

TRINITY CATHEDRAL
OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY



JANUARY 26, 2025 – THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY – YEAR C
FAMILY SUNDAY
10:00 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

CELEBRANT – THE VERY REV. RENÉ JOHN
PREACHER – THE REV. CHRIS COX

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KEITH SPENCER
PERFORMS



THE ROBESON SONGBOOK

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

Sunday, February 2

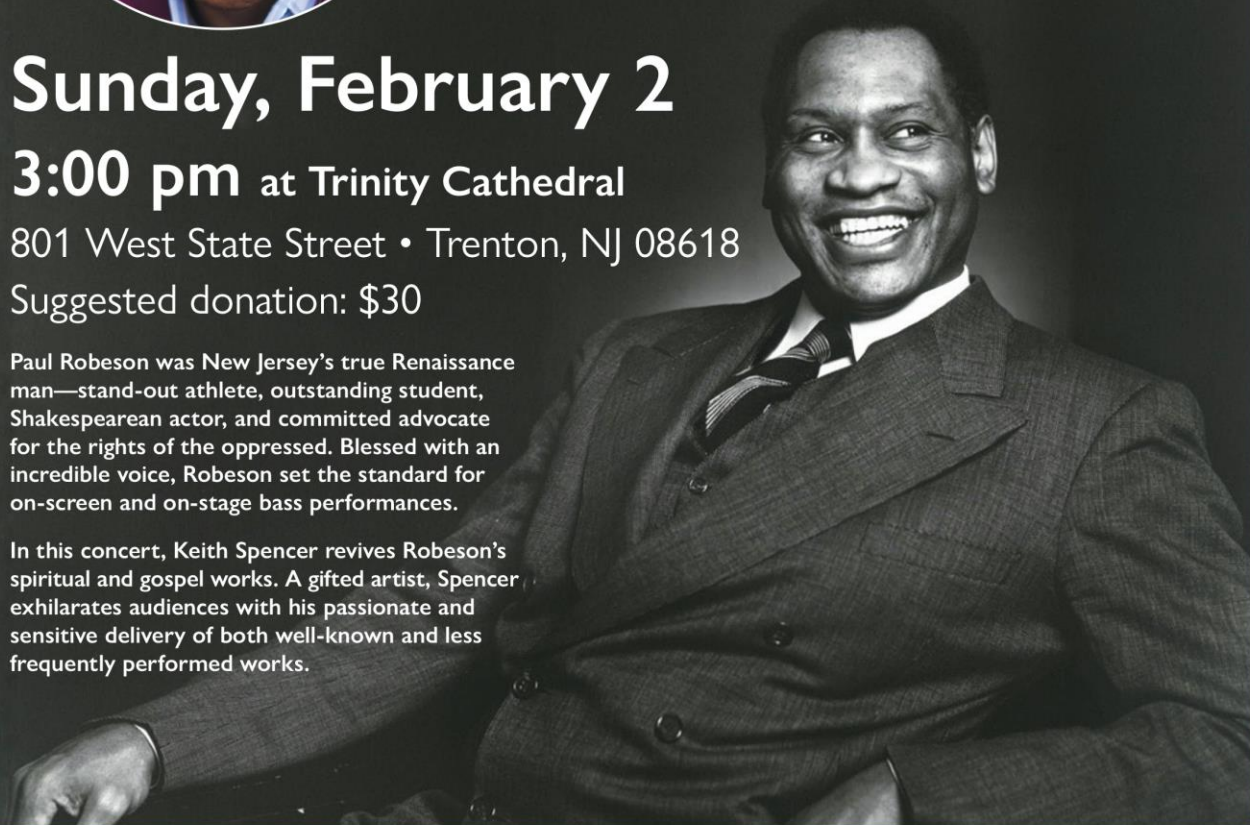
3:00 pm at Trinity Cathedral

801 West State Street • Trenton, NJ 08618

Suggested donation: \$30

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.

In this concert, Keith Spencer revives Robeson's spiritual and gospel works. A gifted artist, Spencer exhilarates audiences with his passionate and sensitive delivery of both well-known and less frequently performed works.



Presented by the Cathedral
Arts Series at Trinity (CAST)

More Information:
609.392.3805 ext. 100

Free parking

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 # 539

O Zion, Haste, thy Mission High Fulfilling

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.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated

First Reading

Lector: Zoe Ahaghotu

A Reading from the book of the prophet Nehemiah (8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10)

