

TRINITY CATHEDRAL
OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY



IF YOU GAIN
the whole world
BUT LOSE YOUR
own soul?

MARK 8:36, NLT

FEBRUARY 25, 2024 – THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT – YEAR B
FAMILY SUNDAY
CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH
10:00 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO
CELEBRANT & PREACHER – THE REV. CN. BRUCE MONTGOMERY

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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

Processional Hymn

Hymnal # 401

The God of Abraham Praise

Celebrant: Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People: **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

The Penitential Order

Celebrant: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Remain standing or kneel as able.

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.

Celebrant: 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.**

Remain standing

Kyrie

Hymnal # S-91

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated

First Reading

A Reading from the book of Genesis (17:1-7, 15-16)

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am the Almighty God. Obey me and always do what is right. I will make my covenant with you and give you many descendants." Abram bowed down with his face touching the ground, and God said, "I make this covenant with you: I promise that you will be the ancestor of many nations. Your name will no longer be Abram, but Abraham, because I am making you the ancestor of many nations. I will give you many descendants, and some of them will be kings. You will have so many descendants that they will become nations. "I will keep my promise to you and to your descendants in future generations as an everlasting covenant. I will be your God and the God of your descendants. God said to Abraham, "You must no longer call your wife Sarai; from now on her name is Sarah.¹ I will bless her, and I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she will become the mother of nations, and there will be kings among her descendants."

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated

Second Reading

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome (4:13-25)

When God promised Abraham and his descendants that the world would belong to him, he did so, not because Abraham obeyed the Law, but because he believed and was accepted as righteous by God. For if what God promises is to be given to those who obey the Law, then faith means nothing and God's promise is worthless. The Law brings down God's anger; but where there is no law, there is no disobeying of the law. And so the promise was based on faith, in order that the promise should be guaranteed as God's free gift to all of Abraham's descendants—not just to those who obey the Law, but also to those who believe as Abraham did. For Abraham is the spiritual father of us all; as the scripture says, “I have made you father of many nations.” So the promise is good in the sight of God, in whom Abraham believed—the God who brings the dead to life and whose command brings into being what did not exist. Abraham believed and hoped, even when there was no reason for hoping, and so became “the father of many nations.” Just as the scripture says, “Your descendants will be as many as the stars.” He was then almost one hundred years old; but his faith did not weaken when he thought of his body, which was already practically dead, or of the fact that Sarah could not have children. His faith did not leave him, and he did not doubt God's promise; his faith filled him with power, and he gave praise to God. He was absolutely sure that God would be able to do what he had promised. That is why Abraham, through faith, “was accepted as righteous by God.” The words “he was accepted as righteous” were not written for him alone. They were written also for us who are to be accepted as righteous, who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from death. Because of our sins he was given over to die, and he was raised to life in order to put us right with God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand, as able

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal # 455

O Love of God, How Strong and True

Remain standing

The Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

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

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

Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: “The Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the Law. He will be put to death, but three days later he will rise to life.” He made this very clear to them. So Peter took him aside and began to

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: Jesus Christ intercedes for us at all times. Together let us remember and pray to God through Christ, saying: Have mercy, O Lord.

Lector: For the church, that the fasting of these forty days may clear away much that is needless and so open our eyes to the bright glory of the cross, we pray:

People: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

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 Anglican Church of Tanzania; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops, and the Rev. Juan Monge-Santiago. We pray:

People: Have mercy, O Lord.

Lector: For the church, that those baptized at Easter will learn from us to read and ponder and cherish the scriptures, we pray:

People: Have mercy, O Lord.

Lector: For the children of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, that the Jewish people may find blessing and a zeal for justice in their covenant with God, we pray:

People: Have mercy, O Lord.

Lector: For all who suffer want, that God in mercy may turn our hearts toward one another and bring us to end our faithless reliance on weapons, war, and the threat of war, we pray:

People: Have mercy, O Lord.

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, 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, the Jacobson family, Anthony Rabara and Tom Wheeler.** We pray:

People: Have mercy, O Lord.

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. We pray:

People: Have mercy, O Lord.

Lector: For prisoners, that all who are bound in body may find such a strength of spirit to lift up all of us, we pray:

People: Have mercy, O Lord.

Lector: For ourselves, that this church may walk both as burdened and as free as Jesus, we pray:

People: Have mercy, O Lord.

Deacon: We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Beverly P. Hopkins, Lourdez Hernandez-Rosario, Louise Tarr and Noreen Duncan.** We pray:

People: Have mercy, O Lord.

Lector: For all who have died, that they be at peace, we pray:

People: Have mercy, O Lord.

Deacon: We remember those who have died, especially **Hibbert Duncan**, the victims of violence in our neighborhoods, and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world. We pray:

People: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

Silence, as the People add their own petitions.

Celebrant: God, whose ways are beyond our knowing or approving, place the world's troubles ever in our plain sight, and be yourself in our seeing and in our praying. We ask this always through 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 also with you.**

Holy Communion

Please remain seated while Ushers collect the offertory

Offertory Anthem

I've Been 'Buked

Spiritual, arr. Hall Johnson

The Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal # 328

Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord

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: Cn. Phil Lewis

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to

triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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-114

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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

All sing together

Agnus Dei

Hymnal # S-158

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

LEVAS # 88

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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 # 707

Take My Life, and Let it Be

Blessing

Deacon: Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant: Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

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 3/3 are:

**Judith Miller, J. Gil Williams, Bobbie Powell, Chinweze Ahaghotu (alternate)
& Virginia Harmer (chalice bearer)**

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

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

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 77 pledging units, totaling \$268,880 – an average of \$3,492. 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, March 9th (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.

Second Sunday in *Lent*



THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

TODAY (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

Tues. (2/27)

9:00 am

9 – 9:45 am

Private event - SH

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. (2/28)

12:10 pm

7:30 pm

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

Lenten Series weekly reflections, via Zoom

Thurs. (2/29)

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. (3/2)

10 am – 3 pm

Trinity Strings music lessons ON today

Vestry Quiet Day/Day of Reflection – CATH/SH

Sun. (3/3)

8:30 am

9:15 am

10:00 am

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