TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026, 10:30 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. If you would like to know more about the cathedral, a tour of the building is available immediately following the service. A tour guide will meet you in the baptistery in the back of the church. Above all, please know that this is your Cathedral, and all are welcome.*

Children in Worship: *We love the presence of children in our worship services here at Trinity. Engaging materials for children can be found near the bell tower doors in the back of the Cathedral. The bell tower has a speaker that allows you to hear the service if you need to step out with your child. Nursery care is also available for infants and toddlers up to 4 years old. If you need directions, our ushers and greeters would be happy to show you the way.*

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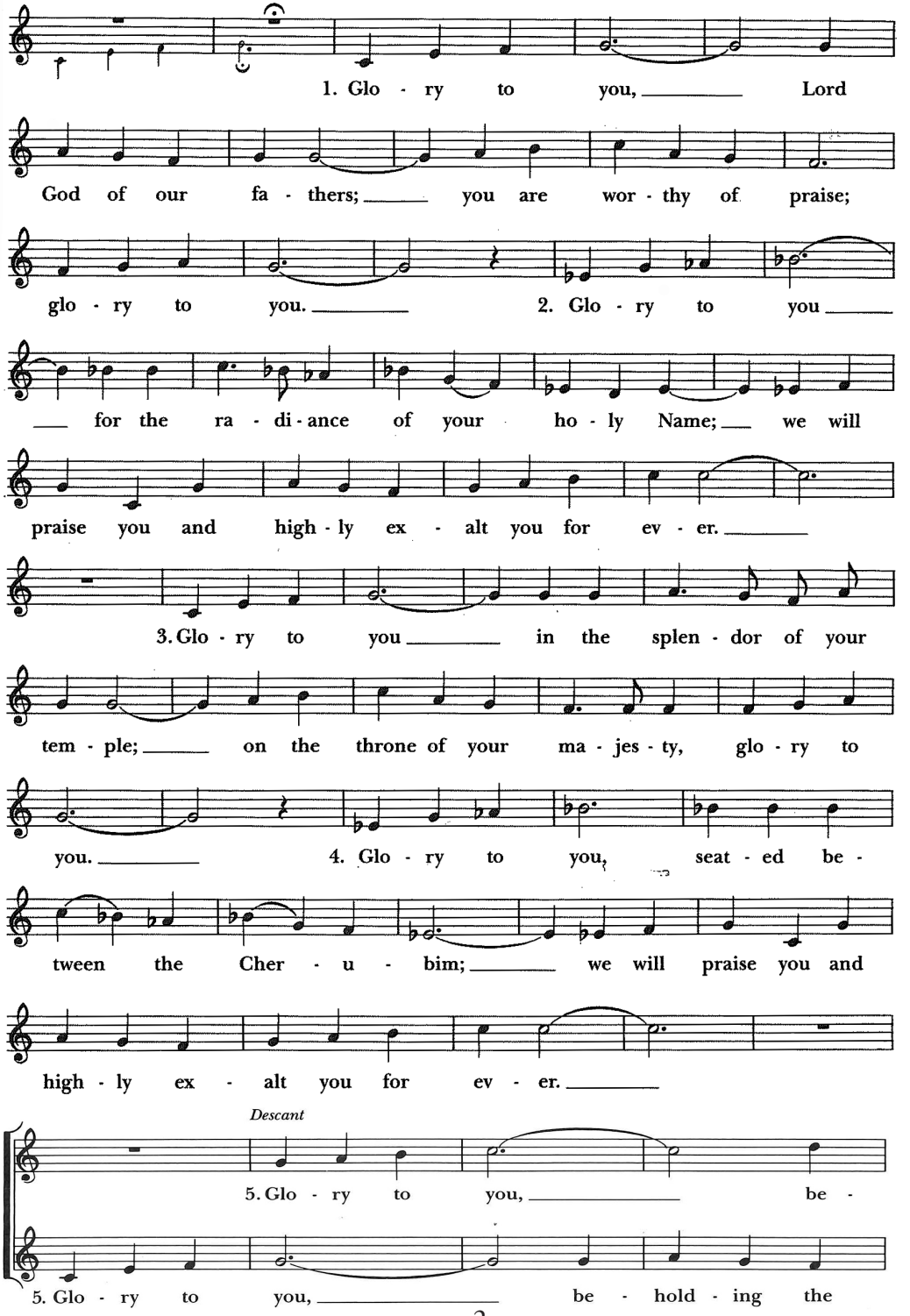
The Prelude Pastorale, Op. 31, Book 2, No. 8 *Louis Vierne*
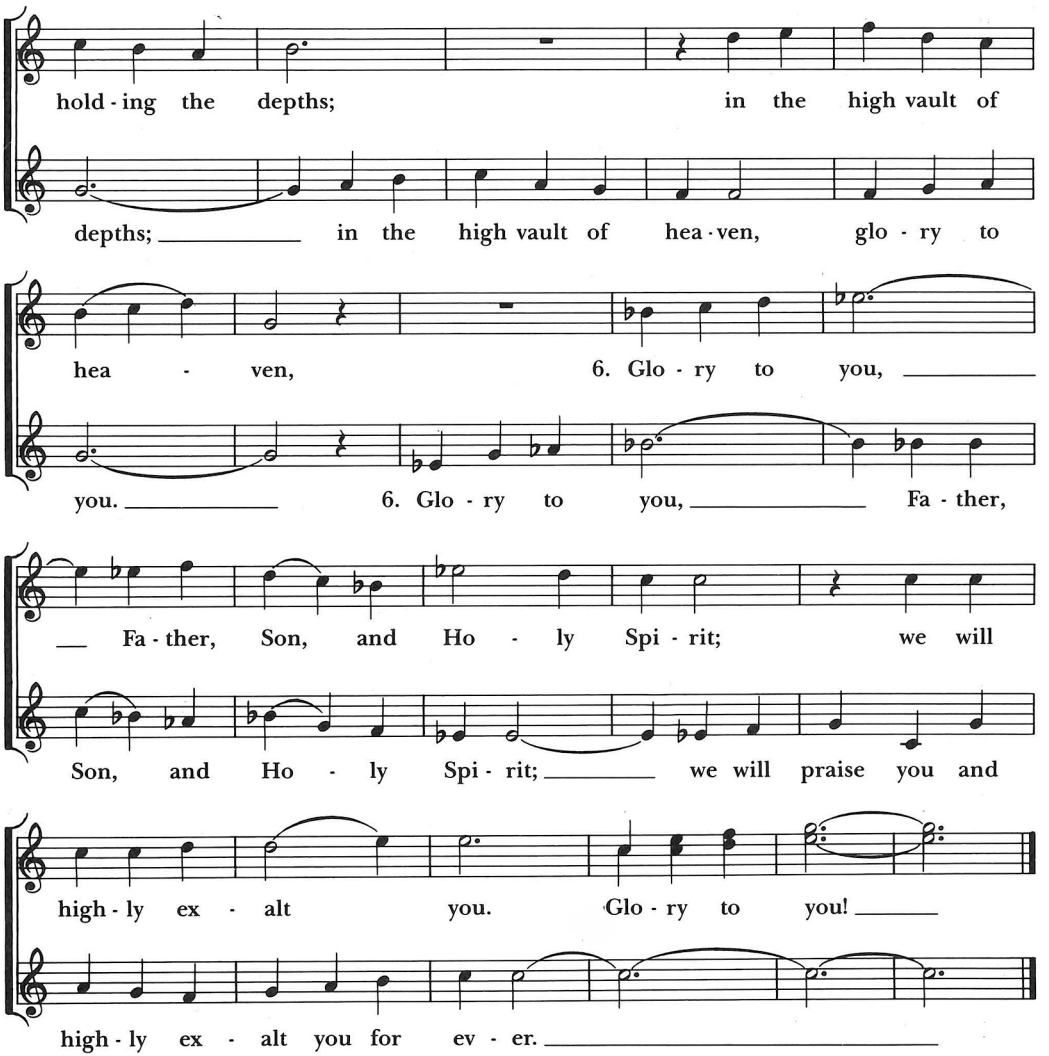
Hymn 436 Lift up your heads, ye might gates *Truro*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.