By the seventh month the people of Israel were all settled in their towns. On the first day of that month they all assembled in Jerusalem, in the square just inside the Water Gate. They asked Ezra, the priest and scholar of the Law which the LORD had given Israel through Moses, to get the book of the Law. So Ezra brought it to the place where the people had gathered—men, women, and the children who were old enough to understand. There in the square by the gate he

read the Law to them from dawn until noon, and they all listened attentively. As Ezra stood there on the platform high above the people, they all kept their eyes fixed on him. As soon as he opened the book, they all stood up. Ezra said, "Praise the LORD, the great God!" All the people raised their arms in the air and answered, "Amen! Amen!" They knelt in worship, with their faces to the ground. They gave an oral translation of God's Law and explained it so that the people could understand it. When the people heard what the Law required, they were so moved that they began to cry. So Nehemiah, who was the governor, Ezra, the priest and scholar of the Law, and the Levites who were explaining the Law told all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God, so you are not to mourn or cry. Now go home and have a feast. Share your food and wine with those who don't have enough. Today is holy to our Lord, so don't be sad. The joy that the LORD gives you will make you strong."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Remain seated; sung by the choir

Psalm 19

Caeli enarrant

Samuel Sebastian Wesley



- 1 The heavens declare the ¹glory of ¹God, *
and the ¹firmament ¹shows his ¹handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its ¹tale to an ¹other, *
and one night imparts ¹knowledge ¹to an ¹other.
- 3 Although they have no ¹words or ¹language, *
and their ¹voices ¹are not ¹heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into ¹äll ¹lands, *
and their message to the ¹eñds ¹of the ¹world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pa ¹vilion for the ¹sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a ¹champion to ¹run its ¹course.

- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the ¹end of it ¹again; *
nothing is ¹hidden from its ¹burning ¹heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and re¹vives the ¹soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives ¹wisdom ¹to the ¹innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and re¹joice the ¹heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives ¹light ¹to the ¹eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and en¹dures for ¹ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and ¹righteous ¹alto¹gether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than ¹much fine ¹gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than ¹honey ¹in the ¹comb.
- 11 By them also is your ¹servant en¹lightened, *
and in keeping them ¹there is ¹great re¹ward.
- 12 Who can tell how ¹often he ¹offends? *
— ¹cleanse me from my ¹secret ¹faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get do¹minion ¹over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and ¹innocent of a ¹great of¹fense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be ac¹ceptable in your ¹sight, *
O LORD, my ¹strength and ¹my re¹deemer.

Remain seated

Second Reading

Lector: Elle Ahaghotu

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth (1 Cor. 12:12-31a)

Christ is like a single body, which has many parts; it is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts. In the same way, all of us, whether Jews or Gentiles, whether slaves or free, have been baptized into the one body by the same Spirit, and we have all been given the one Spirit to drink. For the body itself is not made up of only one part, but of many parts. If the foot were to say, "Because I am not a hand, I don't belong to the body," that would not keep it from being a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, "Because I am not an eye, I don't belong to the body," that would not keep it from being a part of the body. If the whole body were just an eye, how could it hear? And if it were only an ear, how could it smell? As it is, however, God

put every different part in the body just as he wanted it to be. There would not be a body if it were all only one part! As it is, there are many parts but one body. So then, the eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" Nor can the head say to the feet, "Well, I don't need you!" On the contrary, we cannot do without the parts of the body that seem to be weaker; and those parts that we think aren't worth very much are the ones which we treat with greater care; while the parts of the body which don't look very nice are treated with special modesty, which the more beautiful parts do not need. God himself has put the body together in such a way as to give greater honor to those parts that need it. And so there is no division in the body, but all its different parts have the same concern for one another. If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness. All of you are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it. In the church God has put all in place: in the first place apostles, in the second place prophets, and in the third place teachers; then those who perform miracles, followed by those who are given the power to heal or to help others or to direct them or to speak in strange tongues. They are not all apostles or prophets or teachers. Not everyone has the power to work miracles or to heal diseases or to speak in strange tongues or to explain what is said. Set your hearts, then, on the more important gifts.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal # 577

God is Love, and Where True Love Is

Remain standing

The Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

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

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

Then Jesus returned to Galilee, and the power of the Holy Spirit was with him. The news about him spread throughout all that territory. He taught in the synagogues and was praised by everyone. Then Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath he went as usual to the synagogue. He stood up to read the Scriptures and was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it is written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has chosen me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed and announce that the time has come when the Lord will save his people." Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. All the people in the synagogue had their eyes fixed on him, as he said to them, "This passage of scripture has come true today, as you heard it being read."

**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: We have heard God's word in faith. Let us now respond in prayer for all the world, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: For all who hear and read God's word with faith, that the Spirit may touch their hearts with joy, 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 Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops; and those in the Ordination Process. Let us pray to the Lord.

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

Lector: For Christian people around the world, that we may become one as Christ wills us to be, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Lector: For all members of the body of Christ, that we may use the gifts God has given us to build up the kingdom of peace and love, 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 ourselves, that we may heed the Spirit's call to help all in suffering or affliction and to bring the good news of God's love to all, 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: **Jeremiah Miller, Kelvin Blasse, Donald Brokate, Annette Carew, Nomsa Nganang, Bill & Ginny Harmer, Marvin C. Porter, III and Joan Victor.** Let us pray to the Lord.

