

TRINITY CATHEDRAL
OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY

*From the cloud came a
voice,*



*"This is my Son,
the Beloved;
listen to him!"*

MARK 9:7, NRSV

FEBRUARY 11, 2024 – THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY – YEAR B
CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH
10:00 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO
CELEBRANT – THE VERY REV. RENÉ JOHN
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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. 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 # 7

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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 sing together

Gloria

Hymnal # S-278

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated

First Reading

Lector: Cn. Clara Gregory

A Reading from the Second book of Kings (2 Kings 2:1-12)

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha,

and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his Mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Remain seated; sung by the Choir

Psalm 50:1–6

Deus deorum

Jonathan Battishill



- 1 The LORD, the God of¹ gods, has¹ spoken; *
he has called the earth from the¹ rising of the¹ sun to its¹ setting.
- 2 Out of Zion,¹ perfect in its¹ beauty, *
God re¹veals him¹self in¹ glory.
- 3 Our God will come and¹ will not keep¹ silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round a¹ bout him a¹ raging¹ storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the¹ earth from a¹bove *
to witness the¹ judgment¹ of his¹ people.

5 “Gather before me my ¹loyal ¹followers, *
those who have made a covenant with ¹me and ¹sealed it with ¹sacrifice.”

6 Let the heavens declare the ¹rightness of ¹his ¹cause; *
for ¹God him ¹self is ¹judge.

Remain seated

Second Reading

Lector: Cn. Phil Lewis

A Reading from Paul’s Second letter to the Church in Corinth (2 Cor. 4:3-6)

If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand, as able

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal # 129

Christ Upon the Mountain Peak

Remain standing

The Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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: Gail Lewis

The Leader and People pray responsively

Deacon: The word of God calls us to see that all the places and occasions of the world, even places of sorrow and death, are transfigured by the presence of the glory of God in Christ Jesus. Let us now call to mind all who are in any need and commend them to God's transforming care, saying: O merciful God, hear our prayer.

Lector: For those who are alone, for widows and widowers and orphans, and for the divorced, O merciful God,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the imprisoned, for those whose only home is the streets, and for those caught by addiction, O merciful God,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the hungry, for those who cannot feed their children, and for the unemployed, O merciful God,

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 Ukraine and Russia, the People of Israel and Palestine, Steven Erdy, Anita Hill, Reid Howard, Maria Hunter, Brenda Smith, Frances & Benny Barksdale, Amarachi Ngozi Okere, the Shervington family, the Longman family, the Epps family, the Pray family, the King family, Yvette Salter, Cliff Salter, Dave Mojica, Victoria Jones, the Siler**

family, Dulce Lawton, the Hudson family, the Moffett, Rivers, Sanders and Madison families, Patty & Mark Gerner, Meredith Burton, Caroline McIntyre, Mary Swingle, Fred Cohen, all NAMI families, King Charles, III, Catherine, Princess of Wales, Rich Jacobson, and the Jacobson family. O merciful God,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: We remember those who have died, especially **Ruth H. Fitzgerald, Marquis Hudson, Spec. Breonna Alexsondria Moffett, Sgt. William Jerome Rivers, Spec. Kennedy Ladon Sanders, Joe Madison, Father Gary Norman**, the victims of violence in our neighborhoods, and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world. O merciful God,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Lector: For refugees, for the victims of warfare, and for those held in poverty by racial discrimination, O merciful God,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the people of our nation, our city, and our community, O merciful God,

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. O merciful God,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Lector: For artists and writers, and for all who think on the edge of society,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Lector: For preachers and teachers of the light-bearing word of Christ, O merciful God,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the church and its leaders, formed by the life-giving word of Christ, O merciful God,

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 the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops, the Episcopal Church at Princeton University, and The Episcopal Campus Ministry at Rutgers. O merciful God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Lector: For this assembly, feeding on the word of Christ, O merciful God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Margareth Joseph, Mark & Anna Snow, Jocelyn Francis-White, Thomas Bestman, Jocelyne Graham, Margot McCormick, Bruce Boczar, Meghan Lewis, Robert & Irene Sanz and Savannah Carly Tolan.** O merciful God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Silence, as the People add their own petitions.

Celebrant: With Moses and Elijah and all the people of God, with the church throughout the ages bearing witness to the great light of God shining in dark places, we commend to you all for whom we pray, O merciful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 Anthem

Walk In The Light

arr. André Thomas

The Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal # 137

O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

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.

The Great Thanksgiving:

Eucharistic Prayer A

Chalice bearer: Judith Miller

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 sing together

Sanctus

Hymnal # S-128

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 sing together

Agnus Dei

Hymnal # S-165

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.

All stand, as able

Communion Hymn

Hymnal # 124

What Star is This with Beams So Bright

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 # 618

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Blessing

Celebrant: May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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

**THE CATHEDRAL ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD
IN LOVING MEMORY OF JUDY SAULLI, FROM SUSAN REMMERS**

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FEBRUARY 11, 2024 ~ THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



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.



