

**TRINITY CATHEDRAL
OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY**



**OCTOBER 6, 2024 – PENTECOST 20/PROPER 22 – YEAR B
THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS FOR THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS**

10:00 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

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The Very Rev. René Rory John, Dean**

WELCOME! We're honored that you're worshipping with us today. If you're not familiar with our Episcopal worship service, we hope this service bulletin will help. 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

Prelude

Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ

Remain standing

Processional Hymn

Hymnal # 405

All Things Bright and Beautiful

The Blessing of the Animals

Dean: Bless the Lord, all you his creatures.

People: **And forget not all his benefits.**

Dean: Let the earth glorify the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him forever.

People: **Glorify the Lord, O Creatures of the wild, and all you his flocks and herds. O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, Praise and highly exalt him forever.**

For all your creatures that breathe and move and have life.

That we may love and honor the works of your hand.

That we may treasure and care for our pets.

For the love and loyalty our pets show us.

That in loving and honoring your creations we may love you.

That you will keep them and us in your protecting care.

We thank you, Lord.

We pray to you, Lord.

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Dean: O Lord, who has looked upon all of his creation and declared that it was good, we thank you for the animals with whom we share this earth, and particularly for those which you have given into our care. We pray that you will guard them and tend to their necessities, relieve their suffering, protect them from exploitation, and let each of us see in them the beauty and the glory of your creative hand. As you raised your servant Francis to declare the oneness of all your work, give us gentle spirits, and help us to be instruments of your loving providence, that we may abound in your glory. **Amen.**

All animals are invited to the front of the church for a special blessing.

Prayer in Memory of Pets We Have Lost

Dean: Dear God, we give thanks to you for the lives of those pets who have died and the love and companionship we shared. We will miss them, but in the midst of our sorrow we recognize the blessings they brought to us. Just as you are aware of every sparrow that falls, be with them

even now. (*Please name your pets silently or aloud.*) In the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, who died for us. Lord, in your mercy . . . **Hear our prayer.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated

First Reading

Lector: Howard Ebersole

A Reading from the book of Job (1:1; 2:1-10)

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life." So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated; sung by the choir

Psalm 26

Judica me, Domine

Richard Farrant

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1 Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have ^llived with in^ltegrity; *
I have trusted in the ^lLord and ^lhave not ^lfaltered.

2 Test me, O ^lLORD, and ^ltry me; *
ex^lamine my ^lheart and my ^lmind.

3 For your love is be^lfore my ^leyes; *
I have ^lwalked ^lfaithfully with ^lyou.

4 I have not ^lsat with the ^lworthless, *
nor do I con^lsört ^lwith the de^lceitful.

5 I have hated the company of ^levil^ldoers; *
I will ^lnot sit ^ldown with the ^lwicked.

6 I will wash my hands in ^linnocence, O ^lLORD, *
that I may go in pro^lcession ^lround your ^laltar,

7 Singing aloud a ^lsong of ^lthanksgiving *
and recounting ^lall your ^lwonderful ^ldeeds.

8 LORD, I love the house in ^lwhich you ^ldwel *
and the ^lplace where your ^lglory a^lbides.

9 Do not sweep me a^lway with ^lsinnners, *
nor my life with ^lthose who ^lthirst for ^lblood,

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10 Whose hands are full of¹evil¹plots, *
and their¹right hand¹full of¹bribes.

11 As for me, I will¹live with in¹tegrity; *
redeem me, O¹LORD and have¹pity on¹me.

12 My foot stands on¹level¹ground; *
in the full assembly¹I will¹bless the¹LORD.

Remain seated

Second Reading

Lector: Cn. Clara Gregory

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews (1:1-4; 2:5-12)

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand, as able

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal # 416

For the Beauty of the Earth

Remain standing

The Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

**The Very Rev. René John
Dean**

All stand as able and say together

A Statement of Faith based on Galatians 3:26-28

Celebrant: Let us renew our pledge to work for unity, justice, and peace.

We are all children of God.

There is no longer Jew or Greek.

There is no longer slave or free.

There is no longer male and female.

For we are all one.

We believe Jesus lived for this and died for this.

We pledge ourselves with God’s help and the support of each other to make this become a reality.

All stand

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,**

eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Remain standing

Prayers of the People

Lector: Cn. Phil Lewis

The Leader and People pray responsively

Deacon: Christ embraced humanity, sharing God's love with the poor, the downtrodden, and the weak. May our lives reflect that same concern as we turn to God with our needs, saying:
Lord, have mercy.

Lector: For all of God's creatures that breathe and move and have life; for all of our faithful animal companions, past and present. For this we pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: May the relationships of church leaders provide examples of faithfulness and understanding to the communities they guide: for this we pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: We remember God's holy catholic church, including Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Primate; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect; 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 Papua, New Guinea; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops, and the Revs.: Dr. Daniel C. Gunn and Anne McRae Wrede. For this we pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: May nations and states find in each other complementarity and the shared visions of humanity, together overcoming any adversity or hatred: for this we pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

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. For this we pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: May those who suffer abuse, neglect, or senseless pain encounter God's loving presence in their lives, and may all who are in pain find mercy: for this we pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

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, Amarachi Ngozi Okere, Gerald Neufeld, Susanna Mansue, the Robinson family, the Ray family, the McGlothen family, the Noelizaire family, the Gaudreau family, Brann Wry, Andrew McDonald, the Roman family, the Turner family, Amy DeSanto, Aaliyah A. VanHeusen, Tony Rossi, Shirley Rutherford, Virginia Barbarin, Wesley Wood, Matthew Zilinski, Linda Johnson, Felicia Kendrick and Karen Schoener.** For this we pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: May husbands and wives nurture the image of God in one another: for this we pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Tristan Ganges, Chris and Hilary Cox, Trisha Cooper, Paul Ogbonna, Euphenia Tejada, Caroline Tweh, Amy R. Young, Georgianna Aiken, Lasaan White and Joshua Jenkins.** For this we pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: May those who are lonely or in troubled marriages find comfort in the Christian community: for this we pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: May all who have died rest in the presence of God, sharing in the eternal banquet: for this we pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: We remember those who have died, especially **Margaret Blackwell**, the victims of violence in our neighborhoods, and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world. For this we pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Silence ~ The People may add their own petitions

Celebrant: Gracious and merciful God, your faithfulness is timeless. Grant that our lives might reflect that same faithfulness which Jesus, your Son, shared with us, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

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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.**

Given that SARS-CoV2, the virus that causes the disease COVID-19, is now endemic in the US and globally, it is reasonable for parishes to return to a form of the peace common before 2019. It is clear, however, that for various reasons, some may not feel comfortable with handshakes, hugs and the like. It is thereby important that we are considerate and respectful of those who choose or need to take extra precautions.

Holy Communion

Please remain seated while Ushers collect the offertory

Offertory Anthem

Jesus Loves Me

arr. John Ferguson

The Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir

All stand, as able

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal # 376

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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: Margaret Nartey

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. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:
Hymnal # S-129

Sanctus

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues . . .

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the

holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray . . .

Celebrant and People:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Fraction

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.
Then may be said . . .*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Hymnal # S-163

Fraction Anthem

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 Christians are welcome to make their Communion at the Lord's table.

Communion Hymn LEVAS # 213

Children of the Heav'nly Father

The People are seated

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People:

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**
Announcements

All stand, as able

Recessional Hymn

Hymnal # 657

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Blessing

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

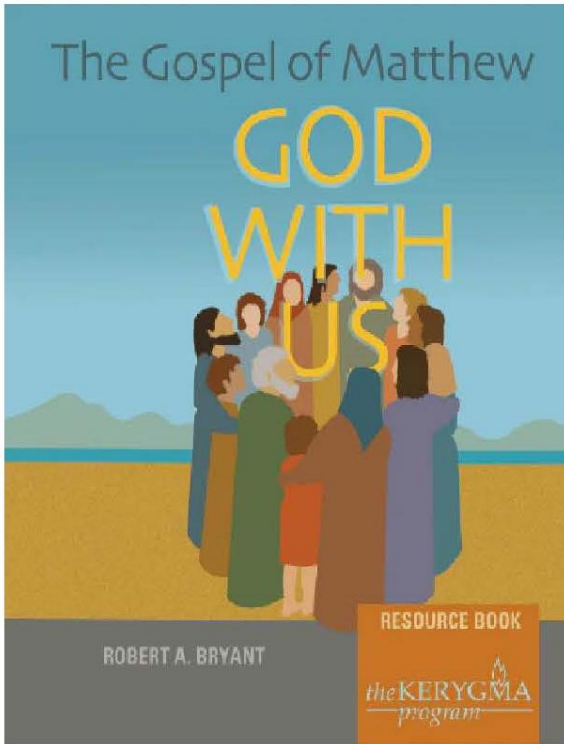
Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ

2024/25 Bible Study Offering: The Gospel of Matthew



According to the Gospel of Matthew, it is Emmanuel, “God with us”, who unites us and holds us together.

