

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II Thursday, November 25, 2021 at 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Day

Trinity's Mission

The mission of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral is to proclaim the Word of God by sharing our gifts, ourselves, and our properties through ministry to each other, our neighbors, and our community as we serve God and represent the Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas.

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Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. We're delighted you joined us today. Mask-wearing (even while singing) and social distancing are required during the service to protect those who are vulnerable.

Hymns are found in the red Hymnal in the pews.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Prelude	Romance from Symphonie No. 4, Op. 32	Louis Vierne
Hymn 290	Come, ye faithful people, come	St. George's Windsor

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Gloria Canticle 20 Sung by all

Hymnal S-278

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Glory to God in the highest,	For you alone are the Holy One,
and peace to his people on earth.	you alone are the Lord,
Lord God, heavenly King,	you alone are the Most High,
almighty God and Father,	Jesus Christ,
we worship you, we give you thanks,	with the Holy Spirit,
we praise you for your glory.	in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,	
Lord God, Lamb of God,	
you take away the sin of the world:	
have mercy on us;	
you are seated at the right hand of the	
Father: receive our prayer.	

The Collect of the Day

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Reading – Joel 2:21-27

Lector A Reading from the Book of Joel

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, * "The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, * like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Second Reading - 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Lector A Reading from the first letter of Timothy

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Hymn 291

We plow the fields, and scatter

The Gospel – Matthew 6:25-33

DeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Deacon	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord 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 Litany of Thanksgiving

The Intercessor and People pray responsively

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea, **We thank you, Lord.** For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve, **We thank you, Lord.**

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play, **We thank you, Lord.**

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places, **We thank you, Lord.**

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**.

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

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

The Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

During the Offertory Anthem, representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread, wine, money, and other gifts to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar.

Offertory AnthemThou O God art praised in SionMalcolm Boyle

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion, and unto Thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem. Thou that hearest the prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come.

Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest and receivest unto Thee. He shall dwell in Thy courts and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of Thy house, e'en of Thy holy temple.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stay'd on Thee: Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace because he trusteth in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

Let the people praise Thee, O God, yea, let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God shall give us His blessing.

Text: Psalm 65: 1-2, 4; Isaiah 26: 3-4

The Great Thanksgiving

The people stand.

Susum corda

Hymnal S-120

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.

Celebrant

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

Here a proper preface is said

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:

SanctusSung by allHymnal S-128Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in thehighest.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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**.

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has 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

Silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem Sung by all

Jesus Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

And may add

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

Ushers will assist in directing the flow of communicants to ensure social distancing at all times. Today, there will be Holy Communion only in one kind. During the communion procession, the center aisle is one way going towards the altar. The clergy will meet you at a communion station in the front. Please move to one of the stations on your side of the hall. Please leave your mask on and maintain distance from the priest as they drop the wafer into your hands. The side aisles are used to return to your pew. Please let an usher know if you need Holy Communion brought to you.

Hymnal S-165

Music at Communion

The choir will sing the motet; all are invited to sing the hymn.

Thou visitest the Earth	Maurice Greene			
sest it: goodness.				
For the beauty of the earth	Lucerna Laudoniae			
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen. The Blessing				
Now thank we all our God	Nun danket alle Gott			
the name of Christ. l.				
Nun danket alle Gott Marche Triomphale, Op. 65, No. 59	Sigfrid Karg-Elert			
	sest it: goodness. For the beauty of the earth you have graciously accepted us as live and you have fed us with spiritual food us now into the world in peace, and g with gladness and singleness of heart Now thank we all our God the name of Christ.			

Altar Gifts

To the glory of God and with thanksgiving for Mr. and Mrs. Paul Allen Smith, Sr., Elizabeth Hermans, and Foster Palmer by P. Allen Smith

In grateful thanksgiving for family and friends, especially Catherine, Elizabeth, Bobby, Anna, Drew, Maggie, Sara Cate, and Henry by Marti and Henry Thomas

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Harry W. Parkin and Virginia Parkin Hodges by Jane McMullin

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Allan Edwards Meadors by his children Dr. Fred Meadors, Andrew Meadors, and Chase Meadors Stover

To the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the clergy and staff of the Cathedral by Michael K. McNeely

Celebrant

The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux

Preacher

Dr. Sybil Hampton

Assisting Clergy

The Rev. Deb Cooper, The Rev. Canon Dr. Lisa Corry

Lectors Missy McCain, Mary Hodges

Intercessor *Carolyn Hartstein*

Director of Music Dr. Colin MacKnight

Ushers

Brantley, Buck, Herschel Cast, Ann Moreledge, George Moreledge

The frontal being used today dates from the 1860s and is the first frontal made for Trinity. During the pandemic, the red panels were lovingly renewed with hand-stitching. The frontal will be on the Pierce Chapel altar for the season of Advent.