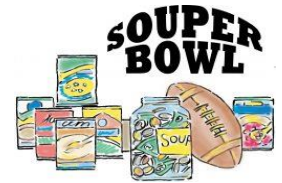
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lectors for the 10:00 am Mass on 2/18 are:

**Larry Spears, John Gummere, Cn. Terry Cooper, Howard Ebersole (alternate)
& Bobbie Powell (chalice bearer)**

2024 Stewardship Update - Thank you to all who have pledged your support to the Cathedral for 2024! We currently have 75 pledging units, totaling \$261,880 – an average of \$3,492. If you would like a pledge card, please speak with Willie Coleman, J. Gil Williams or Dean John.

TODAY is *Souper Bowl Sunday* – Thank you for sharing canned goods with our Food Pantry. If you have not been able to bring something in, but want to contribute; you can leave a donation or see Lucy Adams to purchase items for you. *Let's get that touch-down feeling by filling the goal box!*



Join us for Ash Wednesday Mass at 12:10 pm and 7:30 pm on Wednesday, February 14th.

The Diocesan Absalom Jones Service of Witness to Black Ministry will be held at the Cathedral on Sunday, February 18th at 3:00 pm – join us!

The deadline to submit articles, photos and announcements for the March issue of *The Trinity Times* is Monday, February 19th – please E-mail all submissions to Patrice in the Cathedral office at patriceattrinity@aol.com

The Cathedral office will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2024 in observance of Presidents' Day.

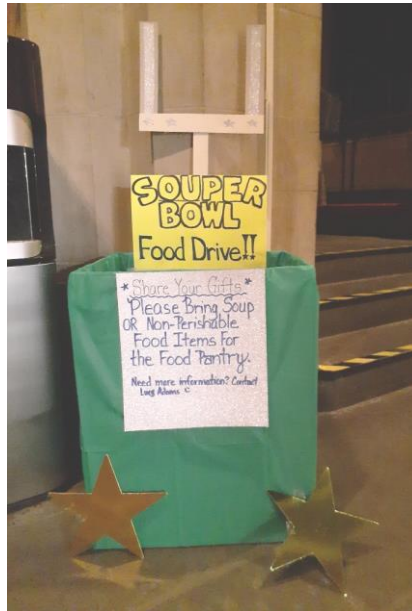
Join us for our Lenten Series – Weekly reflections on “How We Learn to Be Brave” by Bishop Mariann Budde will be led by Canon Dr. Phil Lewis. Wednesdays, February 21st and 28th, and March 6th, 13th and 20th. Sessions will be held via Zoom from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. For more information, including the Zoom link, please speak with Phil or Dean John. The book is available for purchase at the Altar Guild Shop.

If you are interested in helping the Food Pantry, we can especially use one or two volunteers who can lift up to 50 pounds - We have folks who can pack our food bags, but they require assistance lifting cases of canned goods onto the packing tables and moving the packed bags into place to be handed out. Can you fill this need? Please call Lourdez “Cookie” Hernandez at (609) 902-8282.

***“A Taste of Joy – Recipes of Trinity Cathedral”* cookbook is available!** - Proceeds from the sale of the books are going to provide fresh produce to our Food Pantry. Even if you do not cook or don't have a particular person to gift it to, you can still assist by purchasing books and we'll donate them to the Food Pantry. **Get yours today at the Cathedral Altar Guild Shop for just \$10 or contact Lucy Adams at trinitycathedralags@gmail.com.** Also, if you are interested in selling the books, let Lucy know. **Thank you in advance for your support!**

The next Food Pantry distribution date is – Saturday, February 24th (2nd & 4th Saturdays this month) from 9-11:00 am.

Each Thursday, we distribute hot dinners “to go” from 4:15–5:30pm at the Overbrook Avenue entrance as a satellite location for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen.



THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

TODAY (2/11)

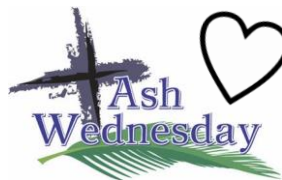
9:15 am Choir warm-up
10:00 am **Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)**
 10:30a – 12:30p Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP
 11:15a – 12:15pm Choir rehearsal
 1:00 pm Adult Christian Education, via Zoom

Tues. (2/13)

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. (2/14)

12:10 pm **Happy Valentine's Day!**
7:30 pm **Ash Wednesday Mass**
 Ash Wednesday Mass



Thurs. (2/15)

4:15 – 5:30 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

Sun. (2/18)

9:15 am Choir warm-up
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)**
 Presentation of Cathedral Emergency Action Plan during Mass
 10:30a – 12:30p Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP
 11:15a – 12:15pm Choir rehearsal
 3:00 pm Diocesan Absalom Jones Service of Witness to Black Ministry – join us!