

Welcome. *If you are a visitor, we are grateful that you have joined us and hope that you find space here to come close to God. We welcome all who seek the Holy, no matter your background. At Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, we pray, celebrate, and share our gifts with each other, our neighbors, and our community, as we serve God and represent the Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas. 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.*

If you would like to know about the Cathedral building and its history, a docent-led tour is available following the service. The tour starts in the baptistry at the back of the church.

***The service is found in the black Book of Common Prayer (BCP).
Hymns are found in the red hymnal.***

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645 Johann Sebastian Bach*

Hymn 61 *"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us* *Wachet auf*

LITURGY OF THE WORD **BCP 355**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

Collect for Purity

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.**

Kyrie *sung by all* **Hymnal S-91**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant God of justice and peace, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness, that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvelous deeds. Raise our heads in expectation, that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and stand without blame before your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122 *Sung by the choir to plainsong*

BCP 779

The Epistle

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn Hills of the North, rejoice (see insert)

Little Cornard

The Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will

be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux

Prayers of the People: Form V

BCP 389

The Confession

BCP 360

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.

The Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

During the Offertory anthem, ushers collect an offering from the congregation. Please stand while the offering is brought to the Altar.

Anthem I was glad *C. Hubert H. Parry*

I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city: that is at unity in itself.

For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord: to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

For there is the seat of judgement: even the seat of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes: I will wish thee prosperity.

Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God: I will seek to do thee good.

Psalm 122: 1-9

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

BCP 367

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 unto the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Sanctus *sung by all*

Hymnal S-114

The Great Thanksgiving continues

BCP 368

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei *sung by all*

Hymnal S-158

The Administration of Holy Communion

*Ushers will assist in directing the flow of communicants. Please receive communion at the rail or at the station. Those choosing to receive at the rail use the right side of the center aisle; those going to the station should use the left. If you would prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest. Only the front side of the rail will be used today. Please let an usher know if you need Holy Communion brought to you. **Please do not intinct (dip) your wafer.***

Motet E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Peace be to you and grace from him

Who freed us from our sins

Who loved us all and shed his blood

That we might saved be

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord

The Lord, Almighty God

Who was, and is, and is to come

Sing Holy, Holy Lord

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within

Rejoice on earth, ye saints below

For Christ is coming, is coming soon

For Christ is coming soon

E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come

And night shall be no more

They need no light nor lamp nor sun

For Christ will be their All!

Text: Paraphrase of Revelation 22:5

Hymn 63 O heavenly Word, eternal Light *Verbum supernum prodiens*

The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

Hymn 73 The King shall come when morning dawns *St. Stephen*

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter, BWV 650 *J.S. Bach*

ALTAR GIFTS

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF ELIZABETH
HEMANS FOSTER PALMER AND SYLVIA AND PAUL ALLEN SMITH, SR.
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

This week at the Cathedral

Tonight 4 p.m., Advent Lessons and Carols
5 p.m., Advent Event
Monday 8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer
Tuesday 8:30 a.m., Expansive Language Morning Prayer
12:15 p.m., Centering Prayer
4 p.m., Junior chorister rehearsal
Wednesday 9 a.m., Morning Prayer
10 a.m., Bell choir rehearsal
4 p.m., Senior chorister rehearsal
4:30 p.m., Trinity Cathedral Ringing Society
5:30 p.m., Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers
Thursday 7 p.m., Cathedral choir rehearsal

PARTICIPATING TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Canon Dr. Lisa Corry
<i>Preacher</i>	The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux
<i>Assisting</i>	The Rev. Deb Cooper
<i>Lectors</i>	Peter Hartstein, Richard Moore
<i>Intercessor</i>	Carolyn Hartstein
<i>Greeter</i>	Linnie Lyle
<i>Ushers</i>	Herschel Cast, Harold Joyner, Michelle McLellen, Ann Morledge, George Morledge
<i>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Mike Schmidt, Sally Fittsizer, Lee Kinnebrew, Peter Hartstein
<i>Acolytes</i>	Reeves Bethel, Alex Wayland, Michael Wayland
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Colin MacKnight
<i>Guest Organist</i>	Dr. Stephen Karr

Notes on the Notes

Today's sequence hymn, *Hills of the North, rejoice*, is not in the 1982 hymnal but certainly deserves to be. It is a stirring tune and evocative text announcing Christ's coming to all four corners of the world: one verse for each cardinal direction, plus a final verse for the whole world.

Today's voluntaries are Advent-themed chorale preludes by J.S. Bach taken from his set of six Schübler Chorales. This set of pieces comprises organ transcriptions of movements that Bach originally wrote for various combinations of singers and instrumentalists. As one might imagine, these arrangements can create problems when translated to an instrument for which they were not written. In the case of the postlude, what was a perfectly reasonable violin part translates into dreadfully unidiomatic keyboard writing for the right hand. Since this piece's bass line is quite active, Bach chooses to put it in the left hand instead of the pedal (which usually plays the lowest voice). One might perceive this as a small act of mercy until one realizes that the feet are the only limbs still available to play the hymn tune, complete with many ornaments, frills, and trills.

Last, there are some changes to the service now that we are in Advent. To most of the world, Advent is just pre-Christmas, so it is easy to forget that in our tradition, Advent is a penitential season. (Indeed, the traditional sermon topics for the four Sundays of Advent used to be death, judgment, heaven, and hell – a far cry from pre-Christmas!) For this reason, we will sing the Kyrie instead of a Gloria, and the choir will switch to more austere – but equally beautiful – plainsong psalms, rather than their usual Anglican chant.