



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II
December 15, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.
Third 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

WACHET AUF, RUFT UNS DIE STIMME, BWV 645

Johann Sebastian Bach

(Awake, the voice calls us)

HYMN 61

“SLEEPERS, WAKE!” A VOICE ASTOUNDS US

Wachet auf

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.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING

ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 679

SURELY IT IS GOD WHO SAVES ME

Thomas Merton

THE EPISTLE

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 65

PREPARE THE WAY, O ZION

Bereden väg för Herran

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.

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

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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*

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 Hymn, ushers collect an offering from the congregation. The congregation is invited to stand while singing. Use the QR code to make a plate offering.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

THIS IS THE RECORD OF JOHN

Orlando Gibbons

*This is the record of John,
when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him,
Who art thou?
And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly,
I am not the Christ.*

And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias?

And he said, I am not.

Art thou the prophet?

And he answered, No.

Then said they unto him,

What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us.

What sayest thou of thyself?

And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,

Make straight the way of the Lord.

Text: John 1:19-23 Soloist: Carolina Kipnis

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 to 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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM *sung by all*

HYMNAL S-158

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

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS

Anonymous

*Rejoice in the Lord always,
and again I say, rejoice.*

*Let your softness be known unto all men:
the Lord is at hand.*

*Be careful for nothing:
but in all prayer and supplication,
let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.*

*And the peace of God,
which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.*

Text: Philippians 4:4-7, Introit for Advent III

All are invited to sing the hymn.

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 57

LO! HE COMES, WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING

Helmsley

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

KOMMST DU NUN, JESU, VOM HIMMEL HERUNTER, BWV 650 *Johann Sebastian Bach*

(Come thou, Jesus, from heaven)

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

ANITA B. HARRIS AND DR. AUSTIN GRIMES

BY BARBARA AND STEVE BOVA

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY FOR

JOYCE MARTIN, AND MAXINE B. AND WILLIAM P. (DUB) HAMILTON

BY CATHY AND MIKE MAYTON

Make arrangements for a Christmas memorial by contacting Missy McCain

(missy@trinitylittlerock.org) by December 18.

Notes on the Notes: This morning's voluntaries come from Bach's six Schübler Chorales. This set 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, but this leaves only the feet to play the hymn tune, complete with many ornaments, frills, and trills.

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>Assisting Clergy</i>	The Rev. Susan Payne, <i>Priest Associate</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	Sarah Bennings, Sissi Brandon
<i>Intercessor</i>	Sheila Mehaffy
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	Missy McCain, Jane McMullin
<i>Acolytes</i>	Lily Morse, Serena Utter, Alex Wayland, Michael Wayland
<i>Children's Liturgy Leader</i>	Susan Pennick
<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, Tom Fennell, Tommy Jameson, Kerry McCoy, Grady McCoy
<i>Docent</i>	Scott Whitfield

**Make a pledge, or year end gift
to the Trinity Operating Fund.**



Events and Information

This week at and around the Cathedral

Today	4 pm, Choral Evensong	5:30 pm, Eucharist with Healing Prayers
	4 pm, EYC Snow Ball at Christ Church	Koinonia
Monday	7 am, Breakfast and Bible Study	6:30 pm, Book Club
	8:30 am, Morning Prayer	7:30 pm, Choral Compline
Tuesday	8:30 am, Morning Prayer	Thursday 8:30 am, Morning Prayer
Wednesday	8:30 am, Morning Prayer	5:15 pm, Evening Prayer
	4 pm, Trinity Chorister Rehearsal	7 pm, Choir rehearsal
	5 pm, Trinity Ringing Society Practice	

Trinity News

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.

Breakfast and Bible Study

Every Monday at 7:00 am

Community Bakery on Main Street

Looking for a new weekday spiritual practice? Join us at our local Community Bakery as we begin the week and the work day by sharing breakfast and discussing the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. There's no prior preparation involved. Our time together on Monday makes Sunday even more meaningful. To learn more, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander (thomas@trinitylittlerock.org).

Updated Weekday Worship Schedule

With the new liturgical year, we are offering a newly updated weekday worship schedule, which now includes Morning Prayer in Pierce Chapel at 8:30 am, Monday through Thursday. The complete schedule is as follows:

Monday

8:30 am, Morning Prayer, Pierce Chapel

Tuesday

8:30 am, Morning Prayer with Expansive Language, Pierce Chapel

Wednesday

8:30 am, Morning Prayer, Pierce Chapel

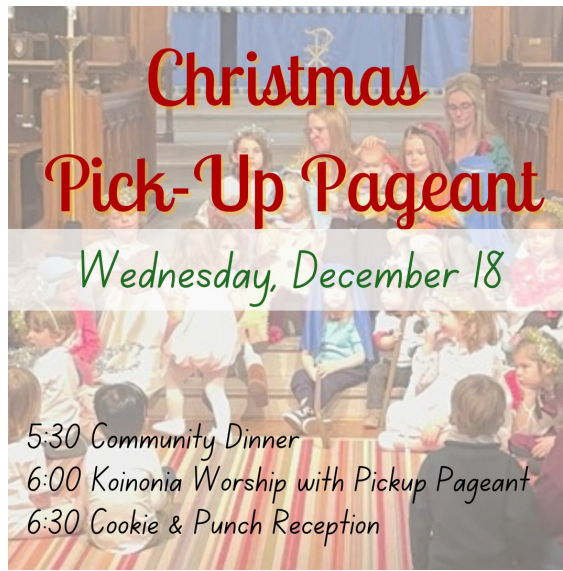
5:30 pm, Holy Eucharist with Healing

Prayers, Pierce Chapel

Thursday

8:30 am, Morning Prayer, Pierce Chapel

5:15 pm, Evening Prayer, Cathedral Chancel and Livestream



Koinonia Worship with Pick-Up Pageant

Wednesday, December 18

Join us for dinner and our family worship service including the always fun “Pick-Up Christmas Pageant”! Children can choose their nativity costume following dinner. Come as early as 5:15 to eat, we'll dress and get ready for church between 5:45-6:00! Cookies and punch reception to follow.

Christmas Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 22 at 4 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral will offer its annual service of Christmas Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 22nd at 4 pm. Nine biblical readings announcing the Incarnation will alternate with choir anthems by Poston, Chilcott, Rutter, Sweelinck, Howells, Bohlin, and Willcocks, and beloved Christmas hymns such as *Once in royal David's city, God rest you merry, gentlemen, O come, all ye faithful*, and *Hark! the herald angels sing*.

The Trinity Choir and Trinity Choristers will sing for this service.

Join us for afterwards for a reception!