1. Glo - ry to you, Lord
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you.
2. Glo - ry to you
for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you.
4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed be -
tween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
Descant
5. Glo - ry to you, be -
5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

All sit.

The First Reading Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:1-7 *Attendite, popule,* *Anglican chant sung by the choir* *Edward Elgar*

*Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

*I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

*That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

*We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

*He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

*That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

*So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

The Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 68 Rejoice, rejoice believers *Llangloffan*

During this hymn, children in second grade and younger who want to take part in the Children's Liturgy follow the Good Shepherd banner out of the Nave. They will return at the Peace.

The Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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

The Intercessor and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and John our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Intercessor and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then all may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem Jubilate Deo '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

During the Offertory Anthem, representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread, wine, money, and other gifts to the Celebrant. To make an offering electronically, scan the QR code at the back of the bulletin.

The people stand while the offerings are brought forward to the Altar.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

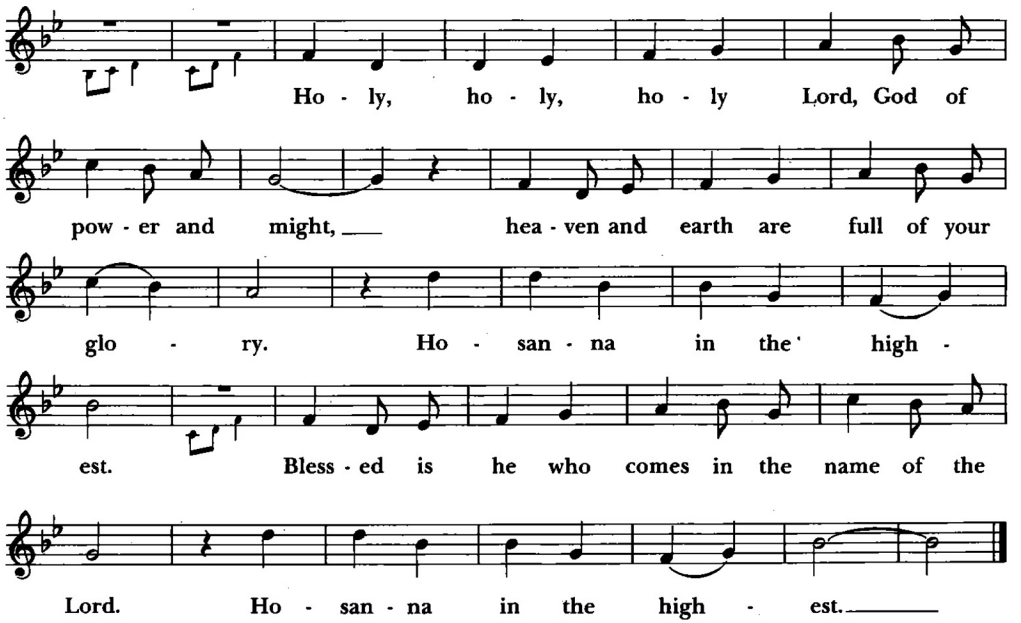
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus *sung by all*



All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all...

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts...

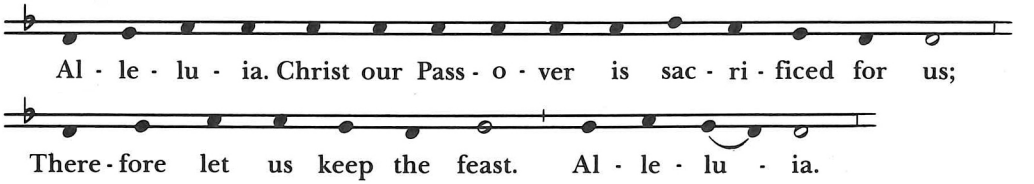
...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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 Fraction Anthem *sung by all*



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.

Music at Holy Communion

Motet Holy is the true light *William Henry Harris*

Holy is the True Light, and passing wonderful,
lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict,
from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour,
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore.
Alleluia!

Text from the Salisbury Diurnal by G.H. Palmer

Hymn 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence *Picardy*

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

If people are being sent to take the Bread and Wine to those who are absent, the Deacon says

Deacon In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one, because we all share one bread and one cup. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah *Cwm Rhondda*

The Postlude Chorale-Improvisation on 'Cwm Rhondda' *Paul Manz*

Altar Gifts

To the glory of God and in loving memory of
Dr. Roger Bost and Kathryn King Bost
by their loving family daughters Becky Tucker, Margaret Faulkner,
and Virginia Berner; and son Kingsley

To the glory of God and in loving memory of
Oscar and Crystal Peckham, Claire and Donald Richards, and Don Richards
by Jo Richards

Notes on the Notes: 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).

