



The Sixth Sunday of Easter – Rogation Day  
May 10, 2026, 4 p.m.

TRINITY  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
A house of prayer for all people

**Welcome:** *Whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-time member, we are honored to worship with you today. If you are searching for a church home, we would love to tell you more about this congregation and to learn more about you. Fill out a visitor card found in the back of the pew in front of you, drop it in the offering plate, and we'll be in conversation with you this week. Above all, please know that this is your Cathedral, and all are welcome.*

*Choral Evensong is a service of readings from the Bible and prayers for the evening, almost entirely led by the Trinity Choir on behalf of the congregation. A very brief service of Holy Communion is celebrated afterwards for those who wish to receive the Bread and Wine.*

**CHORAL EVENSONG WITH HOLY EUCHARIST**

**THE PRELUDE**

PRELUDE IN A, BWV 536

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

*All stand.*

**THE OPENING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**BCP 61**

**THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling or standing*

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*The Officiant alone stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*All stand.*

**THE PRECES** *Sung by the Officiant and the choir*

*Philip Moore*

*Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.*

*Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.*

*Officiant O God, make speed to save us.*

*Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.*

*Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;*

*Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.*

*Officiant Praise ye the Lord.*

*Choir The Lord's name be praised.*

*All sit.*

**PSALM 147** *Laudate Dominum*

*Ivor Atkins*

**O** praise the LORD, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God \*  
yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

*The LORD doth build up Jerusalem \* and gather together the out-casts of Israel.*

*He healeth those that are broken in heart \* and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.*

*He telleth the number of the stars \* and calleth them all by their names.*

*Great is our LORD, and great is his power \* yea, and his wisdom is infinite.*

*The LORD setteth up the meek \* and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.*

*O sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving \* sing praises upon the harp unto our God;*

*Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth \*  
and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men;*

*Who giveth fodder unto the cattle \* and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.*

*He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse \* neither delighteth he in any man's legs.*

*But the LORD's delight is in them that fear him \* and put their trust in his mercy.*

*Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem \* praise thy God, O Sion.*

*For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates \* and hath blessed thy children within thee.*

*He maketh peace in thy borders \* and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.*

*He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth \* and his word runneth very swiftly.*

*He giveth snow like wool \* and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.*

*He casteth forth his ice like morsels \* who is able to abide his frost?*

*He sendeth out his word, and melteth them \* he bloweth with his wind, and the waters flow.*

*He sheweth his word unto Jacob \* his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.*

*He hath not dealt so with any nation \* neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:*

*as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

#### THE FIRST LESSON

DEUTERONOMY 11:10-15

**F**or the land that you are about to enter to occupy is not like the land of Egypt, from which you have come, where you sow your seed and irrigate by foot like a vegetable garden. But the land that you are crossing over to occupy is a land of hills and valleys watered by rain from the sky, a land that the Lord your God looks after. The eyes of the Lord your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.

“If you will only heed his every commandment that I am commanding you today—loving the Lord your God and serving him with all your heart and with all your soul— then he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, and you will gather in your grain, your wine, and your oil, and he will give grass in your field for your livestock, and you will eat your fill.

*All stand.*

#### HYMN 186

CHRIST JESUS LAY IN DEATH'S STRONG BANDS

*Christ lag in Todesbanden*

*All sit.*

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

## THE SECOND LESSON

MARK 4:26-32

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

MAGNIFICAT IN A *sung by the choir*

Herbert Sumsion

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

THE APOSTLES' CREED *intoned by the Officiant, sung by all, standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*All stand or kneel.*

*The following are sung by the Officiant and the choir.*

## **THE SALUTATION**

*Philip Moore*

*Officiant The Lord be with you.*

*Choir And with thy spirit.*

*Officiant Let us pray.*

*Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Philip Moore*

*Choir Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

## **SUFFRAGES AND COLLECTS**

*Philip Moore*

*Officiant O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.*

*Choir And grant us thy salvation.*

*Officiant O Lord, save the State.*

*Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

*Officiant Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.*

*Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.*

*Officiant O Lord, save thy people.*

*Choir And bless thine inheritance.*

*Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.*

*Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*

*Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.*

*Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

### ***The Collect of the Day***

*Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that thy gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who constantly receive good things from thy hand, may always give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

***A Collect for Peace***

*O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

***A Collect for Aid against Perils***

*Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

*All sit.*

**ANTHEM**

RISE UP, MY LOVE

*Healey Willan*

*Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away;  
For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;  
The flowers appear upon the earth;  
The time of the singing of birds is come;  
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.*

*Text: Song of Solomon 2:10-12*

*All stand.*

**THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

**BCP 71**

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

**THE CONCLUDING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**BCP 72**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY

“9/8” PRELUDE IN C, BWV 547

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

*For those who wish to receive the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion, come forward to the Chancel during the Offertory.*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God...

...Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

### THE SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**

**Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*All stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant* All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again...

...By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*People* **have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*People* **have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*People* **grant us thy peace.**

*Celebrant and People*

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. 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

*To receive the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion, please come forward and kneel or stand at the Altar rail. Gluten-free Bread is available upon request. If you prefer not to drink the Wine, please know that receiving only Bread is a “full Communion.” If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the Bread and Wine, come forward to the rail and cross your arms over your chest. If, for whatever reason, you prefer to receive the Bread and Wine in your pew, let your usher know.*

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant says*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### PARTICIPATING THIS EVENING

*Officiant* The Very Rev. Andrea McMillin, *Dean and Rector*

*Lector* Jean Harper

*Music* Dr. Colin MacKnight, *Director of Music*  
Katie Gunn, *Associate Director of Music*  
Trinity Cathedral Choir

**Notes on the notes:** Bach's Prelude and Fugue in A, BWV 536 is one of his more modest preludes and fugues, but the fugue is notable for its rhythmic adventurousness. The fugue is in 3/4, but Bach writes the fugue subject as a hemiola, meaning he tricks the ear into hearing the theme as being in two instead of in three. This tension between twos and threes is the *raison d'être* of the fugue.

Healey Willan's transcendent setting of *Rise up, my love* stands as his best-known choral work. Willan, who was born in England but spent most of his life in Canada, amusingly described his provenance as "English by birth; Canadian by adoption; Irish by extraction; Scotch by absorption."

## UPCOMING EVENTS

QR codes provided for additional information and registrations

### What is the Holy Spirit?

*Sunday, May 24 at 9:15 am*

*Morrison Hall*

On Pentecost, the Church celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit—but what does that actually mean? Who is the Holy Spirit, and what does the Spirit do? In this one-session class on Pentecost Sunday, we will explore the Spirit's role in Scripture and in the life of the Church, and make space for honest questions and conversation. Whether you are new to the faith or simply looking to go deeper, this is an opportunity to engage one of the most mysterious and vital aspects of Christian life. To learn more, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander ([thomas@trinitylittlerock.org](mailto:thomas@trinitylittlerock.org)).

### America250: A Christian Response

*Sundays, May 31 – July 5 at 9:15 am*

*Morrison Hall*

As the United States recognizes its 250th anniversary, how might the Christian respond? This six-week class will explore the history and identity of our nation through the lens of Christian faith. Together, we will consider themes such as freedom, the role of the Church in American life, the responsibilities of civic participation, and the challenges posed by Christian nationalism. This is not a partisan conversation, but a theological one: rooted in Scripture, shaped by the tradition of the Church, and oriented toward faithful Christian living in our own time. Come and join us, and bring a friend. To learn more, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander ([thomas@trinitylittlerock.org](mailto:thomas@trinitylittlerock.org)).

### Choral Music Attendance Challenge

An anonymous donor has pledged to donate \$50 (up to \$5,000) to Trinity Cathedral's music program for every person who attends Holy Eucharist for Ascension Day on May 14 at 7 p.m., or the final Choral Evensong on May 17 at 4 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to support your cathedral's music program at no cost to you; simply attend one or both of these services and bring friends and family.

### Holy Eucharist for Ascension Day

*Thursday, May 14 at 7 p.m.*

All are invited to join us for Trinity's annual celebration of the Ascension of our Lord, when we remember Christ ascending into heaven 40 days after his resurrection. The Trinity Choir will sing Mozart's Coronation Mass with orchestra. (Qualifies for attendance challenge)

### Final Evensong

*Sunday, May 17 at 4 p.m.*

*Reception in Garth following the 4 pm service*

Join us for the last Choral Evensong service of Spring. The service will be followed by a reception in the Garth. Evensong services will return in September. (Qualifies for attendance challenge)

## Broadway in Bloom

*Saturday May 16 from 1-3 p.m.*

*Morrison Hall*

Join us for an inspiring afternoon celebrating community, beauty, and sustainability in the heart of Broadway.

