharist		
		Community Dinner		

UPCOMING EVENTS

QR codes provided for additional information and registrations

How Firm a Foundation: 2027 Annual Stewardship Drive

Our Annual Stewardship Drive is underway. Pledge cards began arriving to mailboxes last week. To ensure that we can grow our ministries in 2027, our goal is to raise \$1.7 million in pledges and contributions and to increase the overall number of pledging and contributing households.

We have received XXX pledges so far, and the trend from this small sample is positive. XXX households are new pledges and XXX are increased over 2026.

You can be part of this effort. Please join us by prayerfully considering your support for 2027, and return your pledge card by November 1. Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure make Trinity Cathedral thrive! Thank you for your pledge of any size. Scan the QR code to make a pledge.

We will celebrate with a sit-down lunch in Morrison Hall following the 10:30 am service on November 1.



Annual Trinity-ECEP Halloween Carnival

Friday, October 30 – 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., Chancellors Hall

Join us for our annual Halloween Carnival hosted by Trinity and ECEP! We'll have trick-or-treating booths around the gym, a spooky-not-scary Haunted House in the Youth Room, with food and fun for all. Wear your best costume and get into the spooky spirit with us.

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

Sundays, 9:15 a.m., Morrison Hall 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).

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

The Trinity Book Club is currently reading *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).

October 21: Introduction

October 28: Part 1 (Chapters 1–3)

November 4: Part 2 (Chapters 4–6)

November 11: Part 3 (Chapters 7–9)

November 18: Part 4 (Chapters 10–11, Final Word, Appendix, and Concluding Remarks)

Necrology for All Souls' Requiem

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.

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.

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

Upcoming Schedule

Oct 25: Haunted House Set-Up & Decorating

A Celebration for Lillian and Thomas

Sunday, November 8 after the 10:30 am service

The Trinity clergy and staff invite the congregation to join us after the 10:30 am service on Sunday, November 8 for a special reception, celebrating with Lillian and Thomas the arrival of their child in the coming weeks.

Gifts will not be accepted, but in honor of the celebration, **Thomas and Lillian have asked that we collect diapers for the Food Pantry at Saint Mark's during the reception.** Anyone wishing to bring something is invited instead to bring a package of diapers to support families in our wider community. We'll collect all donations here at the Cathedral.



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