

TRINITY CATHEDRAL
OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY



DECEMBER 31, 2023 – THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY – YEAR B
10:00 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO
CELEBRANT – THE VERY REV. RENÉ JOHN
PREACHER – THE REV. CHRIS COX

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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, as able

Prelude

Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ

All stand, as able

Processional Hymn

Hymnal # 98

Unto Us a Boy is Born

1
Unto us a boy is born!
The King of all creation,
came he to a world forlorn,
the Lord of every nation.

2
Cradled in a stall was he
with sleepy cows and asses;
but the very beasts could see
that he all men surpasses.

3
Herod then with fear was filled;
"A prince," he said, "in Jewry!"
All the little boys he killed
at Bethlehem in his fury.

4
Now may Mary's son, who came
so long ago to love us,
lead us all with hearts aflame
unto the joys above us.

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

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

All say together

Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**

we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated

First Reading

Lector: Cn. Phil Lewis

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (61:10—62:3)

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated; all sing Refrain together

Psalm 147:13–21

Cantor: Susan Remmers



The Word was made flesh and dwelt a - mong us.

from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

Refrain

He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

Refrain

He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

Refrain

He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

Refrain

Remain seated

Second Reading

Lector: Gail Lewis

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Galatia (3:23-25; 4:4-7)

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal # 82

Of the Father's Love Begotten

1

Of the Father's love begotten,
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!

2

O that birth for ever blessèd,
when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Savior of our race;
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore!

3

Let the heights of heaven adore him;
angel hosts, his praises sing;
powers, dominions, bow before him,
and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore!

4

Christ, to thee with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
and unwearied praises be;
honor, glory and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore!

Remain standing

The Gospel: John 1:1-18

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and

we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

People The Gospel of the Lord.
 Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Chris Cox, Deacon

All stand as able and say together

A Statement of Faith based on Galatians 3:26-28

Celebrant: Let us renew our pledge to work for unity, justice, and peace.

We are all children of God.

There is no longer Jew or Greek.

There is no longer slave or free.

There is no longer male and female.

For we are all one.

We believe Jesus lived for this and died for this.

We pledge ourselves with God's help and the support of each other to make this become a reality.

All stand

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

Lector: Susan Remmers

The Leader and People pray responsively

Deacon: Brothers and Sisters in the faith, God has called us into the family of the church. In the Spirit of Christ, we call out “Abba, Father,” asking our creator to hear the prayers we offer, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lector: Let us pray for the human family: Eternal Father, you entrusted Mary and Joseph the life of your child, Jesus. Strengthen all parents and children in the bonds of love, peace, and faith. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Lector: Let us pray for the household of the church: Creator of life, make your church a fruitful vine to all who are reborn in the living waters of baptism. May we find ourselves continually nourished and refreshed at the table of Christ’s body and blood. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

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 Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops, and the ministry of the Laity. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Lector: Let us pray for those who suffer: Consoler of the afflicted, sustain the homeless and the abandoned. Protect the widow, the widower, the orphan. Comfort those who mourn the dead. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

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 **the People of Israel and Palestine, Theodore, Toni, Leroy, Marilyn & her children, Danny, Joe, Samuel, Charles, Valerie Pressley, Vivian Pressley Harris, Mary Swingle and Caroline McIntyre.** Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

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. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: We remember those who have died, especially the victims of violence in Trenton, and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Lector: Let us pray for the families of this community: God of love, like a mother you nourish us with your grace. Quicken in us the seed of Christ's word, that we might reveal his life to the whole human family. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Samuel and Anastasia Richards, Eanna (EJ) O'Suilleabhain, Wolo Bestman, John Gabbidon, Kendall Walton, William (Bill) Harmer, James Miller, Jr., Ra'shonda Washington and Christopher Pearson.** Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Silence, as the People add their own petitions.

Celebrant: Gracious God, may your favor and blessing rest upon the family which you have gathered in the name of your child Jesus. Accept the prayers we offer in his name. So may your love embrace us, now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

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

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.

Please remain in your pew for the Peace.

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Holy Communion

Please remain seated while Ushers collect the offertory

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal # 324

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, food donations to the Cathedral Food Pantry, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or Celebrant.

1
Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

2
King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
in the Body and the Blood
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

3
Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

4
At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds . . .

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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:

All say together

Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues . . .

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray . . .

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.**

Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then may be said . . .

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

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

All say together

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God:

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins:

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world:

Give us your peace.

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.

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion:

Celebrant: **My Jesus, We believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We love you above all things, and long for you in our soul. Since some cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into their hearts. As though you have already come, we embrace you and unite ourselves entirely to you; never permit us to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)**

All Baptized Christians are welcome to make their Communion at the Lord's table.

Music at Communion

Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements

All stand, as able

Recessional Hymn

Hymnal # 100

Joy to the World! The Lord is Come

1
Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing.

3
No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found.

2
Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and
plains,
repeat the sounding joy.

4
He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love.

Blessing

Celebrant: May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; 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 1/1 are:

Judith Miller, Fay Manicke & Howard Ebersole

The Lectors for the 10:00 am Mass on 1/7 are:

John Gummere, Cn. Terry Cooper, Howard Ebersole & Larry Spears (alternate)

Annual Meeting Notice - On Sunday, January 21, 2024 Trinity Cathedral will hold its Annual Parish Meeting. There will be one service, at 10:00 am, followed by the meeting. Please stay tuned for more information on how the meeting will be conducted. *There are nomination forms for the Vestry on the literature table in the main hallway.* **If you are the Chair of a Cathedral Commission or organization that submits a report to be included in the annual meeting booklet, please turn your report in to the Cathedral office no later than January 1st. Please send your reports to Patrice D'Angelo at patriceattrinity@aol.com.**

2024 Stewardship Update - Thank you to all who have pledged your support to the Cathedral for 2024! We currently have 67 pledging units, totaling \$234,850 – an average of \$3,505. If you would like a pledge card, please speak with Willie Coleman, J. Gil Williams or Dean John.

If you have not yet pledged for 2024, please consider turning in your card now - We need to assign envelope numbers and get them to everyone to use in the new year. Also, please use your NEW box of envelopes in 2024 – DO NOT use older boxes. This ensures that all of your donations will be posted to your pledge. Envelope boxes are on the “ship table” in the Cathedral.

The next Food Pantry distribution date is – Saturday, January 13th (2nd & 4th Saturdays this month) from 9-11:00 am. All food contributions to the Pantry are welcomed. Monetary donations are always welcome as they enable us to purchase additional food from the Food Bank and local groceries. THANK YOU for your support. **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 (12/31)

10:00 am

10:30a – 12:30p

1:00 pm

First Sunday after Christmas Day

Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)

Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP

Adult Christian Education, via Zoom

Mon. (1/1)

10:00 am

Happy New Year, 2024! All offices closed

New Year's Day Mass

Tues. (1/2)

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. (1/3)

Wednesday Healing Eucharist off today

Thurs. (1/4)

5:00 pm

8 – 8:30 pm

TASK Meals – SH

Society of Mary Rosary Devotions, via Zoom and phone access: Please E-mail

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

Sun. (1/7)

8:30 am

10:00 am

10:30a – 12:30p

First Sunday after the Epiphany

Rite I Eucharist in the Cathedral (in-person only)

Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)

The Trinity Strings featured at 10:00 am Mass

Full Gospel Community Church service - CHP

The Cathedral will be closed Monday, January 1.

