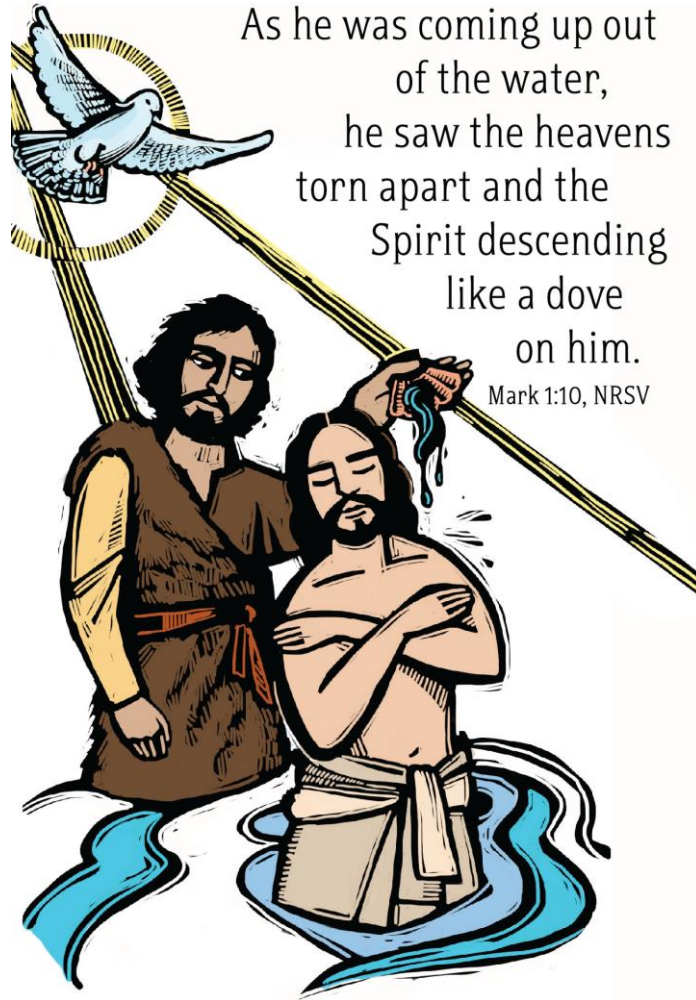


TRINITY CATHEDRAL  
OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY



**JANUARY 12, 2025 – THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY – YEAR C**  
**THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**  
**10:00 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO**

**CELEBRANT – THE VERY REV. RENÉ JOHN**  
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**The Very Rev. René Rory John, Dean**

**WELCOME!** We're honored that you're worshipping with us today. If you're not familiar with our Episcopal worship service, we hope this service bulletin will help. Masks are optional within the Cathedral buildings. Please use the hand sanitizer that is provided throughout the building before and after touching any surfaces.

*Please stand as indicated and be seated for lessons*

**Prelude**

*Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ*

*Remain standing*

**Processional Hymn**

**Hymnal # 139**

**When Jesus Went to Jordan's Stream**

*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 together*

**Gloria**

**Hymnal # S-278**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*The people are seated*

**First Reading**

**Lector: J. Gil Williams**

**A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (43:1-7)**

Now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the

Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord.

**People:**      **Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated; sung by the choir*

**Psalm 29**

**Afferte Domino**

**Ray Francis Brown**



- 1 Ascribe to the<sup>1</sup>LORD, you<sup>1</sup>gods, \*  
ascribe to the<sup>1</sup>LÖRD<sup>1</sup>glory and<sup>1</sup>strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory<sup>1</sup>due his<sup>1</sup>Name; \*  
worship the<sup>1</sup>LORD in the<sup>1</sup>beauty of<sup>1</sup>holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of<sup>1</sup>glory<sup>1</sup>thunders; \*  
the LORD is up<sup>1</sup>on the<sup>1</sup>mighty<sup>1</sup>waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a<sup>1</sup>powerful<sup>1</sup>voice; \*  
the voice of the<sup>1</sup>LORD is a<sup>1</sup>voice of<sup>1</sup>splendor.

