TRINITY CATHEDRAL OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY



DECEMBER 22, 2024 – ADVENT 4 – YEAR C FAMILY SUNDAY 10:00 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

CELEBRANT – THE VERY REV. RENÉ JOHN PREACHER – THE REV. DR. PETER BRIDGE

801 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08618 Phone (609) 392-3805; Fax (609) 392-2305 www.TrinityCathedralNJ.org 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 inperson 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 # 56 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

vs. 3, 4, 5 & 8

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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated

First Reading Lector: Zoe Ahaghotu

A Reading from the book of the prophet Micah (5:2-5a)

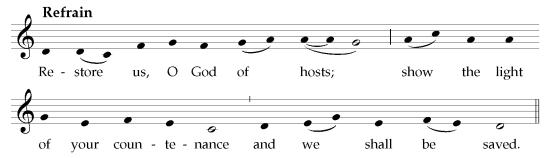
The LORD says, "Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are one of the smallest towns in Judah, but out of you I will bring a ruler for Israel, whose family line goes back to ancient times." So the LORD will abandon his people to their enemies until the woman who is to give birth has her son. Then those Israelites who are in exile will be reunited with their own people. When he comes, he will rule his people with the strength that comes from the LORD and with the majesty of the LORD God himself. His people will live in safety because people all over the earth will acknowledge his greatness, and he will bring peace.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Remain seated; all sing Refrain together

Psalm 80:1–7 Cantor: Cn. Paul Cooper



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

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim. In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * stir up your strength and come to help us.

Refrain

Restore us, O God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, *

how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; *

you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, * and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Refrain

Remain seated

Second Reading Lector: Elle Ahaghotu

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

For this reason, when Christ was about to come into the world, he said to God: "You do not want sacrifices and offerings, but you have prepared a body for me. You are not pleased with animals burned whole on the altar or with sacrifices to take away sins. Then I said, 'Here I am, to do your will, O God, just as it is written of me in the book of the Law." First he said, "You neither want nor are you pleased with sacrifices and offerings or with animals burned on the altar and the sacrifices to take away sins." He said this even though all these sacrifices are offered according to the Law. Then he said, "Here I am, O God, to do your will." So God does away with all the old sacrifices and puts the sacrifice of Christ in their place. Because Jesus Christ did what God wanted him to do, we are all purified from sin by the offering that he made of his own body once and for all.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand, as able

Sequence Hymn Hymnal # 265 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Remain standing

The Gospel: Luke 1:39-55

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Soon afterward Mary got ready and hurried off to a town in the hill country of Judea. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby moved within her. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and said in a loud voice, "You are the most blessed of all women, and blessed is the child you will bear! Why should this great thing happen to me, that my Lord's mother comes to visit me? For as soon as I heard your greeting, the baby within me jumped with gladness. How happy you are to believe that the Lord's message to you will come true!" Mary said, "My heart praises the Lord; my soul is glad because of God my Savior, for he has remembered me, his lowly servant! From now on all people will call me happy, because of the great things the Mighty God has done for me. His name is holy; from one generation to another he shows mercy to those who honor him. He has stretched out his mighty arm and scattered the proud with all their plans. He has brought down mighty kings from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away with empty hands. He has kept the promise he made to our ancestors, and has come to the help of his servant Israel. He has remembered to show mercy to Abraham and to all his descendants forever!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Peter Bridge
Priest Associate

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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Deacon: May our hearts leap for joy as we again assemble in prayer to await the Lord's coming. With Mary may our souls proclaim God's greatness as we say: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lector: Let us pray for the church: As the celebration of your incarnation draws near, we remember the many ways your revelation is lifted up in the world. We pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ, praying as we do today, in house churches in China, in Black storefronts in urban America, on Indian reservations in rural areas, in Black townships in South Africa, in indigenous churches in Africa, in base communities in the barrios of Latin America, in Europe among the foreign workers, in our own communities among the infirm, the homeless, and the dying. Wherever the church is found on the frontiers of mission and service, may your ministry be strengthened and our vision of ministry be stretched. Lord, In your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