Enjoy a relaxed, sit-down lunch followed by engaging presentations from two remarkable voices in the world of gardening and storytelling: P. Allen Smith and Michelle Johnson from Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds.

Following the presentations, guests will transition to the scenic Trinity Garth for a special 15-minute musical performance featuring the Trinity Choir bringing a joyful and beautiful close to the afternoon.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Broadway Community Garden.

A special thanks to Broadway in Bloom Steward Sponsors: Arkansas Life, Terri & Chuck Erwin, Jeanne & Harold Joyner, Julie & Chris Keller, Laura & Christoph Keller, Cathy & Mike Mayton, Frances & David Mitchell, Jr./Rose Law Firm, Olivia & Joe Ramsey, and Mary Olive & John Stephens.



## Recognition Sunday

*Sunday, May 17 at 10:30 a.m.*

*Reception to follow in the Garth*

Please join us on Recognition Sunday to honor those who volunteer their time and talents to our parish. During the 10:30 am service, we will offer senior acknowledgements, chorister awards, prayers and formation participation recognition.

## Trinitas Ensemble Spring Concert: Music for Choir and Orchestra by Handel and Bach

*June 5, 2026 at 7 pm at the Cathedral*

The Trinitas Ensemble's spring concert will be its first with orchestra. The program will consist of two sacred, virtuoso works: Handel's *Dixit Dominus* and Bach's Mass in G minor, BWV 235. Handel wrote this dramatic and fiery setting of Psalm 110 when he was only 22 and was living in Italy. Bach's Mass in G minor sets the Lutheran mass, meaning it comprises only a Kyrie and Gloria. Like most of Bach's masses, it recycles material from his cantatas, presumably for the purpose of making music that had been written for specific occasions usable at almost any time. It is therefore reasonable to assume that these masses include some of Bach's own favorites!



## SOMA Pride

*Saturday, June 13*

On Saturday, June 13 Trinity and Christ Church will co-host the Episcopal Church booth at the SOMA Pride Parade and Festival. We'll have postcards for people to leave and take notes of love and encouragement and information about being an affirming church. If you'd like to be a welcoming presence at the booth that day, sign up for a 1 hour shift using the QR code. Questions? Email [emma@trinitylittlerock.org](mailto:emma@trinitylittlerock.org)

## CHILDREN & YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

For all program questions contact Emma Mitchell, [emma@trinitylittlerock.org](mailto:emma@trinitylittlerock.org)

### Koinonia Wednesdays

- 4:00 p.m. Trinity Choristers
- 5:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Singers
- 5:30 p.m. Community Dinner (Morrison Hall)
- 6:00 p.m. Koinonia Eucharist (Cathedral)

Join us on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, for children's choir, St. Cecilia Singers, Community Dinner, and family-friendly worship! We are looking for a few volunteers to host dinners and lead worship, please let Emma know if you can volunteer for one of these roles.

### EKC/EYC for May

- 4:00 - 5:00 EKC
- 5:00 - 5:30 Shared Dinner
- 5:30 - 6:30 EYC
- May 10: EKC/EYC (Trinity Gym)
- May 17: Last EKC/EYC of the year!

### June Events For Children & Youth

#### June 1-5: **Vacation Bible School**

Registration is live for our annual Vacation Bible School week! VBS is open to all rising Kindergartners - rising 5th graders. Youth going into 6th-12th grade are invited to be volunteers and help lead the week. Adult volunteers we need you too. Sign up today and help make this week fun and memorable as we explore peacemaking together.



Saturday, June 6: Convocational Youth Event: LR Rangers Game (7:00 p.m.)

Saturday, June 13: Playground Hangout (9-11 am) & SOMA Pride (Main St, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm)

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### 17th Annual Sandra Wilson Cherry Award Dinner Honoring Ellon Cockrill, Benefiting The Gaines House

*Thursday, May 14, 2026 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.*

*Chenal Valley Country Club*

*10 Chenal Club Boulevard, Little Rock, Arkansas*

Trinity parishioner Ellon Cockrill is being recognized for her faithful work with The Gaines House. All are invited to support her and to support the work of this important organization.

\$100 per person

Find out more at [thegaineshouse.org](http://thegaineshouse.org).