

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**  
**8:30 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE**

**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*

## **Liturgy of the Word**

**Prelude**

*Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ*

**Processional Hymn**

**Hymnal # 439**

**What Wondrous Love is This**

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People:* **His mercy endureth for ever.**

### **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 is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Deacon:* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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

*Celebrant and People:*

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against thee**

**in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done,**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved thee with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us;**

**that we may delight in thy will,**

**and walk in thy ways,**

**to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*Remain standing*

***Celebrant & People:***

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ 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 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.**

*All remain seated to say*

### **Psalm 51:1–13**

**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.  
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.  
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.  
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.  
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.**

*Remain seated*

## **Second Reading**

**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**  
**vs. 1 & 2**

**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 be to thee, O Lord.**

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 be to thee, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Genevieve Bishop**

*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.

*Remain standing*

### **Prayers of the People**

*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 with thy spirit.**

## Holy Communion

*Remain standing*

**Offertory Hymn**

**Hymnal # 441**

**In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

**vs. 1 - 3**

**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 # 473**  
**vs. 1 & 4**

**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**

*Dr. Kerry Heimann, 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.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>! 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

10:30a – 12:30p

11:15a – 12:15pm

**Palm Sunday ~ Altar Guild Shop open ~ Family Sunday**

Choir warm-up

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

Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP

Choir rehearsal