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- 5 The voice of the LORD<sup>1</sup> breaks the<sup>1</sup> cedar trees; \*  
the LORD<sup>1</sup> breaks the<sup>1</sup> cedars of<sup>1</sup> Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon<sup>1</sup> skip like a<sup>1</sup> calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon<sup>1</sup> like a<sup>1</sup> young wild<sup>1</sup> ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD<sup>1</sup> shakes the<sup>1</sup> wilderness; \*  
the LORD<sup>1</sup> shakes the<sup>1</sup> wilderness of<sup>1</sup> Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the<sup>1</sup> oak trees<sup>1</sup> writhe \*  
and<sup>1</sup> strips the<sup>1</sup> forests<sup>1</sup> bare.
- †9 And in the<sup>1</sup> temple of the<sup>1</sup> LORD \*  
—<sup>1</sup>all are<sup>1</sup> crying, <sup>1</sup>“Glory!”
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned a<sup>1</sup>bove the<sup>1</sup> flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as<sup>1</sup> King for<sup>1</sup> ever<sup>1</sup> more.
- 11 The LORD shall give<sup>1</sup> strength to his<sup>1</sup> people; \*  
the LORD shall give his<sup>1</sup> people the<sup>1</sup> blessing of<sup>1</sup> peace.

*Remain seated*

**Second Reading**

**Lector: Bobbie Powell**

**A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (8:14-17)**

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*All stand, as able*

**Sequence Hymn**

**Hymnal # 116**

**"I Come," the Great Redeemer Cries**

*Remain standing*

**The Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

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

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Cn. Bruce Montgomery  
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**

**Lector: Angela DiJoseph**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

*Deacon:* We look in faith today toward the Lord, the one on whom God's favor rests. In confidence, let us bring our petitions to the Lord's altar, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

*Lector:* For those who lead the believing community throughout the world, that they might lead us on the path of faithful discipleship, let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, 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 West Africa; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops. Let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* For the baptized gathered in this church, that we might follow in the path of John the Baptizer and always acknowledge Jesus as Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon:* We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Udter Victor, Samuel Iverson Joseph, Elizabeth Russo and Sue Gummere.** Let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* For all those preparing for baptism and for their families, and for our newest members, that they might draw closer to the servant who is God's chosen, the light of the nations, and our light, let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* For the healing of all those who are blind to God's impartial love; for reconciliation among nations, races, creeds, and all that can divide us; for the gifts of unity and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, 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. Let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* For the consolation and support of all who are imprisoned, physically, spiritually, emotionally; for all who are ill; especially for those dying of incurable diseases and those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, 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, Andrew McDonald, Wes Wood, Virginia Barbarin, Rocco Zucaro, Johanna VanWoert, Yseult Leger, the Decker family, Mildred White, the Wisconsin shooting victims, Marie Terlecki, Tom Peters, Victoria Jones, John George, Ed Buckley, Paul & Vernessa, Yves Antoine, those injured in New Orleans, Tomaso Collik-Migliaccio, and the People of California.** Let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon:* We remember those who have died, especially **those lost in the California wildfires,** 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, hear our prayer.**

*Silence ~ The People may add their own petitions*

*Celebrant:* All loving and ever-faithful God, we thank you for the gift of your Son. As his disciples, we have offered our prayers. Hear them and answer them in his name, Jesus your beloved Son and our beloved Lord, this day and forever. **Amen.**

## **The Confession and Absolution**

**BCP p. 360**

*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**

**Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me**

arr. K. Lee Scott

*The Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir*

*All stand, as able*

### **Offertory Hymn**

**Hymnal # 120**

**The Sinless One to Jordan Came**

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

### **The Great Thanksgiving:**

#### **Eucharistic Prayer A**

**Chalice bearer: Margaret Nartey**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds . . .*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you



have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*All sing together*

**Sanctus**

**Hymnal # S-128**

*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 sing together*

**Fraction**                      **Hymnal # S-165**

*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 # 141**                      **Shall We Gather at the River**

*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.**

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## **Announcements**

*All stand, as able*

**Recessional Hymn**

**Hymnal # 616**

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

## **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.**

## **Postlude**

*Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ*

**TRINITY CATHEDRAL OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY  
JANUARY 12, 2025 ~ FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**



**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 1/19 are:

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

**Chalice bearer: Judith Miller**

The Greeters for Sunday, 1/19 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday) are:

**Jennifer Ng'andu (Alternate – Margaret Nartey)**



**Warm Up the Winter...**

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

*Eat, talk, relax*

*Come for coffee, tea or cold drinks*

*and healthy goodies following the 10 AM service today and every Sunday!  
in Synod Hall*

Go down the ramp toward the parking lot doors;  
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.

