

TRINITY CATHEDRAL  
OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY



**JANUARY 5, 2025 – THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY – YEAR C**  
**10:00 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO**

**CELEBRANT & PREACHER – 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**

**Hungary**

Koelling

*Chelsea Roberts, piano*

**Hanukkah Medley**

Traditional

*The Trinity Strings*

*Remain standing*

**Processional Hymn**

**Hymnal # 100**

**Joy to the World**

*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.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated*

**First Reading**

**Lector: John Gummere**

**A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah (31:7-14)**

Thus says the Lord: “Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, ‘Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel. See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.’ For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,” says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated; all sing refrain together*

**Psalm 84:1-8**

**Cantor: Dr. Kerry Heimann**

Refrain

How dear to me is your dwell - ing, O Lord of hosts!

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

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of  
the Lord;

my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*

by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.

**Refrain**

Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*

they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

***Refrain***

Those who go through the desolate valley will find  
it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

***Refrain***

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

***Refrain***

*Remain seated*

**Second Reading**

**Lector: Cn. Terry Cooper**

**A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus (1:3-6, 15-19a)**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

The Word of the Lord.

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

*All stand, as able*

**Sequence Hymn**

**Hymnal # 480**

**When Jesus Left His Father's Throne**

*Remain standing*

**The Gospel: Luke 2:41-52**

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

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

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**The Very Rev. René John  
Dean**

*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: Howard Ebersole**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

*Deacon:* In the birth of Jesus Christ among the poor of the earth, God has promised to comfort all peoples and to give gladness in exchange for sorrow. Assured by this promise, let us pray for all the earth and all its peoples, saying: Merciful God, hear our prayer.

*Lector:* For the homeless and the hungry, that they may find refuge, merciful God,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* For the blind and all the physically disadvantaged, that they may find courage and acceptance, merciful God,

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

*Lector:* For the cities of the earth, that they may be places of wisdom and justice, merciful God,

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

*Lector:* For national leaders, courts, and legislatures, that they may protect the weak and serve in humility, merciful God,

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

*Lector:* For an end to war, 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 the holy church of God, that it may be made one, 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 Church in Wales; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops. Merciful God,

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

*Lector:* For missionaries in all lands, that they may act in courage and love, merciful God,

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

*Lector:* For this assembly, that we may treasure in our hearts the word spoken in our midst, merciful God,

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

*Deacon:* We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: **James Miller, Jr., Ra'shonda Washington, Christopher Pearson, Gail Lewis, Dorothy Pinto, Gilda Bertheau, Bernard McMullan, Hubert Perry and Karen Callaghan.** Merciful God,

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

*Lector:* For the sick, for those we name before you in our hearts, and for those who will die this day,

***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, Andrew McDonald, Wes Wood, Virginia Barbarin, Rocco Zucaro, Johanna VanWoert, Yseult Leger, Rev. Henry L. Edmonds, Julian Parrish, the Decker family, Mildred White, the Wisconsin shooting victims, Marie Terlecki, Tom Peters, Victoria Jones, John George, Ed Buckley, Paul & Vernessa, Yves Antoine, and those injured in New Orleans.** Merciful God,

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

*Deacon:* We remember those who have died, especially those killed in New Orleans, 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:* Joining in thanksgiving with Mary the mother of God, with all those who heard and touched the coming of the word among us, with all angels, and with all the people of God, we commend these prayers and all this longing world to you, O God, through your Son, Jesus 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**

**For Unto Us a Child is Born**

Handel/arr. Kelly

*Nicholas Browne, violin*

*All stand, as able*

**Offertory Hymn**

**Hymnal # 497**

**How Bright Appears the Morning Star**

*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: Hilary Cox**

*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 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 Anthem**

## **Go Tell it on the Mountain**

Work/arr. I. Cowles

*The Trinity Strings*

*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 # 87**

## **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

## **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**

**Winter Wonderland**

Bernard/arr. Safford

*The Trinity Strings*

**WE WELCOME THE TRINITY STRINGS TO OUR WORSHIP THIS MORNING!**

**The Trinity Strings Team is:**  
**Sherri Anderson, Director**  
**Johnny Bentz, Assistant Director**  
**Dae'von Austin, Faculty**  
**Jordan Lescouflair, Faculty**

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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 1/12 are:

**J. Gil Williams, Bobbie Powell, Angela DiJoseph & Judith Miller (alternate)**

**Chalice bearer: Margaret Nartey**

The Greeters for Sunday, 1/12 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday) are:

**Edward Greenfield (Alternate – Dennie Higgins)**

**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 \$275,608 in pledges from 75 pledging families, an average of \$3,674.77 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 6<sup>th</sup>.** Please send your reports to Patrice D’Angelo at [patriceattrinity@aol.com](mailto:patriceattrinity@aol.com).

**The next Food Pantry distribution date is – Saturday, January 11<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.**



### THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

**TODAY (1/5)**

**8:30 am**

**10:00 am**

After Mass

10:30a – 12:30p

**The Second Sunday after Christmas Day (Eve of Epiphany)**

**Rite I Eucharist - CHP (in-person only)**

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

Confirmation Class (Episcopal Church USA) – GR

Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP

**Mon. (1/6)**

**The Epiphany**

**Wed. (1/8)**

**12:10 pm**

**Wednesday Healing Eucharist - CHP**

**Thurs. (1/9)**

4:15 – 5:30 pm

4:45 pm

8:00 pm

TASK Meals – SH

Bagging food for Food Pantry

Rosary Devotions, via Zoom

**Sat. (1/11)**

9 – 11:00 am

Food Pantry

**Sun. (1/12)**

**10:00 am**

10:30a – 12:30p

**The First Sunday after the Epiphany**

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

Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP