

Holy Week and Easter 2016 at Trinity Cathedral

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 20 – 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. Canon Dr. J. Russell Snapp

On this day we have a procession of Palms celebrating our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the distribution of palm crosses, and a reading of the Passion from the Gospel of Mark. Childcare will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week

March 21 and 22 - Holy Eucharist at 12:15 p.m.

Bishop Benfield presides on Tuesday, March 22 and will bless chrism (anointing oil) for use in baptisms throughout the Diocese of Arkansas. The Rev. Susan Payne preaches on Monday, March 21.

Wednesday of Holy Week

March 23 – Holy Eucharist at 5:15 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. Canon Dr. J. Russell Snapp

Dinner from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Classes and children's activities from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Childcare will be available from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 24 – 7:00 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. Susan Payne

This service is a celebration of our Lord's institution of the sacrament of his Body and Blood. Childcare will be available beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday

Friday, March 25 – 12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

On Good Friday we worship and hear a beautiful sung setting of the Gospel of John's account of the Lord's trial, suffering, and death. Childcare will be available beginning at 11:45 a.m. for the midday service only.

Good Friday Offering – Friday, March 25

The Good Friday Offering is a source of support and hope for the people of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Cathedral Offices close Good Friday at 12:00 p.m. and are closed on Easter Monday.

The Great Vigil of Easter

Saturday, March 26 – 7:30 p.m.

The Great Vigil is the first celebration of Easter. The beautifully austere service includes Holy Baptism. Childcare will be available at 7:15 p.m.

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

Sunday, March 27 – Holy Eucharist at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Preacher: Dr. Keller.

Childcare will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

On Easter Day:

Flowering of Cross – Please bring flowers to decorate the cross, placed outside on the front landing of the Cathedral. Individual stems work best.

Easter Eggstravaganza!!! Following the 9:00 a.m. Eucharist - The Playground (rain location – Chancellors Hall) – please provide your own basket for this fun event.

Mite Box Ingathering – Baskets will be available by the tables of the Cathedral for your Mite Boxes. This year's offering will go to Episcopal Relief and Development.

INSIGHTS PRESENTS: An Evening with Elaine Pagels



April 2 at 6:30 p.m. : The Theological Enrichment Committee Presents INSIGHTS: An Evening with Elaine Pagels. We are pleased to offer our third installment in our INSIGHTS Series for 2015-2016!

Elaine Pagels joined the Princeton faculty in 1982, shortly after receiving a MacArthur Fellowship. Perhaps best known as the author of *The Gnostic Gospels*, *The Origin of Satan*, and *Adam, Eve and the Serpent*, she has published widely on Gnosticism and early Christianity, and continues to pursue research interests in late antiquity. Her most recent books include *Beyond Belief: The Secret Gospel of Thomas* (was on the New York Times best-seller list) and *Reading Judas: The Gospel of Judas and the Shaping of Christianity*, co-authored with Karen King of Harvard. Her current project is working on a book entitled *Revelations*, which will explore the New Testament Book of Revelation and other Jewish,

Christian, and Pagan books of Revelation written around the same time. She will be speaking on *Beyond Belief – The Secret Gospel of Thomas*. The Rev. Canon Dr. J. Russel Snapp will lead a book study beginning on March 8. Pagels is made possible by a generous donation from the Cindy Bost Wellness Trust. General Admission tickets are free, but require a ticket. Patron tickets are \$100 and include reserved seating and an invitation to the Sponsor & Patron Reception. Tickets are available at <https://insightspagels.eventbrite.com>.

Book Studies for both Elaine Pagels and Glennon Doyle Melton will take place with the Pagels book study beginning on March 8th and the Melton book study beginning on April 1st. To order tickets, sign up for the book studies, or for more information, please visit www.trinitylittlerock.org.

Elections and Appointments

Dean Keller has reappointed Jack Harvey as Senior Warden and Clarke Tucker as Chancellor of the Vestry Board. The Vestry has reelected Herschel Cast as Treasurer, John Stanley as Clerk, and has elected Brad Spain as Junior Warden. Elizabeth Clarke has been elected to the Executive Committee. The Vestry has also elected Jack Harvey, Herschel Cast, Beth Hathaway, and Scott Tabor to the Endowment Board.

Easter Events

- **Volunteers are needed to help with stuffing of the Easter Eggs for the Eggstravaganza** (Egg Hunt/Free for All) on Easter Sunday, March 27. Please contact Dawn at dhowe@trinitylittlerock.org if you can assist. We'll provide the eggs and stuffing. The Eggstravaganza will be held about 10:30 on the playground. Please bring your baskets.
- **Volunteers needed to make Palm Crosses** - Saturday, March 19 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in Staff Lounge. Instruction provided and everyone is welcome. We'll have coffee, donuts, and great fellowship!
- **Mite Boxes:** It is not too late to start a Lenten discipline - we have mite boxes in the back of the church. You can put your loose change, cast etc into the box and turn in on Easter. Funds will go to Episcopal Relief and Development. For children: we have a few Heifer Project boxes and calendars (direction how much to give each day) - also in the back of the church. These funds will be given to Heifer when they are turned in.
- **Flowering the Cross:** On Easter morning, we will have a chicken wire cross in front of the church. Everyone is invited to bring flowers from their garden to adorn the cross. It is best not to tie stems together (they won't fit in the chicken wire).
- **Easter Memorials:** Easter is a wonderful time to remember the faithful departed who have glorified God throughout the generations, as well as honor those who are sharing the light of Christ in our present day. If you wish to make a memorial or thanksgiving contribution, please send them to Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Attention: Sherry Stafford, 310 W 17th St., Little Rock, AR 72206 by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 21. Please include any proclamation you would like published in the Easter service leaflets (such as "To the Glory of God and in grateful thanksgiving for the lives of _____," "To the Glory of God and in memory of _____," etc.) and include the names of those making the gift. Please mark Easter memorial on your check. Mary Hodges can also take memorials via email (mhodes@trinitylittlerock.org) or phone (372-0294).

Please remember Trinity Cathedral in your will.

EYC March Events

Winterstar is March 11th-13th at Camp Mitchell: The cost is \$110. Winterstar is the Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas' annual Spring Retreat for Youth in the 6th-12th grade. The weekend begins at Camp Mitchell Friday the 11th at 8pm with registration and ends Sunday at 11:00am. This Winterstar has a theme of "Made in God's Image" and will focus on how easy it is to forget that we are loved exactly as we are by God when we compare ourselves so often to other people. Dean Keller will be chaplain for the weekend. More details at <http://eycarkansas.org/winterstar/>

SPRING BREAK SKI TRIP! March 20-25, 2016: EYC is heading to Purgatory - to ski, that is! Spring break falls during Holy Week this year, so we will leave after lunch on March 20 and drive to Durango, Co., and return around noon on Friday, March 25. Cost for trip - including ski passes, lodging, food at the house and gas: \$350 per person. To sign up, you must put a \$50 deposit down. Please let Annie know about questions you may have and if you are interested! If you would like to make a donation to help the EYC fund this trip, please contact Annie.

EUREKA SPRINGS MISSION TRIP: In the small towns and rural areas in the Ozark Mountains are people who quietly live in deplorable conditions with little hope of change. Youth groups will find this summer mission camp heartbreaking at first as they see the destitute conditions in which people live, but that work will soon become heartwarming as they see the difference they can make in someone's life. Reaching out to help these struggling families fix and maintain what little they have brings them a message of Christian caring and service that will open their eyes to Christ's love. Group projects during this summer mission camp will be a mixture of roofing, painting, wheelchair ramp construction, and general clean-up and repair. This camp is designed to be a mixture of hard work, spiritual growth and good clean adventurous fun. You can expect to work hard, play hard and laugh hard. It is our desire that at the close of this mission trip the youth will return to our church in a more cohesive group, sharing in memories that will last a lifetime and enjoying a renewed excitement about what Jesus Christ is doing in all of their lives.

Lodging: We will stay at a lodging facility with bunk style housing, dining hall, meeting areas, hiking trails, and sports fields. All meals are provided except for two lunches and two dinners during free time.

When: June 12-18, **Price:** \$300, **Who:** All Youth, Rising 6th grade and up,
Deposit: \$89 – Fully refundable until April 1 – Holds your spot!

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Corner

More on Rituals



- Keep rituals simple and short. The younger the child, the shorter the ritual. Gather a few items to symbolize the occasion (the first lost tooth, a picture of the one who has died, something special from around the house, or encourage y our child to find something in nature, or invite the child to draw a picture). This, with a candle and a quiet corner will be enough. The items are not the focus. The items should be "transparent" – pointing beyond themselves toward the occasion.
- Lead the first ritual yourself. But for every subsequent ritual, let your child help plan and take part in everything.
- Rituals may consist of: silence, singing, praying, reading something aloud, holding hands and sitting in a circle, sharing memories, making up a dance, making up body movements to a repeated prayer sentence (like " God, we thank you!" or Lord, hear our prayer"), taking a ceremonial walk somewhere – outside, into another room, around the room. Choose 2 or 3 components. Make the plan. Have the ritual. You can't go wrong if your motivation is to set aside this occasion as special, having the desire to acknowledge God's presence with us in

Email Addresses Needed: Can't wait for The Message to arrive? Want to know what is happening at Trinity? Make sure we have your email address so you receive the weekly Trinity Update. It contains a brief look at the many events on the block. Send your email address to dhowe@trinitylittlerock.org and we'll make sure you are added to the update list.



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Weekly Worship Schedule:
Sunday - 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
11:15 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday
Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday
Healing Eucharist at 5:15 p.m.

2016 ARKANSAS



Dear Clergy & Acolyte Directors,

Greetings from Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. We extend our cordial invitation to you and your acolytes to participate in the 2016 Arkansas Acolyte Festival on Friday, April 1 and Saturday April 2, at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Little Rock. All Acolytes, young, and young at heart, acolyte directors, youth ministers, and acolyte parents are encouraged to attend. We hope that participants will return home with both new skills and a renewed enthusiasm for liturgy – literally “the work of the people” – and its rich, participatory tradition of worship.

Please direct all registration related questions to Annie Burton at (501) 920-2778 or annie@trinitylittlerock.org. You can also find more information at the Trinity Cathedral website (www.trinitylittlerock.org). We eagerly look forward to your joining us for the special event!

In faith,

The Rev. Dr. Christoph Keller III
Dean and Rector