

TRINITY CATHEDRAL
OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY

*"For all those who
exalt themselves
will be humbled,
and those who
humble themselves
will be exalted."*



LUKE 18:14, NIV

OCTOBER 26, 2025 – PENTECOST 20/PROPER 25 – YEAR C
FAMILY SUNDAY

10:00 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

CELEBRANT - THE VERY REV. RENÉ JOHN
PREACHER – THE REV. CN. BRUCE MONTGOMERY

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. 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

All stand, as able

Processional Hymn

Hymnal # 428

O All Ye Works of God, Now Come

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

A Reading from the book of the prophet Joel (2:23-32)

"Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice at what the LORD your God has done for you. He has given you the right amount of autumn rain; he has poured down the winter rain for you and the spring rain as before. The threshing places will be full of grain; the pits beside the presses will overflow with wine and olive oil. I will give you back what you lost in the years when swarms of locusts ate your crops. It was I who sent this army against you. Now you will have plenty to eat, and be satisfied. You will praise the LORD your God, who has done wonderful things for you. My people will never be despised again. Then, Israel, you will know that I am among you and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. My people will never be despised again. Afterward I will pour out my Spirit on everyone: your sons and daughters will proclaim

my message; your old people will have dreams, and your young people will see visions. At that time I will pour out my Spirit even on servants, both men and women. I will give warnings of that day in the sky and on the earth; there will be bloodshed, fire, and clouds of smoke. The sun will be darkened, and the moon will turn red as blood before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. But all who ask the LORD for help will be saved. As the LORD has said, 'Some in Jerusalem will escape; those whom I choose will survive.'"

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated; sung by the Choir

Psalm 65 *Te decet hymnus*

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Henry Smart



- 1 You are to be praised, O¹ God, in¹ Zion; *
to you shall¹ vows be per¹formed in Je¹rusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall¹ all flesh¹ come, *
be¹cause of¹ their trans¹gressions.
- 3 Our sins are¹ stronger than¹ we are, *
but¹ you will¹ blot them¹ out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your¹ courts to¹ dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the¹ holiness¹ of your¹ temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of¹ our sal¹vation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the¹ seas that are¹ far a¹way.
- 6 You make fast the¹ mountains by your¹ power; *
they are¹ girded a¹bout with¹ might.

- 7 You still the ¹roaring of the ¹seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the ¹clamor of the ¹peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at
your ¹marvelous ¹signs; *
you make the dawn and the ¹dusk to ¹sing for ¹joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it ¹very ¹plenteous; *
the river of ¹God is ¹full of ¹water.
- 10 You pre¹pare the ¹grain, *
for ¹so you pro¹vide for the ¹earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth ¹out the ¹ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ¹ground and ¹bless its ¹increase.
- 12 You crown the ¹year with your ¹goodness, *
and your paths ¹over¹flow with ¹plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be ¹rich for ¹grazing, *
and the ¹hills be ¹clothed with ¹joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak them¹selves with ¹grain; *
let them ¹shout for ¹joy and ¹sing.

Remain seated

Second Reading

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to Timothy (2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18)

As for me, the hour has come for me to be sacrificed; the time is here for me to leave this life. I have done my best in the race, I have run the full distance, and I have kept the faith. And now there is waiting for me the victory prize of being put right with God, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that Day—and not only to me, but to all those who wait with love for him to appear. No one stood by me the first time I defended myself; all deserted me. May God not count it against them! But the Lord stayed with me and gave me strength, so that I was able to proclaim the full message for all the Gentiles to hear; and I was rescued from being sentenced to death. And the Lord will rescue me from all evil and take me safely into his heavenly Kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able
Sequence Hymn

Hymnal # 656

Blest Are the Pure in Heart

Remain standing

The Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

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

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

Jesus also told this parable to people who were sure of their own goodness and despised everybody else. "Once there were two men who went up to the Temple to pray: one was a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood apart by himself and prayed, 'I thank you, God, that I am not greedy, dishonest, or an adulterer, like everybody else. I thank you that I am not like that tax collector over there. I fast two days a week, and I give you one tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector stood at a distance and would not even raise his face to heaven, but beat on his breast and said, 'God, have pity on me, a sinner!' I tell you," said Jesus, "the tax collector, and not the Pharisee, was in the right with God when he went home. For those who make themselves great will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be made great."

