TRINITY CATHEDRAL OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY



FEBRUARY 2, 2025
THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST - YEAR C
REMEMBERING THOSE WHO DIED ON THE POTOMAC

8:30 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

CELEBRANT & PREACHER – THE VERY REV. RENÉ JOHN

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A Negro Spiritual and Gospel Celebration of the Music of Paul Robeson



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Paul Robeson was New Jersey's true Renaissance man—stand-out athlete, outstanding student, Shakespearean actor, and committed advocate for the rights of the oppressed. Blessed with an incredible voice, Robeson set the standard for on-screen and on-stage bass performances.

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Please stand as indicated and be seated for lessons

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ

Processional Hymn Hymnal # 499 Lord God, You Now Have Set Your Servant Free

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

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

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

All say together Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thee that, as thy onlybegotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated

First Reading

A Reading from the book of the prophet Malachi (3:1-4)

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All remain seated to say

Psalm 24:7–10

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in. "Who is this King of glory?" * "The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle." Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
"Who is he, this King of glory?"
"The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory."

Remain seated

Second Reading

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews (2:14-18)

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand, as able

Sequence Hymn Hymnal # 257 O Zion, Open Wide Thy Gates

vs 1, 2 & 3

Remain standing

The Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Jesus' parents brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the

child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Very Rev. René John, Dean

All stand, as able
Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures: he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Remain standing

Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

Deacon: Made like us in every respect, our high priest knows our suffering and intercedes for us before the throne of mercy. Let us pray through Christ, saying: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: For our church, that it be a light to all nations and a beacon for all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have 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 Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops; St. Simeon-by-the-Sea Church in North Wildwood, and the Revs.: Theodore L. Anderson, Jr., W. Joseph Leigh, and George F. Rambow. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: For enlightened minds and hearts among those who act and work for the public good, let us 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. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: For God's reign of peace, that no people need live in the fear of death, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: For those who speak and those who hear the prophetic word today, let us pray to the

Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: For wisdom in old age and for fidelity in youth, let us 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: **Timothy (TJ) Nartey, Jonathan Gabbidon, Beydoun Dennis, William Gilbert, Georgia Koenig, Susanne Isbill, Ngozi Ogbonna** and **Brann Wry**. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: For those who suffer from winter's cold, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: For all who walk in darkness, facing illness, death, and misfortune, let us 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, Art & Lynn Powell, Ellen Wanser, Andrew McDonald, Wes Wood, Virginia Barbarin, Tom Peters, John George, Ed Buckley, Paul & Vernessa, Yves Antoine, those injured in New Orleans, Tomaso Collik-Migliaccio, the People of California, the Cole family, the Gonzalez family, Pastor Steven Snook, Lisa Johnson and the Morris/Johnson family, all those suffering from mental illness, Bradley & Valerie Williams, the Harrison family, the Duncan family, the Richards family, Jean Tabor, Maria Hunter, those with disabilities, the families of those who died on the Potomac, the Husher family, the Jorge family, and James Arnold. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: We remember those who have died, especially **those lost on the Potomac, Darlene Husher, Edwin Jorge**, the victims of violence in our neighborhoods, and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Silence, as the people add their own petitions.

Celebrant: God of mercy, be our light in times of darkness and our comfort in times of affliction. May we be as light in a darkened world, proclaiming your faithful love. We ask this

through Christ, our one high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen**.

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says
Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.
Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People:
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please remain in your pew for the Peace.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

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

Remain standing

Offertory Hymn Hymnal # 543 O Zion, Tune Thy Voice

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.People: And with thy spirit.Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord. Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

All say together

Holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel or stand, as able

Celebrant: All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be said Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All say together

Agnus Dei

- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The People may join in saying

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Solo

Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ

All say together

Post-communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

Celebrant: May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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.

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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 2/9 are: Larry Spears, Cn. Phil Lewis, Gail Lewis & Susan Remmers (alternate) Chalice bearer: Cn. Phil Lewis

The Ushers/Greeters for Sunday, 2/9 (2nd Sunday) are: **Edward Greenfield (Alternate Greeter – Dennie Higgins)**

++++ Warm Up the Winter...

Eat, talk, relax

Come for coffee, tea or cold drinks

and healthy goodies following the 10 AM service every Sunday.

Get to know your parish family better and enjoy meeting new friends!

in Synod Hall

Go down the ramp to the hallway, entrance to Synod Hall is on the left, directly across from the church office.

If you are new to Trinity, we'd like to meet you...

If you call Trinity your home, we greet you.

Would you like to contribute something for coffee hour? Each Sunday there is a sign-up sheet available on the coffee hour table. You can choose a date and what you'd like to contribute.

Suggestions are provided!

New Parish Directory for 2025! – On the "ship table" and the literature table in the main hallway, you will find blank member profile forms. Please fill one out and submit it to the cathedral office, or turn it in to an Usher on Sunday. We will use this information to complete the new parish directory for 2025. (If there is any information you wish to keep unpublished, simply indicate this on the form. Thanks!)

This Thursday, February 6th, we will bag food for the Food Pantry at 4:45 pm.

SUPER BOWL SNACKS! - The Super Bowl is almost upon us and many of us will watch & snack. When buying your snacks, pick up an extra. Let's share our gifts!

Please bring non-perishable snacks such as crackers, Chex Mix, popcorn, commercial-type cookies and the like to share with our friends of the Trinity

Cathedral's Food Pantry. Leave donations in the goal box by Feb.

10th. If you cannot get out to the store, but want to contribute, you

can leave a donation or see Lucy Adams to purchase items for you. Let's get that touch-down feeling by filling the goal box! Go team Trinity Cathedral!

The next Food Pantry distribution date is – Saturday, February 8th (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.

Please be advised that our brother Larry Spears will no longer be a candidate seeking ordination.



Need something for your special Valentine? — me check us out! We have a variety of gifts and free gift wrap, too! Unique jewelry pieces (many crafted from repurposed items), inspirational mugs, books, religious items and much more!

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A Service of Witness to Black Ministry in the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey Sunday, February 16, 2025 3:00 P.M.

> Trinity Cathedral 801 W. State St. Trenton, NJ 08618



Black Clergy Caucus

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Black Clergy Caucus Union of Black Episcopalians Commission on Black Ministries

Celebrant:

The Right Reverend Sally French Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey

Preaching:

The Rev. Terrence Lee *Priest-in-Charge* Holy Trinity, South River

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THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

TODAY (2/2) The Presentation of our Lord ~ Altar Guild Shop open

9:15 am Choir warm-up

8:30 am Rite I Eucharist – CHP (in-person only)

10:00 am Rite II Eucharist - CATH (+ livestreamed, when available)

After Mass Confirmation Class – GR (Worship)

10:30a – 12:30p Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP

11:15 – 12:15 pm Choir rehearsal

3:00 pm Keith Spencer Paul Robeson Concert – CATH – get your tickets now!

Wed. (2/5)

12:10 pm Wednesday Healing Eucharist - CHP

Thurs. (2/6)

4:15-5:30 pm TASK Meals – SH

4:45 pm Food Pantry food bagging 8:00 pm Rosary Devotions, via Zoom

Sat. (2/8) Trinity Strings music classes on today

9 - 11:00 am Food Pantry

9:00am – 1:00pm Altar Guild Shop open

9:30 am Diocesan Acolyte Festival (entire bldg.)

10:00 am Grief Support Group - GR

Sun. (2/9) The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

9:15 am Choir warm-up

10:00 am Rite II Eucharist - CATH (+ livestreamed, when available)

10:30a – 12:30p Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP

11:15 – 12:15 pm Choir rehearsal