

**TRINITY CATHEDRAL
OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY**



**OCTOBER 19, 2025 – PENTECOST 19/PROPER 24 - YEAR C
8:30 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE**

CELEBRANT & PREACHER - THE VERY REV. RENÉ JOHN

**Our Vision:
A visible agent of God's love in Christ, joyfully embracing all people.**

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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

All stand

Processional Hymn

**Hymnal # 535
vs. 1 & 2**

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and 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 (31:27-34)

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say: “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.” But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

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

All remain seated to say

Psalm 119:97-104

Oh, how I love your law! *
all the day long it is in my mind.
Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, *
and it is always with me.
I have more understanding than all my teachers, *
for your decrees are my study.
I am wiser than the elders, *
because I observe your commandments.
I restrain my feet from every evil way, *
that I may keep your word.
I do not shrink from your judgments, *
because you yourself have taught me.
How sweet are your words to my taste! *
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
Through your commandments I gain understanding; *
therefore I hate every lying way.

Remain seated

Second Reading

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to Timothy (2 Tim 3:14—4:5)

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able

Sequence Hymn

**Hymnal # 337
vs. 1&3**

And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love

Remain standing

The Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

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

***People:* Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus told the disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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 Lector and People pray responsively

Deacon: Confident that in the Son's teaching and through the Spirit's leading we shall be heard, let us lift hearts and voices to God, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lector: O God, ever promising deliverance to your people, hold out your hands to us, and hear our common supplications. For courage to pray, calling out day and night for all that you have promised: Lord, in your mercy,

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

Lector: For diligence in reading your word, and for the whole church as we ponder the inspiration you granted to those who have gone before us, that we may understand your message to us: Lord, in your mercy,

***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; Christopher, our Deacon, along with all other ministers in this congregation, lay and ordained; Sarah, the Archbishop-Elect of Canterbury, and all Anglican Christians around the world, especially the Episcopal Church; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops; and the Members and Ministry of the Subcommittee on Ordination and Reception of Spanish-speaking Persons. Lord, in your mercy,

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

Lector: For boldness to speak your word humbly to others, for constancy and courage, and for all to whom we speak: Lord, in your mercy,

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. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Lector: For your love in us, that you may use our hands and our hearts to carry your love to others: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Michelle C. Snow, Heather M. Snow, Ricardo Kirmales-Prouty, Jordan Scipio, Edlyn Miller, Daniel Kirmales-Prouty, Kristopher W. Williams, Richard & Georgia Koenig, Richard Koenig and Michael Russo.** Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Lector: For your warmth and strength and power for all in any need: Lord, in your mercy,

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, Palestine and Iran, the People of Haiti, Amarachi Ngozi Okere, Andrew McDonald, Virginia Barbarin, Darryl Francomacaro, Vicky & Vince, Mike Bernardo, the Reed, Gordon and Lopez families, Wendy Gilgeous, Michael Shoop, Judith Miller, the Griffith family, Debbie Gottlieb, Dan Gottlieb, the Samuel family, Belinda Whiteman & Elvis, Bethany Whiteman & Leopold, the Lopez, Gordon, Diehl, Turnbell and Shoucair families, the Howard family, the Snead family, the Alverio family and Jose Morales.** Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Lector: For unfailing remembrance of the blessed dead, especially for those whose names and faces fill our days and nights, that we may always give thanks for their lives, and that we live in fervent expectation of joy together with them in your house forever: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: We remember those who have died, especially **Paul “Ace” Frehley, The Rt. Rev. Drexel Gomez, Archbishop of the West Indies,** and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant: Hear these words, O Lord, as you hear and understand the unspoken thoughts of our hearts and minds, and grant their fulfillment 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 with thy spirit.**

Holy Communion

Remain standing

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal # 711

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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, ourselves, 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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***People:* Therefore let us keep the feast.**

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

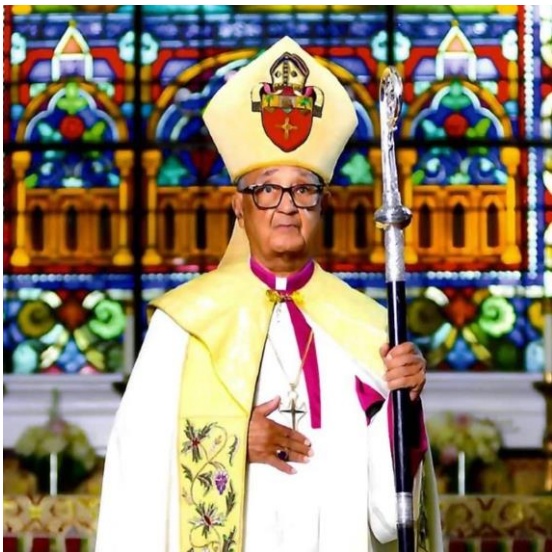
Blessing

Celebrant: 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.**



In Memoriam

His Grace, the Most Reverend Drexel Wellington Gomez, former Archbishop and Primate of the Church in the Province of the West Indies and one of the Caribbean's most respected Anglican leaders, died on Tuesday at the age of 88 after a period of illness.