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 Church of the Province of Uganda; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops, the Revs. Sharon Patterson and Daniel Scott Russell, and the Very Rev. Deborah A. Cook. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Lector: For this assembly: May we be enriched by our diversity and dedicated to preparing leadership for the future, acknowledging our present gifts, and remembering those who in the past birthed us into faith. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Sharlie Ross, Isaiah Muse, Manuel Tejeda, Jr., Scott Young, Maria Newman, Mike Raab, Chris Kirmales and Julia Bestman**. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Lector: For the young Marys and Josephs in our society, and for newborn children, especially those undernourished and without parental love and care: May all be given a home and an atmosphere of home-making. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

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, Art & Lynn Powell, Ellen Wanser, Kim Minton & family, Dennis Kovach, Andrew McDonald, Wes Wood, Luis, Bill, Marian & Walter Roberts, Yseult Leger,

Benny Barksdale, Gerald Neufeld, Jim Olsen, Leah, Joe, the Peters family, Nick Koukotas, Rev. Henry L. Edmonds, Julian Parrish, the Decker family, Mildred White. The Wisconsin shooting victims, and Marie Terlecki. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: For an end to violence, oppression and injustice: As you lead us, Lord, from darkness to light, make us children of the light. May we join with Mary's song that we may be among those who exalt the lowly and fill the hungry with good things, routing out the proud of heart and drawing courage from the power of your arm. Lord, in our mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

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. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: We remember those who have died, especially **Matty Decker**, the victims of violence in our neighborhoods, and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Lector: For our own spirit: With Mary may our hearts be magnified, made much bigger than we imagine them to be. May the new breath of Advent stir in us such ardor that we extend ourselves much more than we thought possible. May we like Mary set out across the barren country without fear, to visit the Elizabeths in our loves. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Silence ~ The People may add their own petitions

Celebrant: Lord, we gather up the prayers of this household, confident that as each day you transform darkness into light you know our deepest thoughts and will refresh our spirits. We pray in the name of the one who transforms principalities and powers and renews heaven and earth, Christ our Lord. **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 Mary's Magnificat

Andrew Carter

The Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir

All stand, as able

Offertory Hymn Hymnal # 269 Ye Who Claim the Faith of Jesus

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, food donations to the Cathedral Food Pantry, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or Celebrant.

The Great Thanksgiving:

Eucharistic Prayer A Chalice bearer: Cn. Clara Gregory

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 LEVAS # 20 Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus

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 # 66 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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

For Family Sunday, today's readings are taken from the *Good News* translation of the Bible.

The Lectors for the 4:00 pm Mass on 12/24 are:

Suzette Price, Cn. Terry Cooper (Chalice: Hilary Cox)

The Lectors for the 10:00 pm Mass on 12/24 are:

Erica Warner, John Gummere & Sue Gummere (Chalice: Margaret Nartey)

The Lectors for the 10:00 am Mass on 12/25 are:

Virginia Harmer & Erica Warner (Chalice: Gil Williams & Virginia)

The Lectors for the 10:00 am Mass on 12/29 are:

Cn. Phil Lewis, Gail Lewis, Susan Remmers & Larry Spears (alternate) (Chalice: Phil)

The Lectors for the 10:00 am Mass on 1/1 are:

Howard Ebersole, Fay Manicke & Ellen Heath (Chalice: Judith Miller + 1 more needed)

The <u>Greeters</u> for Sunday, 12/29 (5th Sunday) are:

Margaret Nartey (Alternate – Karlene Blasse)

Any Greening of the Cathedral not completed yesterday will be finished up today after Mass; please join us if you can help!

This week we will be bagging food for the Food Pantry, but on a DIFFERENT DAY than usual; please join us on Friday, December 27th at 1:00 pm to help out.

2025 Stewardship Update – We have received \$267,648 in pledges from 71 pledging families, an average of \$3,769.69 per family. Thank you for your generosity! If you would like a pledge card, ask an Usher.

If you have not yet pledged for 2025, please consider turning in your card now - We need to assign envelope numbers and get them to everyone to use them in the new year. Also, please use your NEW box of envelopes in 2025 - DO NOT use older boxes. This ensures that all of your donations will be posted to your pledge. Envelope boxes are on the "ship table" in the Cathedral.

Annual Meeting Notice - On Sunday, January 19, 2025 Trinity Cathedral will hold its Annual Parish Meeting. There will be one service, at 10:00 am, followed by the meeting. Please stay tuned for more information on how the meeting will be conducted. There are nomination forms for the Vestry on the literature table in the main hallway. If you are the Chair of a Cathedral Commission or organization that submits a report to be included in the annual meeting booklet, please turn your report in to the Cathedral office no later than January 6th. Please send your reports to Patrice D'Angelo at patriceattrinity@aol.com.

Trinity Altar Guild Shop Update: The Shop will be open this Sunday!

Check out nice selection of mugs! All-year designs along with Christmas ones! \$4 to \$6.95.

Christmas cards & stocking stuffers too! Weekly specials are waiting for you!

<u>Need that unique gift</u>? The shop has a variety of Nativities & ornaments from around the world.

The ornament tree is waiting to get bare!

Free gift-wrapping! Shop locally: save gas, time & money.





PRICE SPECIAL: "Taste of Joy"- Recipes of Trinity Cathedral" Cookbook Sale. Now just \$5 (Reg. \$10). Proceeds buy fresh produce for our Food Pantry. Wrapped w/ a wooden utensil; Now \$7. Great hostess gifts for holiday parties. A gift with a cause!

The Wednesday Healing Eucharist will be OFF on December 18th (and the following two Wednesdays are Christmas and New Year's Day, with Mass at 10:00 am both days.) See you January 8th!

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 28th (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.



All services held in-person and livestreamed, when possible:

Sunday, December 22: 10:00 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite II - Advent 4

Tuesday, December 24: 4:00 pm – Christmas Eve (Family) Creche-Building Service

10:00 pm – Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist (9:30 carol prelude)

with The Rt. Rev. Sally French, Bishop

Wednesday, December 25: 10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship

Sunday, December 29: 10:00 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite II - 1st Sunday after Christmas

Wednesday, January 1: 10:00 am – New Year's Day Worship

Sunday, January 5: 8:30 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite I – Baptism of our Lord

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite II featuring The Trinity Strings

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Items Still Needed!

Bring your donations by 12/29



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New sock donations welcomed too!

For more information call: Cookie: (609) 902-8282 or Lucy: (609) 784-8867



Thank You in advance for your donation of warmth!

Distribution Day = December 30th from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.





THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

TODAY (12/22) The Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ Family Sunday ~ Altar Guild Shop open

9:15 am Choir warm-up

10:00 am Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)

After Mass Finishing up Greening of Cathedral, if needed 10:30a – 12:30p Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP

11:15 am Choir rehearsal

Mon. (12/23) Pre-K and Urban Promise closed all week

Tues. (12/24) All offices closed

4:00 pm Christmas Eve (Family) Creche-Building Service

10:00 pm Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist (9:30 pm Christmas carol prelude)

with The Rt. Rev. Sally French, Bishop

Wed. (12/25)
10:00 am

All offices closed
Christmas Day Mass

Thurs. (12/26) All closed

Fri. (12/27)

1:00 pm Food bagging for Food Pantry

Sat. (12/28)

9 - 11:00 am Food Pantry

Sun. (12/29) The First Sunday after Christmas Day

10:00 am Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)

After Mass Confirmation Class (Book of Common Prayer) – GR 10:30a – 12:30p Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP

The Cathedral office will be closed December 24th, 25th and 26th and on January 1^{st.} Staff will be on reduced and varied hours through the New Year; please call before visiting.