**Sunday, January 19  
Lunch served during the Annual Parish Meeting**



**We are looking to add to our roster of Ushers for this new year! If you would like information on what ushering entails, please speak with Willie Coleman or Dean John. Thank you for considering this important ministry!**

**2025 Stewardship Update** – We have received \$277,768 in pledges from 77 pledging families, an average of \$3,607.38 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. *There are nomination forms for the Vestry on the literature table in the main hallway.* We will vote by traditional paper ballot, in-person only, for members of the Vestry, Diocesan Convention delegates/alternates, and Trenton Convocation delegates.

**The next Food Pantry distribution date is – Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**



**Alfar Guild Shop Happenings**

Closed for Annual Meeting 1/19. If you would like something in between shop openings, contact Lucy Adams at [trinitycathedralags@gmail.com](mailto:trinitycathedralags@gmail.com) or leave message at the Cathedral Office.

 **February 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>** – Open after services.  
Don't forget your Valentine! Shop here; save time, gas money. Also, be sure to check out our new greeting cards (Priced very reasonable too!).

**New “*The Episcopal Church Welcomes You*” tees are in!**  
Highlighting the Episcopal & the new LBGTQ Episcopal shields. Long & short sleeve styles.



It's GO Time!

The Trinity Cathedral Food Pantry has been selected to benefit from the Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program! **For the entire month of January**, our Food Pantry will receive a \$1 donation for every \$10.99 bouquet in the sleeve marked "Bloomin' 4 Good" purchased at the Stop & Shop located at 800F Denow Road in Pennington, NJ.

Flowers can make someone's day, spread smiles and brighten up a room. Now they can feed the hungry, too! Stop & Shop estimates that they can feed 10+ people in need with every Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold. Why not purchase two, three or even four bouquets this month? \$1 Donation = 10+ Meals. It's as simple as that!

Please help us spread the word in our community! Share this news with family and friends, post on social media, and get the word out.

A bouquet of flowers is a great gift. This program makes it possible to make someone's day and fight hunger at the same time. The Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquets are located in the floral section of the store. For more information about this program, please visit [stopandshop.2givelocal.com](http://stopandshop.2givelocal.com).





# **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION SERVICE**

Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 3PM

Trinity Cathedral

801 West State Street, Trenton, NJ, 08618

CELEBRANT:  
**THE RT. REV. SALLY FRENCH**

PREACHER:  
**SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE DARA GOVAN  
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**







### THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

#### **TODAY (1/12)**

9:15 am

**10:00 am**

10:30a – 12:30pm

11:15 – 12:15pm

#### **The First Sunday after the Epiphany**

Choir warm-up

**Rite II Eucharist - CATH (+ livestreamed, when available)**

Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP

Choir rehearsal

#### **Mon. (1/13)**

6:30 pm

Vestry meeting, via Zoom

#### **Tues. (1/14)**

7:00 pm

Adult Christian Ed., via Zoom (The Messiah's Vocation)

#### **Wed. (1/15)**

**12:10 pm**

**Wednesday Healing Eucharist - CHP**

#### **Thurs. (1/16)**

4:15 – 5:30 pm

TASK Meals – SH

8:00 pm

Rosary Devotions, via Zoom

#### **Sat. (1/18)**

10:00 am

Diocesan-wide Confirmation service – CATH/SH

3:00 pm

Diocesan Martin Luther King, Jr. Service – CATH/SH

#### **Sun. (1/19)**

9:15 am

#### **The Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

Choir warm-up

**10:00 am**

**Rite II Eucharist - CATH (+ livestreamed, when available)**

**Cathedral Annual Meeting & Lunch in Synod Hall following Mass**

10:30a – 12:30p

Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP

11:15 – 12:15 pm

Choir rehearsal