TRINITY CATHEDRAL OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY



When
you give a feast,
invite the poor, the crippled,
the lame, the blind,
and you will be blessed.

Luke 14:13-14, ESV

AUGUST 31, 2025 – PENTECOST 12/PROPER 17 – YEAR C 10:00 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

CELEBRANT & PREACHER - THE REV. JULIA MCKEON

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<u>www.TrinityCathedralNJ.org</u> 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 # 598 Lord Christ, When First Thou

Cam'st to Earth

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his 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

Hymnal # S-280 Gloria in Excelsis

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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: Judith Miller

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah (2:4-13)

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one

lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Remain seated; all sing refrain together

Psalm 81:1, 10–16

Cantor: Dr. Kerry Heimann



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

Sing with joy to God our strength * and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

Refrain

I am the Lord your God,

who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
"On an avoid mouth wide and I will fill it."

"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

And yet my people did not hear my voice, * and Israel would not obey me.

So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, * to follow their own devices.

Refrain

Oh, that my people would listen to me! *
that Israel would walk in my ways!
I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.

Refrain

Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, *
and their punishment would last for ever.

But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

Refrain

Remain seated

Second Reading Lector: J. Gil Williams

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews (13:1-8, 15-16)

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand, as able

Sequence Hymn Hymnal # 437 Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord!

Remain standing

The Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a

banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Julia McKeon

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 Lector: Bobbie Powell

The Lector and People pray responsively

Deacon: God has searched for us to teach us how to search for one another. That we may

learn to live in God's new Jerusalem, generous with life, let us pray together,

saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: You come to us unarmed. May we never use you as a way to war, we pray you, O

God.

Lord, hear our prayer. People:

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.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

You come to us penniless. May we never use you as a way to wealth, we pray you, *Lector*:

O God.

Lord, hear our prayer. People:

Lector: You come to us innocent. May we never use you as a way to corruption, we pray

you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer. People:

Lector: May we use your peaceful self as a way to make peace, we pray you, O God.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: May we use your penniless self as a way to beg for alms, we pray you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer. People:

Lector: May we use your innocent self as a way of curing sin, we pray you, O 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; Christopher, our Deacon, along with all other ministers in this congregation, lay and ordained; and all Anglican Christians around the world, especially The Church of South India (United); and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops; and the Diocesan United Thank Offering Coordinator.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: Shame us out of arrogance, O Lord, arrogance of power and place, we pray you, O

Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: Win us with the love you have for the least of things, we pray you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon: We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: Derek V. Gibson, Janae Kirmales-Prouty, Tennyson G. M. Bruce, Nancy Hood-Boczar & Bruce Boczar, Joseph & Patrice D'Angelo, Nkiru F. Amadi, Bryce Caton, Maureen Perry, and Margaret Nartey.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: Hear our prayers for all in any need, we pray you, O 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, Palestine and Iran, the People of Haiti, Amarachi Ngozi Okere, Ellen Wanser, Andrew McDonald, Virginia Barbarin, Donald Brokate & Anthony Rabara, Bernadette Pizzarelli, Noel Amadi, Darryl Francomacaro, Vicky & Vince, Peter Bridge, Lee Vogler, the Brown family, Carl, Wanda Whiteside, Elizabeth Rzasa, Laura D., Linda G. Glosson, Angela DiJoseph, Deion Sanders, Lisa M. Pilgrim, Ginger Bruce, the Bruce family, Nicky, Patricia Atkins, Dershowitz family, the Gallardo family, Joe D'Angelo, and Quincy Jones.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon: We remember those who have died, especially **the Rev. Dcn. Sally Maurer**, the victims of violence in our neighborhoods, and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Silence, as the people add their own petitions.

Celebrant: It would be a joy for us to be as you are, O Lord, toward the least of things on earth. We ask for your peacefulness, your humility, your innocence, both for ourselves, and for all the world. For there is no going home to you without our brothers and sisters, and through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The Confession and Absolution

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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 Will the Circle Be Unbroken

Arr. J. David Moore

Sherri Anderson, Sue Gummere, Fay Manicke, Bobbie Powell, Susan Remmers, Anna Shields,

Brenda Whiteman

All stand, as able

Offertory Hymn Hymnal # 376 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in

your image, and called us to new life in 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:

Celebrant and People: Hymnal # S-129

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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Hymnal # S-163

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 # 111

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

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

Recessional Hymn

Hymnal # 344

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Blessing

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst 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

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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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lectors for the 10:00 am Mass on 9/7 are:

Brenda Whiteman, Virginia Harmer, Erica Warner & Suzette Price (alternate) Chalice bearer: Cn. Clara Gregory

The Ushers/Greeters for Sunday, 9/7 (1st Sunday) are:

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

The Cathedral office will be closed on Monday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day

Please support our Golf Outing! – YOU can help make our October 13th golf outing a smashing success! We will need unique and fun prizes for the raffle and auction at the dinner reception following the outing. NOW is the time to speak with family, friends, and businesses you may know to generate support. Restaurant gift cards, tickets to shows and sporting events, overnight stays and gift baskets/baskets of cheer are all great prize ideas! Our golf outing committee is busy recruiting golfers and handling the details of this important annual fundraiser, but there are only so many volunteers on the committee; we can use the help of our parishioners to "hit it out of the park!" Speak with Patrice in the office if you would like more information on how to "make the ask"; there are golf outing brochures on the table in the main hallway.

