

TRINITY CATHEDRAL
OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY



DECEMBER 1, 2024 – ADVENT 1 – YEAR C
10:00 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

CELEBRANT & PREACHER – THE VERY REV. RENÉ JOHN

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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 # 61

"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sing

Hymnal # S-91

Kyrie

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated

First Reading

Lector: Bobbie Powell

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah (33:14-16)

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Remain seated; all sing Refrain together

Psalm 25:1-9

Cantor: Susan Remmers

Refrain

My God, I put my trust in you.
from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Refrain

Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

Refrain

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Refrain

Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Refrain

Remain seated

Second Reading

Lector: Angela DiJoseph

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika (1 Thess. 3:9-13)

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and

restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal # 58

Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending

Remain standing

The Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

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

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

Jesus said, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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: Judith Miller

The Leader and People pray responsively

Deacon: As the church worldwide celebrates the beginning of its New Year, let us turn our minds and hearts to the larger community of which we are a part, saying: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us mercy.

Lector: For all peoples of every race, nations and disposition: May your love so embrace us all, that its power overcomes our conflicts, our defenses, and our fears. Quicken us to our true nature as your children that we may love one another. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

***People:* And grant us 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. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

***People:* And grant us mercy.**

Lector: For all the churches of the world, Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant, and Pentecostal: May we grow together in our understanding of mission, that we may be strengthened in unity and united in acts of service. Call us to the one discipleship with its many gifts. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

***People:* And grant us mercy.**

Deacon: We remember God's holy catholic church, including Sean, 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; and all Anglican Christians around the world, especially the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and the retiring Archbishop of the West Indies, Howard Gregory; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops, and the Revs.: Dr. Shawn A. Armington, William Boatwright, Thomas B. Conway, J. Rodney Croes, Dr. James A. Fisher, Suzanne L. Harris, Walter F. Hartt, Muriel S. Hubert deBussy, John W. Inman, Kathryn L. King, Martin Lavengood, Dwight L. Neglia, Ronald W. Parker, Joseph R. Parrish, Jr., John E. Troncale, and Bruce Webber. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

***People:* And grant us mercy.**

Lector: For all Christian communities, young and growing in Africa, aging and changing in North America: Renew our vision and experience of Christian community as ever birthing, ever transforming, ever young and open to risk, ever old and full of wisdom. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

***People:* And grant us mercy.**

Deacon: We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Mary Gay Abbott-Young, Althia Muse, Amy Elizabeth Wilson, Dorothy Shean, Janet Byard, Hubert & Maureen Perry, Carole Porter, Anthony Russo and Jared Miller.** Hear our prayer, O Lord,

***People:* And grant us mercy.**

Deacon: For those who live in fear and confusion: Whether they be stateless people in refugee camps, or settled people hidden behind high fences, give to the vulnerable strength, and to the secure vulnerability, that our human compassion for one another may end injustice and give our societies a human face. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

***People:* And grant us mercy.**

Lector: For this community, especially for those who suffer most, for the emotionally and physically ill, for the dying, for those who grieve: May we all, out of our own suffering, give comfort and support. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

***People:* And grant us 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, Victoria Jones, Margaret Ritterbusch, Pat Rice, Art & Lynn Powell, Ellen Wanser, Kim Minton & family, Dennis Kovach, Edward Tarr, Gina Barbarin, Andrew McDonald, Wes Wood, Luis, Bill, Marian & Walter Roberts, Yseult Leger, Benny Barksdale, Mike Mattei, Kristopher Williams, Willie George, Gerald Neufeld, Jim Olsen, Leah, Joe, the Peters family and Nick Koukotas.** Hear our prayer, O Lord,

***People:* And grant us mercy.**

Deacon: We remember those who have died, especially **Margaret Peters**, the victims of violence in our neighborhoods, and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

***People:* And grant us mercy.**

Deacon: For the larger community around us, especially for the newborn children, the homeless, and the imprisoned: May we create a world where shelter, food and medical care are available for all and where the law protects people for a better chance and better choices. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

***People:* And grant us mercy.**

Silence ~ The People may add their own petitions

Celebrant: On this first day of the year, we gather up our prayers and offer them to you, O Lord, knowing full well that there are signs in the sun and moon and stars and in the common events of ordinary life that call us to attend to your coming. Prepare us for the time of trial and for your dominion, coming now and at the close of this age. **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.**

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

Is Your Heart Prepared For A King?

Robert Lau

The Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir

All stand, as able

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal # 72

Hark the Glad Sound! the Savior Comes

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: Judith Miller

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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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-114

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-158

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

Hymnal # 454

Jesus Came, Adored By Angels

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 # 73

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

Blessing

Celebrant: May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among 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

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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 12/8 are:

Ellen Heath, Suzette Price, Brenda Whiteman & Virginia Harmer (alternate)

Chalice bearer – Bobbie Powell

The Greeters for the 10:00 am Mass on 12/8 (2nd Sunday) are:

Edward Greenfield (alternate – Dennie Higgins)

There are Advent calendars for adults, teens and kids on the literature table in the main hallway.