In a world of many divisions, come and explore how God calls us to a new community at work for the blessing of all.

**Please join us for this
14 session discussion class!**

By Zoom at 7pm on alternate Tuesdays

**Contact Dcn. Christopher Cox
for more information and to sign-up.
Start date October 8, 2024**



Trinity Cathedral African Festival 17th Annual Dinner and Gala Night



Saturday, October 26, 2024
7:00 - 11:00 pm

Adults - \$25 Children 12-18 - \$10
Food & soft drinks included in ticket price!

Enjoy African culture, music, food
and fashions

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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 10/13 are:

Angela DiJoseph, Judith Miller, J. Gil Williams & Bobbie Powell (alternate)

Chalice bearer – Judith Miller

The Greeters for the 10:00 am Mass on 10/13 (2nd Sunday) are:

Edward Greenfield (alternate – Dennie Higgins)

Sunday, October 13th will be Clergy Appreciation Day at our Hospitality Hour; if you can bring a dish to share, please speak with Larry Spears.

Will you join us for dinner at the Golf Outing? – Each year, several parishioners join us for the cocktail hour and buffet dinner following the tournament, where we enjoy food and fellowship, win great prizes and award The Bishop’s Cup! Tickets for dinner are just \$40 (no increase for several years now) and TODAY is the last day to purchase, so you can be seated at the Cathedral tables with your Trinity friends. So if you haven’t purchase a ticket yet, today is the day! Please see Willie Coleman, Usher. **(As we go to print, we have received 46 bottles of wine for our Cork Pull fundraiser, held at the Outing – thank you so much for your contributions!)**



Trinity Altar Guild Shop Fall Update



Join us Sunday, October 20th – the Shop will be open! Check out our new items and bargain table! Free Gift for just stopping in! Starting in November the shop will be open the 1st & 3rd Sundays after both services. During Advent – open every Sunday.

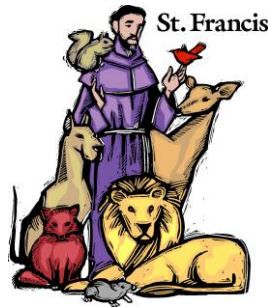
2025 Church Calendars are in! Wall, desk and pocket size.

Special = The Book of Common Prayer & Hymnal Combination Book with red or black leather cover, boxed now just \$75! Yes, you saw correctly! (Retails for \$105) We got a deal, so it’s passed on to you!



It’s back! – **The Cathedral African Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 26th at 7:00 pm.** Tickets are just \$25 for adults, \$10 for children; please see Gaw Jones or a member of the African Festival Committee to purchase.

The next Food Pantry distribution date is – Saturday, October 26th (2nd & 4th Saturdays this month) from 9-11:00 am. Each Thursday, we distribute hot dinners “to go” from 4:15–5:30pm at the Overbrook Avenue entrance as a satellite location for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen.



THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

TODAY (10/6)

9:15 am

8:30 am

10:00 am

After Mass

10:30a – 12:30p

11:15 am

The 20th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 22)

Choir warm-up

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

Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available) – with Blessing of the Animals

Confirmation Class: “God the Son” – GR

Carlos Ramos Committal in Dean Adams Memorial Garden

Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP

Choir rehearsal

Mon. (10/7)

6:30 pm

Golf Outing committee meeting, via Zoom

Tues. (10/8)

7:00 pm

Adult Christian Ed., via Zoom

Wed. (10/9)

12:10 pm

4 – 8:30 pm

Wednesday Healing Eucharist - CHP

Westminster/Rider U. rehearsal - CATH

Thurs. (10/10)

10:00am–2:00pm

4:15 – 5:30 pm

4:45 pm

8:00 pm

Diocesan Fresh Start meeting - SH

TASK Meals – SH

Food Pantry bagging

Rosary devotions, via Zoom

Sat. (10/12)

9 – 11:00 am

3 – 9:00 pm

Trinity Strings music classes

Food Pantry

Westminster/Rider U. performance/reception – CATH/SH

Sun. (10/13)

9:15 am

10:00 am

After Mass

10:30a – 12:30p

11:15 am

The 21st Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 23)

Choir warm-up

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

Clergy Appreciation Day at Hospitality Hour

Confirmation Class: “God the Holy Spirit” – GR

Janet Thompson Committal in Dean Adams Memorial Garden

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