

TRINITY CATHEDRAL
OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY

Unless a grain of *wheat* falls
into the earth and dies, it remains
just a single grain; but if it dies, it



bears much fruit.

John 12:24, NRSV

MARCH 17, 2024 – THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT – YEAR B
CELEBRATING WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH
10:00 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

CELEBRANT – THE VERY REV. RENÉ JOHN
PREACHER – THE REV. GENEVIEVE BISHOP

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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

Martin Jones, organ

Processional Hymn

Hymnal # 439

What Wondrous Love is This

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures forever.**

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.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated

First Reading

Lector: Sue Gummere

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah (31:31-34)

“The days are surely coming,” says the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,” says the Lord. “But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” says the Lord: “I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” says the Lord; “for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.”

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated; all sing Refrain together

Psalm 51:1–13

Cantor: Cn. Paul Cooper

Refrain

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God.

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

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your
loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

Refrain

Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

Refrain

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Refrain

Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.

Refrain

Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Refrain

Remain seated

Second Reading

Lector: Frances O'Brien

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews (5:5-10)

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the

source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able

Sequence Hymn

LEVAS # 159

How to Reach the Masses

Remain standing

The Gospel: John 12:20-33

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

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Genevieve Bishop

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.**

Remain standing
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: Erica Warner

The Leader and People pray responsively

Deacon: The hour has come; now is the time to glorify God's name. Let us intercede for the church and for all God's creation, turning to God and saying: Lord, your kingdom come.

Lector: You are our God: may those who are poor and those who are rich, those near and those far, welcome your covenant of peace. We pray:

***People:* Lord, your kingdom come.**

Lector: We are your people: be with those who will receive your promise in baptism at Easter. We pray:

***People:* Lord, your kingdom come.**

Lector: You honor those who choose to serve: help us to be true followers of your servant Son. We pray:

***People:* Lord, your kingdom come.**

Deacon: We remember God's holy catholic church, including Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Primate; Sally, our Bishop; René, Dean of this Cathedral; Bruce, John, Peter and Noel, priest associates; Carol and Chris, our Deacons, along with all other ministers in this congregation, lay and ordained; Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and all Anglican Christians around the world, especially the Church in Wales; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops, and the Members and Ministry of the Diocesan Disciplinary Board. We pray:

***People:* Lord, your kingdom come.**

Lector: We know that we must die so that we may truly live: strengthen all who suffer in mind or body. We pray:

***People:* Lord, your kingdom come.**

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, the People of Haiti, Anita Hill, Amarachi Ngozi Okere, Anthony Rabara, Tom Wheeler, Wendy Williams, the Broadbent family, the Toto family, Star & Tom Peters, the Vidal family, Henry Wolfinger, Scott Shervington, Reid Howard, Aaliyah A. VanHeusen, and Canon Amadi.** We pray:

***People:* Lord, your kingdom come.**

Deacon: We remember those who have died, especially **Flora Toto, Ronnie Byfield, Kendall Walton and Glover Hill,** and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world. We

pray:

People: Lord, your kingdom come.

Lector: You draw all people to yourself: bring us out of our slavery to possessions and away from the desire for wealth. We pray:

People: Lord, your kingdom come.

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: Lord, your kingdom come.

Deacon: We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Dr. Alain Nganang, Samaya Ross, Christopher Vassos, Ronald W. Zilinski, Dr. Bernard Taylor, Benny & Frances Barksdale, Michael Tweh, and Daniel Fryar-Kothare** We pray:

People: Lord, your kingdom come.

Silence, as the People add their own petitions.