This week we will be bagging food for the Food Pantry; please join us on Thursday, December 5th to help out! (Our Pantry will be open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays this month, to accommodate Christmas.)

2025 Stewardship Update – We have received \$249,808 in pledges from 66 pledging families, for an average of \$3,784.97 per family. Thank you for your generosity! If you would like a pledge card, please ask an Usher.

Thanks to all who ordered Christmas wreaths from our wreath sale! **See you Sunday, December 8th for wreath pick-up and our “Santa’s Workshop” Christmas sale after the 10:00am Mass!**

Trinity Altar Guild Shop Update - Are you prepared for Advent? We are! Stop in for Advent wreaths, LED or wax candles and activity items for all ages. The Shop will be open Sundays during Advent. Also, Friday, December 6th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Need that unique gift? The shop has a variety of Nativities & ornaments from around the world. Free gift-wrapping during Advent!

CONVENTION SPECIAL: “Taste of Joy”- Recipes of Trinity Cathedral” Cookbook Sale. Now just \$7! (Reg. \$10.) Proceeds buy fresh produce for our Food Pantry. Wrapped w/ wooden utensil - now \$10. Great hostess gifts for Thanksgiving!

ANGEL TREE Update - Gifts may be dropped off at the Cathedral office at any time, but are due no later than December 8th. Donations of wrapping paper, bows/ribbons, and scotch tape are still needed, as well as a few large and medium size gift bags. For anyone who is available and would like to help with gift wrapping, please join us in Synod Hall on Thursday, December 12th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Our Angel Tree families will pick-up gifts from the Guild Room on Saturday, December 21st, between 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. For information or to volunteer, contact Judith Miller at 609-586-0915 or judithm2@verizon.net; or see her on Sunday after 10:00 o’clock service.

Let’s help our brothers & sisters WARM UP! – Do you have any coats, sweaters, or hoodies that are just sitting in your closet waiting to warm up someone? We are collecting new and gently used clean coats,

sweaters and hoodies: adult, teen and children's sizes. New sock donations welcomed too! Please bring your items by Sunday, December 29th. Thank you in advance for sharing your gift of warmth! (Distribution day is December 30th.)

The next Food Pantry distribution date is – Saturday, December 7th (1st & 3rd 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.

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presents

Light in Winter



Sunday, December 8th, 2024

6 PM

Trinity Cathedral in Trenton NJ

Free and Open to the Public
Free-Will Offering

Please join us as we perform
popular holiday and spiritual
pieces to celebrate the season

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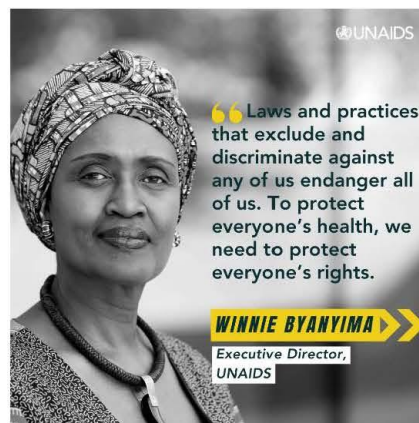
Friday, December 6, 2024

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

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With human rights at the center, with communities in the lead,
the world can end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.

Join us as we Remember and Commit
in recognition of World AIDS Day 2024.



Solstice at the Cathedral

A Jazz Experience Marking
The Re-Awakening of LIGHT

Featuring Gwen Laster & Friends



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THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

TODAY (12/1)

9:15 am

8:30 am

10:00 am

10:30a – 12:30p

11:15 am

The First Sunday of Advent ~ 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. (12/2)

6:30 pm

Golf Outing wrap-up meeting

Tues. (12/3)

7:00 pm

Adult Christian Education, via Zoom (A New Community Emerges)

Wed. (12/4)

12:10 pm

Wednesday Healing Eucharist - CHP

Thurs. (12/5)

4:15 – 5:30 pm

TASK meals - SH

4:45 pm

Food Pantry food bagging

8:00 pm

Rosary Devotions, via Zoom

Fri. (12/6)

12 – 3:00 pm

World AIDS Day Service and reception – CHP/SH

TBD

Wreath decorating – GR

Sat. (12/7)

9 – 11:00 am

Trinity Strings music classes

Food Pantry

Sun. (12/8)

9:15 am

The Second Sunday of Advent ~ Altar Guild Shop open

Choir warm-up

10:00 am

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

After Mass

Christmas Wreath sale/Santa's Workshop - SH

10:30a – 12:30p

Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP

11:15 am

Choir rehearsal

6:00 pm

Stretto Youth Chamber Orchestra winter Concert – join us! - CATH