Tours of Trinity Cathedral Available - Join a scheduled tour of Trinity Cathedral conducted by Bernard McMullan, informal Cathedral historian and former chair of the Cathedral's Property, Maintenance and Improvement Commission. Two tour dates are scheduled:

- Sunday, September 28 at 5PM
- Sunday, October 26 at 4PM

The 90-minute tour of the four different churches in the Cathedral complex will include a review of the history, architecture, stained glass, fabrics, and other art of Trinity as well telling some of the "stories" of this 133 year-old congregation. The event requires extensive walking and traversing of several flights of stairs.

The tour concludes with hors d'oeuvres, sweets, wine and conversation in Synod Hall. Just a few slots are available on each of the days. A donation to Trinity Cathedral of \$25 per person is requested. Sign up on the poster in the main hallway outside the Cathedral offices.

Group tours of the Cathedral can be arranged through Patrice D'Angelo (<u>PatriceAtTrinity@aol.com</u>) or Bernard McMullan (<u>rivervue1622@gmail.com</u>).

The Cathedral Arts Series at Trinity - 2025-2026 Season - CAST is delighted to offer an exciting season of wonderful, engaging music featuring exceptional performers representing a variety of musical genres and traditions. Join us for six admission-based performances as well as three additional performances and events including two performances by The Stretto Youth Chamber Orchestra (Dec. 14 and June 7) and a special event centered around Trinity Cathedral's own labyrinth as part of World Labyrinth Day. Please support CAST by attending these performances, purchasing or soliciting advertising for our program, or making a direct contribution to support the series. (Form in bulletin.)

The next Food Pantry distribution date is – Saturday, September 13th (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.

Choir Appreciation Luncheon: September 14th - Come celebrate our wonderful choir. Watch for details in your bulletin. If you are interested in assisting with this event, contact Margret Nartey.





New Trinity Strings Beginning Group Class Starting in September 2025



Trinity Strings is having open enrollment for their Group String Class! This class offers children aged 4-6 the opportunity to learn to play the violin, viola, or cello in a group setting. During class your child will learn basic technique, theory and note-reading, as well as ensemble skills while playing many fun pieces with their peers.

A parent or caregiver is required to attend class and practice at home with the student for the first 2 years. This learning model allows for the most successful start for your child.

Every winter and spring the Group Class performs with <u>Stretto Youth Chamber Orchestra</u> (www.strettoyouthchamberorchestra.org).

Classes consist of two semesters per year from September – December and January – June for 3 years. After completing the first 3 years, students graduate into private lessons and Stretto Youth Chamber Orchestra.

Location: Trinity Cathedral, 801 West State St., Trenton, NJ

Time: Saturdays from 12:15 - 1:00pm

Cost: \$15/class (there is no pro-rated fee for personal absences) Financial Aid is available for families making below 50K/year

Instrument Rental: \$50/semester

Informational Meeting: Saturday, September 20 at 12:15 pm – please register to attend

For Questions or Information Please Contact:

Sherri Anderson

trinitystringstrenton@gmail.com

484-467-9194

Private lessons for older students also available. Please email for information.

Creation Care Forum BY ZOOM

Saturday, September 20, 2025 • 9:00 am — Noon

JOIN OUR INTERACTIVE FORUM TO SEE:

- What's happening with Creation Care ministry in the Diocese of New Jersey and the Episcopal Church.
- Presentations of Creation Care ministries from around the diocese.
- Practical suggestions for "greening" your parish.
- What you can do to get involved.

INVITED SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- THE REV. STEPHANIE JOHNSON, Past Chair of the General Convention Task Force for Care of Creation and Environmental Racism.
- ADRIENNE ELLIOTT, Diocese of Olympia, co-author of The Episcopal Church Creation Care curriculum.
- LISA ALTIERI, creator of Sustain Island Home Carbon Tracker.
- KELVIN ROBERSON, PSE&G Energy Audit official.







THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

TODAY (8/31) The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 17

10:00 am Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)

10:30a – 12:30p Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP

Mon. (9/1) Labor Day – all closed

Tues. (9/2)

Pre-school and Urban Promise staff return

Thurs. (9/4)

Pre-school students return

4:15 – 5:30 pm TASK Meals – SH

8:00 pm Society of Mary Rosary Devotions via Zoom and phone access: Please E-mail

Erica Warner at vassose@aol.com for information on how to join us

Sat. (9/6)

1:00 pm Wedding – CATH

3:00 pm Diocesan Mass in Celebration of the Diaconate – all are welcome! - CATH

Sun. (9/7) The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 18 ~ Altar Guild Shop open

8:30 am Rite I Eucharist in All Saints Chapel (in-person only)

10:00 am Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)

10:30a – 12:30p Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP