

TRINITY CATHEDRAL
OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY



John 14:27, NRSV

**MAY 25, 2025 – THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C
FAMILY SUNDAY**

10:00 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

**CELEBRANT – THE REV. CN. BRUCE MONTGOMERY
PREACHER – THE REV. CHRISTOPHER COX**

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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. 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

Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ

Remain standing

Processional Hymn

Hymnal # 518

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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

Hymnal # S-278

Gloria in Excelsis

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Acts of the Apostles (16:9-15)

That night Paul had a vision in which he saw a Macedonian standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" As soon as Paul had this vision, we got ready to leave for Macedonia, because we decided that God had called us to preach the Good News to the people

there. We left by ship from Troas and sailed straight across to Samothrace, and the next day to Neapolis. From there we went inland to Philippi, a city of the first district of Macedonia; it is also a Roman colony. We spent several days there. On the Sabbath we went out of the city to the riverside, where we thought there would be a place where Jews gathered for prayer. We sat down and talked to the women who gathered there. One of those who heard us was Lydia from Thyatira, who was a dealer in purple cloth. She was a woman who worshiped God, and the Lord opened her mind to pay attention to what Paul was saying. After she and the people of her house had been baptized, she invited us, "Come and stay in my house if you have decided that I am a true believer in the Lord." And she persuaded us to go.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated; sung by the Choir

Psalm 67

Deus misereatur

George Thalben-Ball



- 1 May God be merciful to¹us and¹bless us, *
show us the light of his¹counte¹nance and¹come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be¹known upon¹earth, *
your saving¹health a¹mong all¹nations.
- 3 Let the peoples¹praise you, O¹God; *
let¹all the¹peoples¹praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and¹sing for¹joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the¹nations¹upon¹earth.
- 5 Let the peoples¹praise you, O¹God; *
let¹all the¹peoples¹praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought¹forth her¹increase; *
may God, our¹own God,¹give us his¹blessing.
- †7 May God¹give us his¹blessing, *
and may all the ends of the¹eä¹rth¹stand in¹awe of him.

Remain seated

Second Reading

Lector: Elle Ahaghotu

A Reading from the Revelation of John (21:10, 22—22:5)

The Spirit took control of me, and the angel carried me to the top of a very high mountain. He showed me Jerusalem, the Holy City, coming down out of heaven from God. The angel also showed me the river of the water of life, sparkling like crystal, and coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb and flowing down the middle of the city's street. On each side of the river was the tree of life, which bears fruit twelve times a year, once each month; and its leaves are for the healing of the nations. Nothing that is under God's curse will be found in the city. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be written on their foreheads. There shall be no more night, and they will not need lamps or sunlight, because the Lord God will be their light, and they will rule as kings forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal # 505

O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God

Remain standing

The Gospel: John 14:23-29

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

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

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and my Father and I will come to them and live with them. Those who do not love me do not obey my teaching. And the teaching you have heard is not mine, but comes from the Father, who sent me. "I have told you this while I am still with you. The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and make you remember all that I have told you. "Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you. I do not give it as the world does. Do not be worried and upset; do not be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am leaving, but I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father; for he is greater than I. I have told you this now before it all happens, so that when it does happen, you will believe.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Christopher Cox
Deacon

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.

Remain standing

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 Lector and People pray responsively

Deacon: Let us pray in union with our risen Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, saying: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: For the peace of Christ, his own gift to his apostles, let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For all who hold authority in this world, and in the church, that the Holy Spirit may guide them into the ways of justice, peace, and truth, for the good of all people everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: We remember God's holy catholic church, including Sean, our Presiding Bishop and Primate; Sally, our Bishop; René, Dean of this Cathedral; Bruce, John, Peter and Noel, priest associates; Chris, our Deacon, 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 Central Africa; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops; and the Ministry of Parish Administrators. Let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For those whose hearts are troubled, through hunger, fear, poverty, sickness, loneliness, or for whatever reason, that the love of Christ may make its home with them and fill them with all peace, let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: We remember before you those who are sick, or in any other special need, especially the residents of Hamilton Grove Care and Rehabilitation Center; along with **the People of Ukraine and Russia, the People of Israel and Palestine, the People of Haiti, Amarachi Ngozi Okere, Ellen Wanser, Andrew McDonald, Virginia Barbarin, Donald Brokate & Anthony Rabara, Peter Downey, Phil & Roisin Dolman, Cathy Dennis, Margaret Whiteman, Elizabeth Nidweski, Cn. Noel Amadi, Elizabeth Rzasa, Bernadette Pizzarelli, Comfort Sparks, Tyler, Food for the poor donors & families, Anita Hill, David & Svetlana, Barbara Mari, Cyndy Brown, Richard Hartman, Barbara & John Scarfo,**

