

TRINITY CATHEDRAL
OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY



DECEMBER 29, 2024 – THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY – YEAR C
10:00 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

CELEBRANT – 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

Remain standing

Processional Hymn Hymnal # 82 Of the Father's Love Begotten

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 say together

Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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: Cn. Phil Lewis

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (61:10—62:3)

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated; all say together

Psalm 147

Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! *

how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; *

he gathers the exiles of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted *

and binds up their wounds.

He counts the number of the stars *

and calls them all by their names.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *

there is no limit to his wisdom.

The Lord lifts up the lowly, *

but casts the wicked to the ground.
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.
He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;
He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.
He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.
He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.
Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

Remain seated

Second Reading

Lector: Gail Lewis

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Galatia (3:23-25; 4:4-7)

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal # 324

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Remain standing

The Gospel: Luke 1:1-18

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’”) From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Chris Cox
Deacon

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: Susan Remmers

The Leader and People pray responsively

Deacon: All things have been clothed in grace by the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ; all the earth has been enlightened in his dawning. Trusting in the light and grace, let us pray for all people in need and for all the world, saying: Merciful God, hear our prayer.

Lector: For the churches, that united in life they may be faithful in witness to your Son come among us, merciful God,

***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 Episcopal Church; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops, and the Ministry of the Episcopal Migration Ministries. Merciful God,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the poor of the earth, for the victims of warfare, that their mourning may be turned into joy, merciful God,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Lector: For all families, that they may be renewed in joy, receive the word of mercy into their hearts, and become places of hospitality to the stranger, merciful God,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Samuel & Anastasia Richards, Eanna (EJ) O'Suilleabhain, Wolo Bestman, John Gabbidon, Kendall Walton, and William (Bill) Harmer.** Merciful God,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: For the leaders of nations, that they may turn from ways of fear and warfare to the ways of your wisdom and grace, merciful God,

***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. Merciful God,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Lector: For our bishop, Sally, and for all bishops, that they may rejoice in your mercy and faithfully teach the greatness of your coming among us, merciful God,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Lector: For this assembly, for our sick, and for ourselves, that we may be renewed by the light and grace of your incarnate word, merciful God,

***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, 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.** Merciful God,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: We remember those who have died, especially the victims of violence in our neighborhoods, and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world. Merciful God,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Silence ~ The People may add their own petitions

Celebrant: Rejoicing in the company of Mary, mother of our Lord, and of all the witnesses of the incarnation, we commend these prayers and all our life to you, O God, through Jesus 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 Solo

All stand, as able

Offertory Hymn

LEVAS # 27

Away in a Manger

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. Phil Lewis

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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All say together

Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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.**

All say together

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God:

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins:

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world:

Give us your peace.

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 Solo

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 # 100

Joy to the World

Blessing

Celebrant: May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; 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: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

OUR CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND GREENS HAVE BEEN GENEROUSLY SPONSORED BY:

Lucy Adams, in thanksgiving for Keith, Andrew, Geoffrey, Jeffrey and Angelica

Jane Bridge, in thanksgiving for the Choir!

Cynthia Coleman, in honor of Cynthia Woodson, Eva Coleman,
Edna Hill and Eula Ford

In gratitude for our Trinity Cathedral Family

Patrice and Joe D'Angelo, in thanksgiving for Stormy D'Angelo,
and in memory of Lobo, Nikita, Codey, Max and Stanley D'Angelo

Jocelyn Francis-White, in memory of Rev. Charles W. Nelson, Sr.,
Mrs. Ethel M. VanDevere Nelson, Mrs. Grace Nelson Francis,
Mrs. Fannie M. Francis-Wheeler, Mr. Thomas L. Francis
and Mr. Joseph B. Gaines

Edna Garrison, in memory of Alexander and Catherine Garrison,
Edgar and Alexandra (Sandy) Pollard, Edward and Edna Taylor,
William and Thelma Pease, Samuel and Sarah McCoy,
and Samuel and Rosalie McCoy

Susan Ince, in honor of Roger Ince

Mary Johnson, in memory of Hugh M. Jolley and Marie E. Jolley

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Georgia Koenig, in memory of Alva and George Brenner, Margaret and William Koenig, Steven Koenig, Albert Lengyel, Pam Gazda Rickette Holden, Dorothy and Bert Petersen, and Myrtle Goetz

John S. Luttrell, in memory of Cristina Samper and Bro. Dunstan, SSF;
and in thanksgiving for all of our grandchildren

Fay Manicke, in memory of Roger J. Van Sant and Rose and Albert Manicke, Jr.

Cheryl Nagy, in memory of Peter and Joyce Schmitt, the Szenasi family,
and Cecelia and Elek Nagy

Jennifer Ng'andu, in thanksgiving for abundance

Susan Remmers, in memory of Arthur and Dorothy Smith, Robert Remmers,
Judy Saulli, Nancy Jackson, Cindy Mansue, and Al and Ellen White

Samuel and Anastasia Richards, in memory of Sampson P. Richards,
Sarah J. Pierce, Momolu S. Cooper, Sr. and Marvine S. Cooper

J. Gilbert Williams, in memory of Joseph and Mary Butler Williams,
Robert and Cecil Duren, Gilbert F. Williams and Sinceria Williams

Many thanks to all who helped decorate the Cathedral for Christmas!

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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 1/1 are:

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

The Lectors for the 10:00 AM Mass on 1/5 are:

John Gummere, Cn. Terry Cooper, Howard Ebersole & Cn. Clara Gregory (alternate)

Chalice bearer: Hilary Cox

The Greeters for Sunday, 1/5 (1st Sunday) are:

Veronica Ngwayah (Alternate – Edward Greenfield)

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! There's still one more day to bring in your donation - please bring your items tomorrow morning before 12:00 pm, when we will distribute the coats. Thank you for sharing your gift of warmth!

2025 Stewardship Update – We have received \$271,148 in pledges from 72 pledging families, an average of \$3,765.94 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.

The Wednesday Healing Eucharist will be OFF on January 1st (as we have Mass at 10:00 am for New Year's Day.) See you January 8th!

The next Food Pantry distribution date is – Saturday, January 11th (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.

Let's Help Our Brothers & Sisters

WARM UP!

Items Still Needed!

Bring your donations by Noon on 12/30

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** worn **clean** coats, sweaters and hoodies. Adult, teen and children's sizes.

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: Monday, December 30th from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.





THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

<u>TODAY (12/29)</u> 10:00 am After Mass 10:30a – 12:30p	The First Sunday after Christmas Day Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available) Confirmation Class (Book of Common Prayer) – GR Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP
<u>Mon. (12/30)</u> 12 – 3:00 pm	Pre-K and Urban Promise closed all week Coat distribution – SH
<u>Wed. (1/1)</u> 10:00 am	All offices closed New Year's Day Mass
<u>Thurs. (1/2)</u> 4:15 – 5:30 pm 8:00 pm	TASK Meals – SH Rosary Devotions, via Zoom
<u>Sun. (1/5)</u> 8:30 am 10:00 am After Mass 10:30a – 12:30p	The Second Sunday after Christmas Day (Eve of Epiphany) Rite I Eucharist in All Saints Chapel (in-person only) Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available) Confirmation Class (Episcopal Church USA) – GR Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP



The Cathedral office will be closed on January 1st. Staff will be on reduced and varied hours through 1/1; kindly call before visiting.