

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
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Pride Mass on Wednesday, July 13 at 7:00 PM

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OMAHA – Trinity Episcopal Cathedral invites the LGBTQ+ community and allies to the church’s first annual Pride Mass, a special worship service designed to celebrate and promote the full inclusion of LGBTQ+ people in the life of the church. The Mass will be held on Wednesday, July 13 at 7:00 PM, and will feature Broadway musical songs sung by the Trinity Cathedral Choir and the River City Mixed Chorus. The order of service will use the Book of Common Prayer Expansive Language text, an adaptation of the liturgy approved by the Episcopal Church that limits gendered language in an effort to be more inclusive in worship.

Alexander J. Hoefling, Trinity’s Music Minister, has done much of the planning to make the Pride Mass possible. “In a world where Christianity has historically rejected and marginalized LGBTQ+ people, we want this service to provide a safe space for people to worship God regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity. Trinity Cathedral is committed to welcoming, affirming, and loving the LGBTQ+ community,” says Hoefling.

Br. James Dowd, OSB, will preach at this special service. Br. James is the Prior of Incarnation Monastery and The Benedictine Way, a monastic community in North Omaha. Passionate about the intersection of social justice and contemplative life, Br. James says of the Pride Mass, “We want to let people know that God loves you as you are, that God made you as you are, and that this church affirms and accepts you as you are.”

The Pride Mass communicates a message of hope despite our nation’s current challenges and fears. “More people than ever right now are being shut out, ignored, and treated as second class citizens,” says The Very Rev. Vanessa E. B. Clark, Dean of Trinity Cathedral, “this is exactly the time when the church is most called to stand with those that society has marginalized.”

In addition to the Pride Mass, Trinity Cathedral and other Omaha-area Episcopal Churches will have a booth at the Pride Festival on July 16. They invite festival-goers to stop by, grab some candy and goodies, and learn about local Episcopal Churches.

Trinity Cathedral is located downtown at the corner of 18th and Capitol Avenue (113 North 18th Street, Omaha, NE 68102). You can visit their website at www.trinityepiscopal.org for more information about Trinity, or visit www.dioneb.org to learn about the Episcopal Diocese of Nebraska. Information about the Heartland Pride Parade, Festival, and other events in Omaha can be found at www.heartlandpride.org.