Rolf & Sheri, Matthew deRosa, Kim Minton, Michelle Gollapalli, President Biden, Supreme Kendrick, Sheinelle Jones & family, Jay Morales, and our relatives, neighbors and friends. We pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: We remember those who have died, especially **Derek E. Faison, Uche Ojeh**, the victims of the ongoing wars around the world, and the victims of violence in our neighborhoods. We pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: For all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, that we may love Christ and keep his word, and be made one with each other with Christ in God, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Bernard McMullan & Sam Stephens, Robert C. Gibson, Aweon A. Richards, Melani A. Lewis, Sally L. Fineburg, Kurtis Perry, Junius Ketter, Cyrus & Laretta Ketter, Thelma Tunstall, Evangeline T. Smith, Patti Castellón, Hillary K. Sopko, Tammy J. Samuels, Keith Adams, Janice Borrella and Nathaniel McMullan.** Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: For the whole creation, men, women, children, plants, animals, and the wonders of the universe, that we may in all our varied ways give praise to the Lord who made and loves us, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: For those who till the earth and those who fish in the waters to bring food to the world, and for all whose hand is open to give bread to the hungry, that all may enjoy the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: We commend to your prayers this day all persons deployed in the service of our country. May they dwell safely under the protection of Almighty God. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you have sent your Holy Spirit to teach us and to bring to remembrance all you have done in the power of God. Be known to us, as you have promised, Hear our prayers, grant us your peace and love, and give us those things which we need in this life. You live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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.**

Holy Communion

Please remain seated while Ushers collect the offertory

Offertory Anthem

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

The Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir

All stand, as able

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal # 500

Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

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: Virginia Harmer

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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:

Celebrant and People:

Hymnal # S-128

Sanctus

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.**

Hymnal # S-165

Fraction Anthem

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 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

Blessing

Celebrant: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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: Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Recessional Hymn

Hymnal # 292

O Jesus, Crowned with All Renown

Postlude

Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ

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MAY 25, 2025 ~ THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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 6/1 are:

Bobbie Powell, TBD, Judith Miller & Gil Williams (alternate)

Chalice bearer: Cn. Clara Gregory

The Ushers/Greeters for Sunday, 6/1 (1st Sunday) are:

Veronica Ngrayah (Greeter/Usher) & Edward Greenfield (alternate)

The Cathedral will be closed on Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day. We honor all those who have lost their lives in service to our country!

We're sad to announce we are cancelling the June 7th parish dance – Many thanks to all who purchased tickets or committed to purchasing. It seems that the June 7th date is a busy one for folks at Trinity, and even some of the people who bought tickets intended them to be a donation, and were unable to attend the event. We will work on refunding folks their ticket money over the next week. Apologies for the disappointment, we will work on a plan for our next social event soon!

Can you read in an alternate language? Sunday, June 8th is Pentecost, where the first reading is read simultaneously in English and as many additional languages as we can muster! If you would like to participate, please call Patrice in the office, or E-mail her at patriceattrinity@aol.com and she will send you the reading to practice.

The Trinity Cathedral Food Pantry needs reusable grocery bags! Strong, clean, new or gently used bags would be appreciated. Please leave bags in the collection bin in Synod Hall.

The next Food Pantry distribution date is – Saturday, June 14th (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.

A Healthy Church is a Singing Church: Lift Your Voice and Sing!

“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.”
~Psalm 100:1-2



Stretto Community Flea Market

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- **FREE DINNER-AND-A-MOVIE EVENT** featuring topics of environmental interest.
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- **COOKING CLASSES:** Second Tuesday of each month, from March 11, 2025 to December 2025 • 5:30 — 8 pm
- **DINNER-AND-A-MOVIE EVENT:** Last Tuesday of each month, from March 25, 2025 to December 2025 • 5:30 — 8 pm

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(Given the popularity of these events and limited seating, we ask that you **do not** register for all 16 workshops. To ensure as many residents as possible can participate, we recommend signing up for **two workshops in the same month.**)

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THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

TODAY (5/25)

9:15 am

10:00 am

10:30a – 12:30p

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Choir warm-up

Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)

Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP

Mon. (5/26)

All closed for Memorial Day



Tues. (5/27)

5 – 6:00 pm

5:30 – 8:00 pm

Urban Promise meeting - GR

Creation Care “Dinner and a Movie” – SH

Thurs. (5/28)

4:15 – 5:30 pm

5 – 6:00 pm

8:00 pm

TASK Meals – SH

Urban Promise meeting – GR

Society of Mary Rosary Devotions via Zoom and phone access: Please E-mail Erica Warner at yassose@aol.com for information on how to join us

Sat. (5/31)

9 am – 1:00 pm

10:00 am

Trinity Strings music classes

Stretto Flea Market Fundraiser – front lawn (SH if rain)

Diocesan Confirmation Service – CATH

Sun. (6/1)

8:30 am

9:15 am

10:00 am

10:30a – 12:30p

11:15 am

The Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ Altar Guild Shop open

Rite I Eucharist in All Saints Chapel (in-person only)

Choir warm-up

Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)

Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP

Choir rehearsal