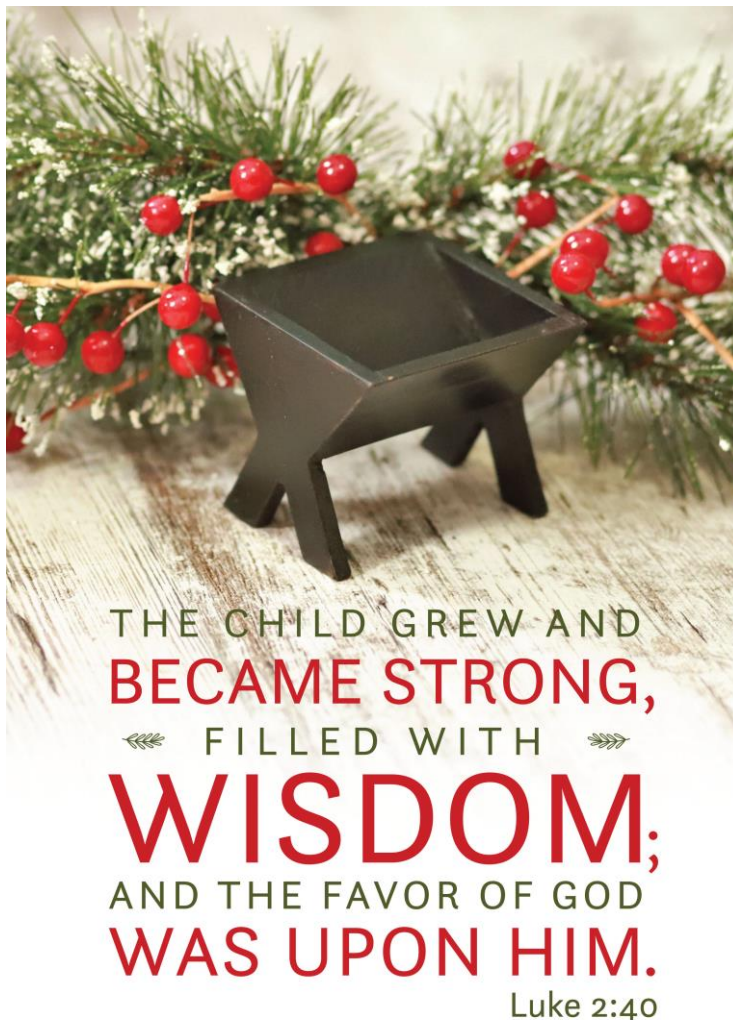


TRINITY CATHEDRAL
OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY



THE CHILD GREW AND
BECAME STRONG,
FILLED WITH
WISDOM;
AND THE FAVOR OF GOD
WAS UPON HIM.

Luke 2:40

JANUARY 5, 2025 – THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY – YEAR C
8:30 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

CELEBRANT & PREACHER – THE VERY REV. RENÉ JOHN

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WELCOME! We're honored that you're worshipping with us today. 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

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ

Processional Hymn

**Hymnal # 100
vs. 1&4**

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, 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.

O God, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated

First Reading

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.**

All remain seated to say

Psalm 84:1–8

**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.
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.
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.
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.**

Remain seated

Second Reading

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
vs. 1 & 2

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 be to thee, O Lord.**

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 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: 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.**

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 # 497

How Bright Appears the Morning Star

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 thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children. 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, 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, 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.**

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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 (2nd 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 6th.** Please send your reports to Patrice D’Angelo at patriceattrinity@aol.com.

The next Food Pantry distribution date is – Saturday, January 11th (2nd & 4th Saturdays this month) from 9-11:00 am. Each Thursday, we distribute hot dinners “to go” from 4:15–5:30pm at the Overbrook Avenue entrance as a satellite location for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen.



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