Commending The Most Rev. Drexel Wellington Gomez to God's eternal keeping.

January 24, 1937 - October 14, 2025

Bishop of Barbados (1972-1992)

Bishop Co-Adjutor of Nassau and the Bahamas (1995-1996)

Bishop of Nassau and the Bahamas (1997-2008)

Archbishop, Primate and Metropolitan of the Church in the Province of the West Indies (1999–2008)

Our deepest condolences are extended to his dear wife, Carol, children, Damian, Dominique, Dennis and Deborah, and to his biological and ecclesiastical families.

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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 10/26 are:

Youth for Family Sunday

Chalice bearer: Bobbie Powell

The Ushers/Greeters for Sunday, 10/26 (4th Sunday) are:

Edward Greenfield (Greeter/Usher) & Samuel Richards (alternate)

We Believe: A Choral Evensong

Friday, November 7 - 7:00 PM

at Trinity Cathedral

Featuring the Seminary Singers of Princeton Theological Seminary, Martin Tel and Mina Choi, conductors,
and the Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir of Trinity Cathedral, Kerry Heimann, conductor

All are welcome to join in this liturgical concert of choral music celebrating 1700 years of the Council of Nicaea. The Nicene Creed, formulated in 325, will frame hymns and choral anthems, including works by Felix Mendelssohn, Samuel Wesley, Margaret Douroux, William Dawson, Keith and Kristyn Getty, Sally Morris, and Carlos Colón. Open to all, free of charge. Come join us.

This week we will be bagging food for the Food Pantry. Please join us on Thursday, October 23rd at 4:45pm.

Have you checked out our new volunteer bulletin board? It's just inside the parking lot doors. Here you will find posted opportunities to volunteer at the Cathedral, with our partner organizations, and in the community. Projects big and small will be posted here. If you would like to advertise a volunteer opportunity, you can create your own flyer or use the form on the literature table in the main hallway.

ONLY A FEW SLOTS LEFT FOR THE OCTOBER 26TH CATHEDRAL TOUR - Join us for a tour of Trinity Cathedral on Sunday, October 26th conducted by Bernard McMullan, informal Cathedral historian and former chair of the Cathedral's Property, Maintenance and Improvement Commission. 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.**

The next Food Pantry distribution date is – Saturday, October 25th (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.

Trinity Cathedral African Festival 18th Annual Dinner and Gala Night



Saturday, October 25, 2025
7:00 - 11:00 pm

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Trinity Altar Guild Shop Fall Update

- 🍁 2026 Church Calendars are in! Wall Ordo and Churchman's Calendars. Order yours today!
- 🍁 Need some peace away from the stress of the happenings in the world today? Well, you don't need Calgon *to take you away*. Check out our variety of inspirational devotionals, prayer books, and beautiful prayer beads.
- 🍁 New! Lavendar Jars of Bath Salts & Rice Heating Pads are made with lavender from our own Cathedral gardens. They make nice gifts!



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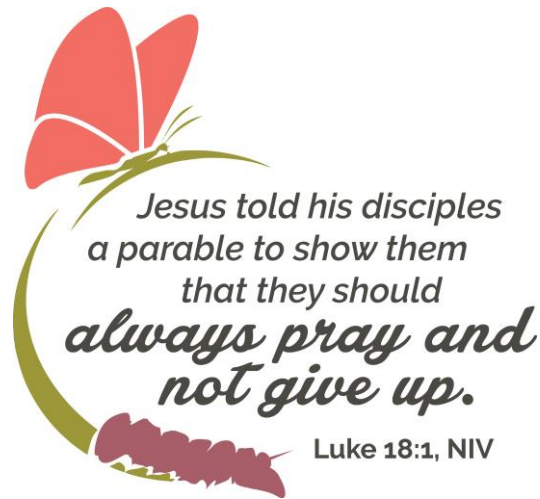


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THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

<u>TODAY (10/19)</u>	The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 24
9:15 am	Choir warm-up – CATH
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)
	Financial wellness presentation during coffee hour
11:15 am	Choir rehearsal - CATH
10:30a – 12:30p	Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP
<u>Mon. (10/20)</u>	Staff on-site at Cathedral Golf Outing all day
<u>Tues. (10/21)</u>	
6:30 pm	Vestry meeting, via Zoom
<u>Wed. (10/22)</u>	
7:00 pm	Bible Study, via Zoom: “Tobit”
<u>Thurs. (10/23)</u>	
4:15 – 5:30 pm	TASK Meals - SH
4:45 pm	Food Pantry food bagging
8:00 pm	Rosary Devotions, via Zoom
<u>Sat. (10/25)</u>	
9 -11:00 am	Trinity Strings
	Food Pantry
7:00 pm	Cathedral African Festival – join us!
<u>Sun. (10/26)</u>	The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 25
9:15 am	Choir warm-up – CATH
10:00 am	Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)
	Emergency Preparedness drill during the 10:00 am Mass
11:15 am	Choir rehearsal - CATH
10:30a – 12:30p	Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP