TRINITY CATHEDRAL OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY



DECEMBER 3, 2023 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B 8:30 am - The Holy Eucharist: Rite One Celebrant – The Very Rev. René John Preacher – Kimme Carlos

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WELCOME! We're honored that you're worshipping with us today. Masks are optional within the Cathedral buildings. Please use the hand sanitizer that is provided throughout the building before and after touching any surfaces.

If you're not familiar with our Episcopal worship service, we hope this will help. For sanitary purposes, all of our prayers are printed in this bulletin.

Thank you for helping us to remain as safe as possible while enjoying in-person worship. "This is how we love one another!"

Please stand as indicated and be seated for lessons

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ

All stand, as able

Processional Hymn Hymnal # 73 The King Shall Come vs. 1-3 When Morning Dawns

1

The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks; when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.

2 Not, as of old, a little child, to bear, and fight, and die,

but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.

3

The King shall come when morning dawns and earth's dark night is past;
O haste the rising of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All say together

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 people are seated

First Reading

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (64:1-9)

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All remain seated to say

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered

despite the prayers of your people? You have fed them with the bread of tears; * you have given them bowls of tears to drink. You have made us the derision of our neighbors, * and our enemies laugh us to scorn. Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, * the son of man you have made so strong for yourself. And so will we never turn away from you; * give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

Remain seated

Second Reading

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth (1 Cor. 1:3-9)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand, as able

Sequence Hymn Hymnal # **61** vs. 1 & 2

"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us, the shout of rampart guards surrounds us: "Awake, Jerusalem, arise!" Midnight's peace their cry has broken, their urgent summons clearly spoken: "The time has come, O maidens wise! Rise up, and give us light; the Bridegroom is in sight. Alleluia! Your lamps prepare and hasten there, that you the wedding feast may share."

Zion hears the watchmen singing; her heart with joyful hope is springing, she wakes and hurries through the night. Forth he comes, her Bridegroom glorious in strength of grace, in truth victorious: her star is risen, her light grows bright. Now come, most worthy Lord, God's Son, Incarnate Word, Alleluia! We follow all and heed your call to come into the banquet hall.

Remain standing

The Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon Kimme Carlos

All stand, as able
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.

Remain standing
Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

Deacon: At the beginning of this Advent season, let us offer our prayers to God, saying: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: That our gracious savior may rouse us from sleep and make us attentive to the nearness of his presence, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: That we may discover God's word in every sound of this world, God's touch in every human embrace, and God's love in every gesture of self-sacrifice among us, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: We commend to your prayers this day all persons deployed in the service of our country. May they dwell safely under the protection of Almighty God. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: That divine energy and holy grace may bring our hearts to vigilance and make us see with uncovered eyes the Christ who suffers in his people's agonies, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: We remember before you those who are sick, or in any other special need, especially the residents of Hamilton Grove Care and Rehabilitation Center; along with Carol Gilbert, the People of Israel and Palestine, Melvin Riggs, the Riggs family, Patrick McDowell, the McDowell family, Astrid Sampson, Krystal Sampson, Marva Sampson, Kimme Carlos, The Rev. Francisco Pozo & Angelina Pozo, Kristopher Coleman, Dr. Alejandro Garcia, Maria Hunter, Effic Richardson, the Medina family, Janet Berthiaume, Beverley Moncrieff, JoAnn & Eldred Richards, Quincy Jones, Theodore, Toni, Leroy, Marilyn & her children, Danny, Joe, Samuel, Charles, the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Valerie Pressley, and Vivian Pressley Harris. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: We remember those who have died, especially **Pearl Maul**, the victims of violence in Trenton, and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: That we may come to recognize in our holy assembly gathered for prayer that Jesus the Christ is with us here to make our songs of praise and pleading his own, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: We remember God's holy catholic church, including Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Primate; Sally, our Bishop; René, Dean of this Cathedral; Bruce, John, Peter and Noel, priest associates; Carol and Chris, our Deacons, along with all other ministers in this congregation, lay and ordained; Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and all Anglican Christians around the world, especially The Church of North India (United); and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops; Church of the Advent in Cape May, the Revs. Thomas R. May and Rachel Tyler, and the Rev. Dcn. Ayden Petrone. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: That God's coming into the days and year of our human history may be always new, always brimming with light to drive all darkness away, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: Amy Elizabeth Wilson, Dorothy Shean, Janet Byard,

Hubert & Maureen Perry, Carole Porter, Anthony Russo and **Jared Miller**. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Silence, as the people add their own petitions

Celebrant: Make ready our hearts for your coming, O Lord, and receive our prayers in the name of the one who comes, our gracious Savior, Jesus, the Christ. **Amen**.

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says
Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.
Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People:

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

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please remain in your pew for the Peace.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Holy Communion

Remain standing

Offertory Hymn Hymnal # 68

Rejoice! rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear! The evening is advancing, and darker night is near. The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh; up, watch in expectation! at midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil; look now for your salvation,

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

the end of sin and toil. The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand; rise up, ye heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand!

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere! With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!

The Great Thanksgiving: **Eucharistic Prayer II**

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.

It is meet and right so to do. People:

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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. Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

All say together

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 kneel or stand, as able

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.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; 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.**

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

Celebrant and People:
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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All say together

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The People may join in saying

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

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.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

All say together

Post-communion Prayer

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.

Announcements

Recessional Hymn

Accessional Hymn	vs. 1 & 2	Soon, very Soon
1		Refrain
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the		Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
King,		Hallelujah.
Soon and very soon we	e are goin' to see the	
King,		2
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the		No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the
King,		King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the		Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the

LEVAS # 14

Refrain

King!

Soon Very Soon

Blessing

King!

Celebrant: May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ

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Following Christ, joining the Cathedral – We invite you to accept the invitation to follow Christ, to become a Christian and to become a member of Trinity Cathedral. We encourage you to fill in one of the pew cards and place it in the offering plate, or please contact one of the clergy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lectors for the 10:00 am Mass on 12/10 are:

Ellen Heath, Janet Thompson, Brenda Whiteman & Virginia Harmer (alternate)

There are Advent calendars for adults and youth on the literature table in the main hallway – please take them to enjoy at home!

Thank you to all who have pledged your support to the Cathedral for 2024! We currently have 52 pledging units, totaling \$184,030 – an average of \$3,593 per pledging unit. If you would like a pledge card, please speak with Willie Coleman, J. Gil Williams or Dean John.

Can you help with the Greening? – The greening of the Cathedral will take place on Saturday, December 16 from 8:00 am – Noon. Many hands make light work, so please consider lending a hand as we get our Cathedral beautified for Christmas! For more information or to RSVP, please speak with Sue Remmers or Dean John.

On December 31st, our Associate Custodian Michael "PJ" Pettyjohn will retire after fifteen years of service to the Cathedral! – We would like to celebrate his time with us on December 10th after the 10:00am Eucharist. If anyone is so moved you may express your appreciation to PJ directly. We will also put together an offering to him and you are welcome to contribute to this, if you would prefer. Any such contribution to this gift can be turned in to the Cathedral Administrator, Patrice D'Angelo in the office. Checks can be made out to the Cathedral, but please note "Michael Pettyjohn" on the memo line.



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Gifts for everyone on your list. Need something unique; come take a look.

Shop with us; save time and gas, get some super bargains while helping a great cause! Shop will be open every Sunday in Advent before & after 10 a.m. service & after the 8:30 a.m. service. (Yes, we take charge cards too!)

It's Christmas time at UrbanPromise Trenton! - Time to stock the shelves for our Christmas Shop, where the children 'buy' gifts for their moms, dads, grandparents, or other special people in their lives. Can you help by purchasing a gift for the shop? Our Altar Guild Shop is close by with some good options, but a new gift between \$10 - \$25 dollars for a man or woman will be happily received. More specific ideas will be forthcoming over the next few weeks, but your creativity is welcomed. See/call/E-mail Georgia Koenig: (609) 273-3351 or gbkoenig@verizon.net.

Angel Tree - The Angel Tree Committee is gearing up for our 2023 Prison Fellowship Angel Tree Christmas. Details on this year's schedule (availability of gift request tags, gift wrapping, and gift distribution) will be forthcoming shortly. Again this year, gifts will be distributed from Synod Hall approximately one week before Christmas. If you have any questions regarding this ministry or if you wish to volunteer, please contact Judith Miller at (609) 586-0915 or judithm2@verizon.net.

The next Food Pantry distribution date is – Saturday, December 9th (2nd & 3rd Saturdays this month) from 9-11:00 am. All food contributions to the Pantry are welcomed, along with monetary

donations to purchase additional food from the food bank and local groceries. Each Thursday, we distribute hot dinners "to go" from 5:00–6:00pm at the Overbrook Avenue entrance as a satellite location for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen.

THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

TODAY (12/3) First Sunday of Advent 9:15 am Choir warm-up – CATH

8:30 am Rite I Eucharist in All Saints' Chapel (in-person only)

10:00 am Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)

Christmas Wreath Sale after all services!

10:30a – 12:30p Full Gospel Community Church service - CHP

11:15a - 12:15p Choir rehearsal – CATH

1:00 pm Adult Christian Education, via Zoom

Tues. (12/5)

9-9:45 am Weekly Zoom check-in for parishioners: For more info. on how to join us,

call or text Nancy Hood-Boczar at (267) 614-5746, or E-mail

shaktisocialwork4@hotmail.com

Wed. (12/6)

12:10 pm Wednesday Healing Eucharist in All Saints' Chapel (in-person only)

Thurs. (12/7)

5:00 pm TASK Meals – SH

8 – 8:30 pm Society of Mary Rosary Devotions, via Zoom and phone access: Please E-

mail Erica Warner at vassose@aol.com for information on how to join us

Fri., (12/8)

11:30 am Cathedral group tour of the Jackie Robinson Museum

Sat. (12/9) Trinity Strings Music Lessons

8am – 1:30 pm Hold CATH as back-up location for Diocesan Convention Zoom call

9 - 11:00 am Food Pantry

10:00 am Grief Support Group meeting – GR

5:00 pm Capital Harmony Works/Trenton Children's Chorus concert – CATH/SH

(Space held 2:00-6:30 pm)

Sun. (12/10) Second Sunday of Advent 9:15 am Choir warm-up – CATH

10:00 am Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)

Hospitality Hour honoring PJ Pettyjohn's retirement following Mass

10:30a-12:30p Full Gospel Community Church service - CHP

11:15a - 12:15p Choir rehearsal – CATH

6:00 pm Stretto Youth Chamber Orchestra concert – CATH (arrival at 4:00 pm)