



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

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 God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-9

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

**Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

**Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.**

**Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day
long.**

**Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.**

**Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your
goodness, O Lord.**

**Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**

**He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

**All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies**

THE EPISTLE

I THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Jesus said, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

✻ ALTAR GIFTS ✻

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN GRATEFUL THANKSGIVING FOR
JOSIE FELTON ON HER BIRTHDAY
BY HER FAMILY DANIEL, JOSEPHINE AND MARY ELEANOR FELTON

Make arrangements for a Christmas memorial by contacting Missy McCain
(missy@trinitylittlerock.org) by December 18.

Celebrant and Preacher

The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux

Lector and Lay Eucharistic Minister

Charliss Russ

Events and Information

This week at and around the Cathedral

Today	4 pm, Advent Lessons and Carols
Monday	7 am, Breakfast and Bible Study 8:30 am, Morning Prayer
Tuesday	8:30 am, Morning Prayer
Wednesday	4 pm, Trinity Chorister Rehearsal 5 pm, Trinity Ringing Society Practice 5 pm, St. Cecilia Singers Rehearsal 5:30 pm, Community Dinner 5:30 pm, Eucharist with Healing Prayers 6 pm, Koinonia Eucharist 6:30 pm, Book Club 7:30 pm, Choral Compline
Thursday	7 pm, Choir rehearsal
Saturday	10 am, Exploring Mary's Call Retreat

Trinity News

Advent Lessons and Carols

Tonight at 4 p.m.

Kick off the holiday season with Trinity's annual service of Advent Lessons and Carols. Music will include Marlow's *Advent Responsory*, Stanford's *Benedictus in C* and *Song of Peace*, Manz's *E'en so Lord quickly come*, and Wesley's *The Wilderness*, a rarely heard 14-minute anthem, and arguably Wesley's masterpiece. Organ music to include works by Muhly and Dupré; a reception will follow.

Wednesday Nights in Advent

5:30 Healing Eucharist (Pierce Chapel)
5:30 Community Dinner on 12/4 and 12/18
6:00 Koinonia Eucharist on 12/4 and 12/18
6:30 Book Club: *A Grief Observed* by C.S. Lewis
7:30 Choral Compline (Cathedral)

Choral Complines in Advent

Come to Compline on Wednesday nights at 7:30 in Advent for a peaceful, beautiful conclusion to your day. Compline is a short service of night prayer with prayers, readings, and music. Traditionally, there are no musical instruments; the music is entirely a cappella. The Trinity Schola will sing for these services.

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*.



Scan to register

Christmas 2024

Warm Fuzzy Tree

Bring donations of *new* winter coats, fleece, & pullovers through **DECEMBER 15**

Donations can be placed at the bottom of the Christmas trees in Morrison Hall or the back of the church.

The Matthew 25 Committee will collect & donate items for winter months ahead