



# TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
*A house of prayer for all people*

November 3, 2024

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**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.*

*The service is found in the black Book of Common Prayer beginning on page 323.*

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

### 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.**

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said,

“Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!”

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

**PSALM 146** *sung by the choir in Anglican chant by Edward Bairstow*

**H**allelujah!

**Praise the Lord, O my soul! \***

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

**Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*  
for there is no help in them.**

**When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*  
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

**Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;**

**Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.**

**The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**

**The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

**The Lord shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.**

**Hallelujah!**

**THE EPISTLE**

**HEBREWS 9:11-14**

**W**hen Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

**THE GOSPEL**

**MARK 12:28-34**

**O**ne of the scribes came near and heard the Sadducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
THE REVEREND DOCTOR ROBERT MARSH COOPER  
BY HIS WIFE DR ANN HEDGE- CARRUTHERS

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
CHIEF JUSTICE GRIFFIN SMITH, AMELIA DAGGETT SMITH, ANDREW HAMILTON LANDER, SHEFFIELD  
SMITH LANDER, SHEFFIELD LANDER CHRISTIAN OWINGS AND FREDRIK BRENT KNUTSON  
BY ROSLYN L KNUTSON AND FAMILY

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
BILLIE JEAN LOMAX AND WALTER DEVILLERS LOMAX, GEARLINE AND ROY GRAVES, MAUDE RHEA  
ROSENBUSH AND SETH WOODSON WOOTEN AND HALLIE LEE AND WALTER ROSENBUSH  
BY KIM AND GENE GRAVES

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN GRATEFUL THANKSGIVING FOR  
GRANT WALLACE ON HIS BIRTHDAY  
BY JASON, GABRIEL, DON, NITA, REBECCA, CHRIS, DON & ASHLEY

**Celebrant**

*The Rev. Thomas Alexander*

**Preacher**

*The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux*

**Lector and Lay Eucharistic Minister**

*Charliss Russ*

## Events and Information

### **This week at and around the Cathedral**

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Today	4 pm, All Souls' Requiem Mass - Reception to follow 8:30 am, Morning Prayer
Tuesday	8:30 am, Expansive Language Morning Prayer 12:10 pm, Election Day Eucharist 7 pm, Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	4 pm, Trinity Chorister Rehearsal 5 pm, Trinity Ringing Society Practice 5 pm, St Cecilia Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm, Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers 5:30 pm, Community Dinner 6 pm, Koinonia Eucharist 6:30 pm, Book Club
Thursday	5:30 pm, Evening Prayer

# WAYS TO PRAY ON ELECTION DAY

<b>All Saints' Russellville</b>	Prayer services at Noon and 6:00 PM
<b>Arkansas House of Prayer Interfaith Center, &amp; St. Margaret's</b>	Interfaith Prayer and Meditation Vigil 7:30 AM to 7:30 PM
<b>Christ Episcopal Church, Little Rock</b>	Holy Eucharist at 12:05 PM
<b>Holy Trinity, Hot Springs Village</b>	Holy Eucharist at Noon
<b>St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Little Rock</b>	Holy Eucharist at 7:00 PM
<b>Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, Little Rock</b>	Chapel open from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
<b>Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock</b>	Open for prayer from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Holy Eucharist at 12:10 PM

## Trinity News

### All Souls' Mass: Duruflé Requiem

*Today at 4 pm*

*Trinity Episcopal Cathedral*

Trinity will commemorate the Feast of All Souls with a Requiem mass featuring Maurice Duruflé's Requiem, arguably the crowning achievement of 20th-century sacred music. Past organist of the National Cathedral Erik Suter will be the guest organist for this service.

### Trinity Cathedral's 1884 Legacy Society presents An Evening with Jennifer O'Brien

*Tuesday, November 12 at 7 p.m.*

*Morrison Hall*

Jennifer O'Brien will share excerpts from the second edition of her award winning book "The Hospice Doctor's Widow," which came from the art journal she created as a form of self care during her late husband, Robert Lehmberg's, 22-month illness. Now, Jennifer shares her story, wisdom, and experience to help people live, love, and serve others more fully by recognizing that: at the end of life comes death; family caregiving is both the hardest job and the greatest honor most of us will ever face; and love is greater than death.

Refreshments, Q&A session and booksigning will be included. Tickets are available through Eventbrite.



## Plan Ahead

### Exploring Mary's Call: A Mixed Modality Retreat with Lisa Thorpe

*Saturday, December 7, from 10 am – 2 pm*

*Morrison Hall*

*\$25 for registration, material, and lunch*

Join artist, theological seeker, and Cathedral parishioner Lisa Thorpe in beginning your Advent with Mary: thinking about her call, her courage, and her choice. We explore this by reading the text and looking at images of the annunciation through the lens of art through the ages.

The retreat culminates in the creation of a glass bowl collage with Mary at the center and the option to weave the words from the Magnificat through. We will reflect on our own openness to being a container for God. This retreat includes meditation, movement, and art making. To learn more, contact Lisa Thorpe [artist@lisathorpe.com](mailto:artist@lisathorpe.com).



## Insights Returns

### Willie James Jennings and “*A Theology of City Planning*”

*Friday, April 4–Sunday, April 6, 2025*

We are thrilled to announce that Insights will return in April 2025 with the Rev. Dr. Willie James Jennings, the Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Systematic Theology and Africana Studies at the Yale Divinity School. An engaging speaker and a brilliant thinker, Dr. Jennings has been awarded and widely celebrated for his writing, including his now famous book, *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race* (Yale University Press, 2012), his *Theological Commentary on the Book of Acts* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2017), and *After Whiteness: An Education in Belonging* (William B. Eerdmans Publishing, 2020). In recent years, Dr. Jennings has undertaken a large-scale writing project on the doctrine of Creation, which includes a Christian reflection on city planning.

In light of Little Rock’s ongoing masterplanning process, on Friday, April 4 at 6:30 pm in the Cathedral, Dr. Jennings will offer a lecture on “a Christian theology of city planning,” followed by a panel discussion with civic leaders and a reception in Morrison Hall. On Saturday, April 5, Dr. Jennings will meet with a small group of local church leaders to think more faithfully about congregational ministry amidst city planning. And on Sunday, April 6, Dr. Jennings will lead the Cathedral’s adult formation class at 9:15 am and preach at the 10:30 am service. There will be a number of opportunities to study Dr. Jennings’ books at the Cathedral prior to his visit. Stay tuned for more information about tickets for the Friday evening lecture and reception.

Established in 2015, Insights is a series of lectures that highlights some of the nation’s leading religious writers and theologians, helping to fulfill part of the Cathedral’s mission of being a place for theological conversation and enrichment.

