

TRINITY CATHEDRAL
OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY

“The Kingdom
of *God*
is near.



*Repent
and believe
the
good news !”*

Mark 1:15

**FEBRUARY 18, 2024 – THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT – YEAR B
CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH
8:30 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE
CELEBRANT & PREACHER – 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

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Martin Jones, organ

All kneel, as able

The Litany of Penitence

The Celebrant and People together, all kneeling

Most holy and merciful Father:

**We confess to you and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints
in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault
in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

The Celebrant continues

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

People: Have mercy on us, Lord.

Celebrant: We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

People: Have mercy on us, Lord.

Celebrant: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

People: We confess to you, Lord.

Celebrant: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

People: We confess to you, Lord.

Celebrant: Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

People: We confess to you, Lord.

Celebrant: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

People: We confess to you, Lord.

Celebrant: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

People: **We confess to you, Lord.**

Celebrant: Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

People: **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Celebrant: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

People: **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Celebrant: For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

People: **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Celebrant: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

People: **Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Celebrant: Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

People: **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

Celebrant: By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

People: **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

The Bishop, if present, or the Priest, stands and, facing the people, says

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel. Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated

First Reading

A Reading from the book of Genesis (9:8-17)

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All remain seated to say

Psalm 25:1-9

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

Remain seated

Second Reading

A Reading from the First letter of Peter (1 Peter 3:18-22)

Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand, as able

Sequence Hymn

**Hymnal # 147
vs. 1-3**

Now Let Us All with One Accord

Remain standing

The Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Very Rev. René John, Dean

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.**

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 # 143
vs. 1-4**

The Glory of These Forty Days

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.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. 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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

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

**Hymnal # 443
vs. 1 & 5**

From God Christ's Deity Came Forth

Blessing

Deacon: Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant: Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Martin Jones, organ

We welcome back Martin Jones as our guest organist today! Martin has been a friend to Trinity Cathedral first as a chorister with the American Boychoir and later as a guest organist after organ studies at Interlochen Arts Academy. He graduated in 2021 with a BMus in organ at Rice University in Houston, where he served as organ scholar at St Thomas Episcopal Church and School and organist at First Lutheran Church. Martin is back home in New Jersey after recently completing his Masters in organ performance at the Leipzig Hochschule für Musik und Theater.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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, 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.**

We remember those who have died, especially the victims of violence in our neighborhoods, and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world.

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.

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 Sudan; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops, and the Rev. Cn. Bruce W. Woodcock.

We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Antonio James Tolan and Marlene Porter.**

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FEBRUARY 18, 2024 ~ THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**



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 2/25 are:
Youth for Family Sunday & Cn. Phil Lewis (chalice bearer)

There are Lenten calendars on the literature table in the main hallway: for adults, teens and children!

Many thanks to everyone who brought soups and other foods to share for *Souper Bowl Sunday* – there was plenty to go around and enjoy! Thank you also for sharing canned goods with our Food Pantry.

The Diocesan Absalom Jones Service of Witness to Black Ministry will be held at the Cathedral TODAY 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. The Zoom link for the meeting is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89379028423?pwd=VURYODE2c0pSNnVFbjdTZEo1MGd0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 893 7902 8423

Passcode: 157679

The Zoom link will also be sent out in a mass E-mail to the parish; the book is available for purchase at the Altar Guild Shop. Having read the book is important, but NOT REQUIRED to attend and enjoy the Lenten Series - weekly reflections. We encourage everyone to invite at least three people you know, who you think are looking for a better life! For help or questions, feel free to contact Phil by text at (267) 907-3050 or by E-mail at philglewistway@gmail.com

Time is Hopping along – let’s plan for the EASTER EGG HUNT! We are hoping (?hopping?) to once again hold the Trinity Cathedral Easter Egg Hunt this year, March 31st! Can you help? We are looking for: Easter egg fillers (treats, small prizes, etc. - we have PLENTY of eggs!), small baskets with handles (for the little ones who may have forgotten one on the day). Please drop off all donations at the Cathedral! Any questions? Please call Rose Cooper or E-mail her at g.r.c@att.net

This week we will bag food for the Food Pantry – We can use assistance the Thursday prior to each Pantry date. The next bagging day is Thursday, February 22nd at 4:45 pm.

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.

2024 Stewardship Update - Thank you to all who have pledged your support to the Cathedral for 2024! We currently have 76 pledging units, totaling \$266,880 – an average of \$3,512. If you would like a pledge card, please speak with Willie Coleman, J. Gil Williams or Dean John.

“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. **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 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.

First Sunday in *Lent*

THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

TODAY (2/18)

9:15 am

8:30 am

10:00 am

10:30a – 12:30p

11:15a – 12:15pm

3:00 pm

First Sunday in Lent ~ Altar Guild Shop open

Choir warm-up

Rite I Eucharist in All Saints Chapel (in-person only)

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

Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP

Choir rehearsal

Diocesan Absalom Jones Service of Witness to Black Ministry – join us!

Mon. (2/19)

All closed for Presidents Day



Tues. (2/20)

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

6:30 pm

Major Chapter meeting, via Zoom

Wed. (2/21)

12:10 pm

7:30 pm

Wednesday Healing Eucharist in All Saints Chapel, (in-person only)

Lenten Series weekly reflections, via Zoom (see info. in bulletin; an E-mail will be sent as well)

Thurs. (2/22)

4:15 – 5:30 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

Sat. (2/24)

9 – 11:00 am

Trinity Strings music lessons ON today

Food Pantry

Sun. (2/25)

9:15 am

10:00 am

10:30a – 12:30p

11:15a – 12:15pm

1:00 pm

Second Sunday in Lent ~ Family Sunday

Choir warm-up

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

Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP

Choir rehearsal

Adult Christian Education, via Zoom