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

Lector: For the sick and the dying, and those who minister to them; for the deceased and those who mourn them; for all in crisis or need; 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, 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, and the Richards family.** 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, Beryl Duncan, Alberto Gonzalez, Sr., and Cecil Richards,** 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: Loving God, we come as your beloved children, presenting the needs and concerns of our hearts. Listen to our prayers, and lead us in your pathways, for we come to you through Christ our Lord. **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

Christ Is Our Cornerstone

Craig Courtney

The Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir

All stand, as able

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal # 632

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

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: Bobbie Powell

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 # 81** **Jesus, We Want to Meet on This Holy Day**

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 # 533** **How Wondrous and Great thy Works,
God of Praise!**

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

**JOIN US FOR THE TRINITY CATHEDRAL ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON
IN SYNOD HALL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TODAY’S WORSHIP.**

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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 2/2 are:

Chinweze Ahaghotu, Erica Warner, Fay Manicke & Sue Gummere (alternate)

Chalice bearer: Virginia Harmer

The Greeters for Sunday, 2/2 (1st Sunday) are:

Veronica Ngwayah (Alternate – Edward Greenfield)



It’s Cold Outside!

**But You Can Enjoy the Warmth of Friendship
and A Light Lunch
at the Annual Parish Meeting**

You and your family are invited to the **Annual Parish Meeting** this Sunday January 26,
following the 10 AM service, in Synod Hall.

Lunch arranged by the Cathedral Hospitality Committee.

Find out what’s happening at your Cathedral, enjoy friends and good food!

Regular Sunday coffee hour resumes next week



New Parish Directory for 2025! - In your annual meeting booklet you will find a blank member profile form. Please fill it out during the meeting and turn it in to Dean John, an Usher, or a member of the Vestry at the conclusion of the meeting. We will use this information to complete the new parish directory for 2025.

Capital Philharmonic of New Jersey Presents "Bach to the Future" Chamber Music Concert - Join us for an enchanting afternoon of music as the Capital Philharmonic presents the **"Bach to the Future"** Musicians' Choice Chamber Music Concert TODAY at 3:00 PM here at the Cathedral. Under the skilled direction of Principal Trumpet Bob Gravener, the concert will showcase an extraordinary ensemble featuring talented musicians Alex Schmauk on trumpet, Matthew Gould on trombone, and Alexander Costantino on tuba. Together, they will take the audience on a musical journey that bridges the classical works with contemporary influences, promising a unique and captivating experience. **"Bach to the Future"** is a celebration of timeless music and innovative interpretations, designed to engage audiences of all ages. Don't miss this opportunity to immerse yourself in a captivating afternoon of chamber music. We look forward to welcoming you to an unforgettable musical experience!

Get your tickets online, or direct: www.capitalphilharmonic.org
Tickets: 800-514-3849 | Office: 609-200-0443
info@capitalphilharmonic.org

We are looking to add to our roster of Ushers for 2026! If you would like more information, please speak with Willie Coleman or Dean John. Thank you for considering this important ministry!

2025 Stewardship Update – We have received \$280,168 in pledges from 79 pledging families, an average of \$3,546.43 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 - 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.

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.



Altar 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 or leave message at the Cathedral Office.

♥ **February 2nd & 16th** – 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 LGBTQ Episcopal shields. Long & short sleeve styles.

January *Joy*



Bring radiance and glow into your home this January with a specially marked \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet.

Every bouquet sold this January at our selected Stop & Shop will send us a \$1 donation! Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

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Bloomin' 4 Good Program

Benefiting Organization:

Trinity Cathedral Food Pantry
801 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08618
(609) 392-3805 ext. 100

At This Stop & Shop Location:

800 F Denow Road
Pennington, NJ



THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

TODAY (1/26)

9:15 am

10:00 am

10:30a – 12:30p

11:15 – 12:15 pm

3:00 pm

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Choir warm-up

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

Cathedral Annual Meeting & Lunch in Synod Hall following Mass

Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP

Choir rehearsal

Capital Philharmonic “Bach to the Future” Chamber Music Concert; tickets are available at www.capitalphilharmonic.org or call (800) 514-3849

Tues. (1/28)

7:00 pm

Adult Christian Ed., via Zoom

(An Expanding Mission & Preparations for Conflict)

Wed. (1/29)

12:10 pm

Wednesday Healing Eucharist - CHP

Thurs. (1/30)

4:15 – 5:30 pm

8:00 pm

TASK Meals – SH

Rosary Devotions, via Zoom

Sat. (2/1)

Trinity Strings music classes on today

Sun. (2/2)

9:15 am

8:30 am

10:00 am

After Mass

10:30a – 12:30p

11:15 – 12:15 pm

3:00 pm

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany ~ Altar Guild Shop open

Choir warm-up

Rite I Eucharist – CHP (in-person only)

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

Confirmation Class – GR (Worship)

Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP

Choir rehearsal

Keith Spencer Paul Robeson Concert – CATH – get your tickets now!