



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II
December 1, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.
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.*

Infants and Toddlers: *Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers up to 4 years old. Children's engagement materials can be found near the bell tower doors. The bell tower has a speaker that allows you to hear the service if you need to step out with your child. Ask an usher or greeter for directions to either location.*

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

PRELUDE

ADVENT SECTION OF DAS ORGELBÜCHLEIN

Johann Sebastian Bach

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 (Come now, Savior of the heathens)

Gott, durch eine Güte, BWV 600 (God, through your goodness)

Herr Christ, der einge Gottes-Sohn, BWV 601 (Lord Christ, the only Son of God)

Lob sei dem allmächtigen Gott, BWV 602 (Praise be to almighty God)

HYMN 66

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

STUTTGART

THE WORD OF GOD

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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

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 *Sung by the choir to plainsong (Tone I.7)*

*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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

During this hymn, children in second grade and younger who want to take part in the Children's Liturgy follow the Good Shepherd banner out of the Nave. They will return at the Peace.

1. Hills of the North, re - joice; Riv - er and moun - tain - spring,
 2. Isles of the South - ern seas, Deep in your cor - al caves
 3. Lands of the East, a - wake, Soon shall your sons be free;
 4. Shores of the ut - most West, Ye that have wait - ed long,
 5. Shout, while ye jour - ney home; Songs be in ev - ery mouth;

Hark to the ad - vent voice; Val - ley and low - land, sing; Though
 Pent be each war - ring breeze, Lulled be your rest - less waves: He
 The sleep of a - ges break, And rise to lib - er - ty. On
 Un - vis - it - ed, un - blest, Break forth to swell - ing song; High
 Lo, from the North we come, From East, and West, and South. Ci -

ab - sent long, your Lord is nigh; He judg - ment brings and vic - to - ry.
 comes to reign with bound - less sway, And makes your wastes His great high - way.
 your far hills, long cold and gray, Has dawned the ev - er - last - ing day.
 raise the note, that Je - sus died, Yet lives and reigns, the Cru - ci - fied.
 ty of God, the bond are free, We come to live and reign in thee! A - MEN.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

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.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM II

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean our Presiding Bishop, John our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present

I ask your thanksgiving for... *Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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. The congregation is invited to stand when the offering is brought forward.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O THOU, THE CENTRAL ORB

Charles Wood

*O thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the Most High, eternal light
Of this our wintry world; thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith: hope soars above.*

*Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine;
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.*

*Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.*

*Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin:
Our nature all shall feel eternal day
In fellowship with thee, transforming ray
To souls, erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.*

Text by Henry Ramsden Bramley

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, PRAYER B

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.**

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

...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:

SANCTUS *sung by all*

HYMNAL S-114

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant 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...

...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 ...

...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.**

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

Silence is kept

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

Ushers will assist in directing the flow of communicants. If you would prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest. Please let an usher know if you need Holy Communion brought to you.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

A SPOTLESS ROSE

Herbert Howells

*A spotless Rose is blowing
Sprung from a tender root,
Of ancient seers' foreshowing,
Of Jesse promised fruit;
Its fairest bud unfolds to light
Amid the cold, cold winter
And in the dark midnight.
The Rose which I am singing,*

*Whereof Isaiah said,
Is from its sweet root springing
In Mary, purest Maid;
For through our God's great love and
might
The blessed babe she bare us
In a cold, cold winter's night.*

Text: Anonymous, probably 14th century

Soloist: Grady McCoy

All are invited to sing the hymn.

HYMN 63

O HEAVENLY WORD, ETERNAL LIGHT

Verbum supernum prodiens

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

HYMN 436

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES

Truro

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

CARILLON DE LONGPONT, OP. 31, NO. 21

Louis Vierne

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 baptistery at the back of the church.

✿ ALTAR GIFTS ✿

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MY GRANDPARENTS SUZETTE RISHER, EDITH HUNTER AND OTIS GILL
BY KEITH HEARNSBERGER

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

LITURGICAL LEADERS

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Thomas Alexander, <i>Curate</i>
<i>Preacher</i>	The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux, <i>Dean and Rector</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	Melissa Whitfield, Mary Hodges
<i>Intercessor</i>	Sissi Brandon
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	Clarke Tucker, Rett Tucker
<i>Acolytes</i>	Harper Bennings, Susan Grace Mitchell, Alex Wayland, Michael Wayland
<i>Children's Liturgy Leader</i>	Tori Tackett
<i>Music</i>	Dr. Colin MacKnight, <i>Director of Music</i> Jeremiah Mead, <i>Associate Director of Music</i> Trinity Cathedral Choir
<i>Ushers</i>	Herschel Cast, Richard Moore, Matt McCoy, Lisa Thorpe
<i>Docent</i>	Julie Keller

Notes on the Notes: Today's prelude comprises four chorale preludes (pieces based on hymn tunes) from Bach's *Orgelbüchlein*. The *Orgelbüchlein* is a set of 46 small-scale chorale preludes that go through the liturgical year. (Bach originally planned 164 pieces, but never finished the project. Interestingly, he seems to have lost interest after going through the hymn tunes that are specific to certain church seasons; apparently, he was less interested in setting generic hymn texts that can be used year-round.) Today's pieces come from the Advent section, and since Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year, these pieces are the first four in the *Orgelbüchlein*. The entire set is remarkable for its compactness and succinctness; many of the pieces are only about a minute long, but still manage to say more in their short duration than many much longer pieces.

Today's sequence hymn, *Hills of the North, rejoice*, is one of the most glaring omissions of the 1982 hymnal. 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.

Events and Information

This week at and around the Cathedral

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

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*



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

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.



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