Celebrant: Lord God, show us the way of obedience through patient endurance and the way of glory through the law written in our hearts. Hear our prayers and come to our aid. We pray 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 Want Jesus To Walk With Me

arr. Raymond Haan

The Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal # 441

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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: Hilary Cox

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

Hymnal # 337

And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love

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 # 473

**Lift High the Cross,
the Love of Christ Proclaim**

Blessing

Deacon: Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant: Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; 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 OUR GUEST PREACHER, THE REV. GENEVIEVE BISHOP



The masterful theologian Justo Gonzalez says, “God writes straight with crooked human lines!” The life of our preacher on this Fifth Sunday in Lent attests that as truth. Genevieve Bishop comes before our cathedral community this morning as a priest of our diocese and as the first Director of our New Jersey School for Ministry. Journeying the crooked lines of life, she has encountered God daily and in pathways far afield from priestly ministry. God has been writing straight at every turn of her life – while teaching math and working with youth leaders in the 1970s; walking with very poor favela communities in Sao Paulo, Brazil in the 1980s; addressing the needs of unhoused and housing insecure neighbors in New York in the 1990s; and in the 2000s, while serving as a lawyer for those who are aging or health-challenged and frequently isolated, and addressing the practical and legal concerns of those who lovingly care for aging or health-challenged spouses, parents, and friends. God has written straight with all those crooked lines, bringing Gen to our doorstep this Sunday, for mutual blessing through the sharing of God’s Word.

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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 3/24 are:

Youth for Family Sunday & Margaret Nartey (chalice bearer)

TODAY is the last day to turn in donations toward Easter flowers and music, and names to be included in our Easter Memorial list.

You are invited to participate virtually in making the **Stations of the Cross** on Thursday evening, March 21 at 8 pm. (Rosary devotions will not be held on these dates.) Dean John has copies of the materials you will need, including the Zoom link (you can also join by phone.) The host, Canon Paul Cooper, will share his computer screen showing the forms we will follow for these devotions, in much the same way we did it in *All Saints Chapel* before the pandemic. But this time we will use an updated version of the Stations aimed at helping us to grow in following Jesus in our daily living.

Maundy Thursday overnight vigil – This year, the vigil will begin at the close of the Maundy Thursday service and end at 11:00pm. It will resume at 6:00 am on Good Friday. Please considering signing up for an hour of prayer on the board in the main hallway.

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

The Altar Guild Gift Shop will be open today and Palm Sunday. Stop in for Easter basket specials!

This week we will bag food for the Food Pantry – We can use assistance the Thursday prior to each Pantry date. This week's bagging day is Thursday, March 21st at 4:45 pm.

We are in need of 1-2 Greeters on Sunday mornings – if you would like to sign up, there is a clipboard on the literature table in the main hallway outside of Synod Hall. If you have any questions, please speak with Margaret Nartey.

It's almost time 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 (not eggs) and small baskets with handles. Please drop off all donations at the Cathedral! Any questions? Please call Rose Cooper or E-mail her at g.r.c@att.net

“A Taste of Joy – Recipes of Trinity Cathedral”* cookbook is still 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!*

Join us for the last week of our Lenten Series – Reflections on “How We Learn to Be Brave” by Bishop Mariann Budde are led by Canon Dr. Phil Lewis this Wednesday, March 20th via Zoom from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. For help joining the session or questions, feel free to contact Phil by text at (267) 907-3050 or by E-mail at philglewistway@gmail.com

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.

The next Food Pantry distribution date is – Saturday, March 23rd (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.



Fifth Sunday in *Lent*

THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

TODAY (3/17)

9:15 am

8:30 am

10:00 am

10:30a – 12:30p

11:15a – 12:15pm

Fifth 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

Mon. (3/18)

6:30 pm

Vestry meeting, via Zoom

Tues. (3/19)

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

10:30 – 11:00 am

Oral Healthcare presentation at Academy Pre-School

Wed. (3/20)

12:10 pm

7:00 pm

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

Lenten Series weekly reflections, via Zoom (last in series)

Thurs. (3/21)

9:30 am – 3 pm

4:15 – 5:30 pm

4:45 pm

8 – 8:30 pm

Lenten Clergy Day – CATH/SH

TASK Meals – SH

Bagging food for the Food Pantry

Society of Mary STATIONS OF THE CROSS, via Zoom and phone access:

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

Sat. (3/23)

9 – 11:00 am

9:00 am – 12 pm

10:00 am

Trinity Strings music lessons OFF today

Food Pantry

CPR Class - GR

Hibbert Duncan funeral - CATH

Sun. (3/24)

9:15 am

10:00 am

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