Liturgical Leaders

Celebrant	The Rev. Thomas Alexander, *Associate Rector*
Preacher	The Rev. Peggy Cromwell, *Priest Associate for Pastoral Care*
Assisting Clergy	The Very Rev. Andrea McMillin, *Dean and Rector* The Rev. Dr. Susan Loy Lyon, *Deacon*
Lectors	Sheila Mehaffy, Scott Whitfield
Intercessor	Denise Albert
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Gayle Corley, Pam DeGravelles, Christy Kalder-Jameson, Jane McMullin
Children's Chapel	Francis Mitchell
Music	Dr. Colin MacKnight, *Director of Music* Katie Gunn, *Associate Director of Music* Trinity Cathedral Choir The Trinity Cathedral Ringing Society
Ushers	Herschel Cast, Barry Coplin, Tom Fennell, Tommy Jameson, Grady McCoy
Tour Guide	Michael McNeely

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week at and around the Cathedral

Today	4 p.m.	Choral Evensong
	5 p.m.	EKC/EYC
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	Veteran's Day	
	Cathedral offices closed	
	Evening programs still happening	
	4 p.m.	Chorister Rehearsal
	5 p.m.	St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal
		Trinity Ringing Society
	5:15 p.m.	Healing Eucharist
		Community Dinner
	6 p.m.	Koinonia Eucharist
	6:30 p.m.	Book Club
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	5:15 p.m.	Evening Prayer
	7 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Upcoming Events

QR codes provided for additional information and registrations

A Celebration for Lillian and Thomas

Today after the 10:30 am service

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

Parish Retreat at Camp Mitchell

Friday, January 15 – Sunday, January 17, 2027

This Year's Theme: Practicing Prayer in Our Daily Life

Join us for a weekend of prayer, fellowship, and renewal at Camp Mitchell, the Diocese of Arkansas' beautiful camp and conference center atop Petit Jean Mountain! Over Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend, Trinity parishioners of all ages are invited to step away from the busyness of daily life and enjoy time together in one of Arkansas' most beautiful settings. We hope you'll join us for this special weekend together!

Led by Dean Andrea and Emma Mitchell, the retreat will offer spiritual formation for adults and children, shared worship, and plenty of opportunities for rest, recreation, and fellowship. The weekend begins with dinner and a bonfire on Friday evening and concludes with Holy Eucharist on Sunday morning.

Registration is $150 per adult, $125 per adult without overnight lodging, and $100 per child (ages toddler–18). All registrations include five meals. Registration and payment are due Wednesday, December 30, 2026. For the full schedule, lodging information, and registration, scan the QR code.

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. 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*).

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

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. – 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 is led by the Rev. Thomas Alexander. To sign up or receive Book Club emails, contact Thomas at (*thomas@trinitylittlerock.org*).

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*.

11/8: Campfire Cooking Night
11/15: Friendsgiving Potluck Dinner
11/22: NO EKC/EYC (Thanksgiving Break)
11/29: Preparing for Advent

Holy Eucharist for Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 26 at 10:30 am

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

All are invited to Trinity Cathedral for worship on Thanksgiving Day. Music will be led by the Trinity Choir. Nursery care will be available.

Every Sunday in Advent

Formation for all ages will start in Morrison Hall at 9:15 am for Advent wreath prayers before programming begins.

November 29

Children: Arranging the Cathedral Advent Wreath with Margaret Faulkner

Adults: Holiday floral decoration demonstration with Missy McCain

December 6

Children: A Visit from St. Nicholas in Sunday School

Adults: "The History of St. Nicholas" with the Rev. Thomas Alexander

December 13 All Ages: Intergenerational Service Project with Matthew 25 Team

December 20 All Ages: Intergenerational Christmas Carol Sing-Along with Dr. Colin MacKnight

Every Wednesday In Advent

5:15 pm Healing Eucharist (Chapel)
5:15 pm Community Dinner (Morrison)
6 pm Koinonia Eucharist (Cathedral)*
6:30 pm Book Club (Keller House),
reading *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor
7:30 pm Choral Compline (Cathedral)

The "Pick-up" Christmas Pageant

6 pm Wednesday, December 16. (Cathedral)

During our final Koinonia service of the semester, children are invited to don a costume of their choosing during Community Dinner and help tell the Nativity Story during the worship service. This pageant is a fun, low-key offering for our ECEP students and for our young children to engage in the Christmas story.

Special Services in Advent and Christmas

First Sunday of Advent, November 29
4:00 pm, Advent Service of Lessons and Carols (nursery care available, reception to follow)
Third Sunday of Advent, December 13
4:00 pm, The Cathedral Christmas Pageant (reception to follow)
Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20
4:00 pm, Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols (nursery care available, reception to follow)
Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24
4:00 pm, Holy Eucharist with choir, hymns, and children's sermon (nursery care available)
8:00 pm, Holy Eucharist with choir, hymns, and incense (nursery care available)
Christmas Day, Friday, December 25
10:30 am, Holy Eucharist with hymns

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