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

**The Rev. Cn. Bruce Montgomery,
Priest Associate**

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: Grateful for our blessings, determined in our mission, expectant for fulfillment, let the church cry out to God, saying: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: For faithfulness, that we trust in God's promise and live in confident obedience, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: For openness in reaching out to all the people of the world, that together we may walk out of darkness into God's light, 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; 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 Church in Wales; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops; and the Revs. Geoffrey G. West and Clarke P. French, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Lector: For humility, that we glory only in God's forgiving, generous love, 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: **J. Gilbert Williams, Lee Whiteman, Martha McIntosh, Rachel McMullan, Erin L. Higgins and Naeem Muse**, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Lector: For perseverance, that we daily seek out all who are hurt and cry and are in need, 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.**

Lector: For comfort for all those in any need; for health for the sick and food for the hungry; that touched by God they may shine with the brilliance of God's light, 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, Palestine and Iran, the People of Haiti, Amarachi Ngozi Okere, Andrew McDonald, Virginia Barbarin, Darryl Francomacaro, Vicky & Vince, Mike Bernardo, 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, Turnbull and Shoucair families, the Howard family, the Snead family, the Alverio family and Jose Morales**. Let us pray to the Lord.

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

Lector: Blessed are all those who have fought the good fight and now share in the wondrous vision God promised from the beginning. That we may keep them always in our sight, eager for the day of our joyous reunion, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Deacon: We remember those who have died, especially the victims of violence in our neighborhoods, and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world. Let us pray to the Lord.

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

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant: O God, you make glad the hearts of all who dwell in your house. Accept our gratitude, enjoy our praise, and save us. Grant the fulfillment of our prayers through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

Please remain in your pew for the Peace.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Holy Communion

Please remain seated while Ushers collect the offertory

Offertory Anthem

Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

Richard Farrant

The Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal # 314

Humbly I 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: Bobbie Powell

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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.

Emergency Preparedness Drill

Announcements

Recessional Hymn

Hymnal # 637

How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints
of the Lord

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

**THE CATHEDRAL ALTAR ARRANGEMENT IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD
IN HONOR OF REV. CN. ART AND LYNN POWELL, ON THEIR 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

**For Family Sunday, today's readings are taken from
the *Good News* translation of the Bible.**

**TRINITY CATHEDRAL OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY
OCTOBER 26, 2025 ~ PENTECOST 20/PROPER 25**



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 11/2 are:

Gail Lewis, Sue Gummere, Chinweze Ahaghotu & Cn. Phil Lewis (alternate)

Chalice bearer: Margaret Nartey

The Ushers/Greeters for Sunday, 11/2 (1st Sunday) are:

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

Next Sunday is All Saints' Sunday, when we commemorate our departed loved ones in the Sunday bulletin. If you would like the names of your family and friends to be listed in the service bulletin, we ask that you E-mail those names to patriceattrinity@aol.com. If you do not use E-mail, you will find a form in today's bulletin that you can fill out and turn in to an Usher, or drop off on Patrice's desk in the office. **Names are due no later than Wednesday, October 29th.**

Next Sunday will be New Consecration (Stewardship) Sunday – There will be one Mass only at 10:00AM, and our guest speaker will be The Rev. Dr. Sushama Austin-Connor, Acting Executive Director and Chief Program Officer at Faith Matters Network, a nationwide nonprofit committed to supporting spiritually grounded leaders. As is our custom, we ask that you prayerfully contemplate what stewardship means to you, as we turn in our faith cards for 2026. We will enjoy lunch together after the service.

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.

It's that time of year again... to start thinking about FOOD! – Now is the time to begin bringing in donations of Thanksgiving foods – boxed, bagged and canned – for us to distribute with our Thanksgiving turkeys in November. Think stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggies, etc. Please bring your donation into Synod Hall and leave them on the frontal case near the entrance.

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 1st!

**“Make New Friends, But Keep the Old,
One is Silver and the Other Gold”**

Joseph Parry (1841 — 1903) Welsh hymn composer

Come to Coffee Hour Today!

following the 10 AM service in Synod Hall.

Meet new friends, enjoy those you already know.

If you are new to the Cathedral we'd like to get to know you!

Enjoy hot and cold drinks and healthy snacks

*Go down the ramp, entrance to Synod Hall is on the left,
directly across from the church office.*

Confirmation Preparation Classes - This year our biweekly Sunday sessions will provide participants with a solid foundation in the life, ministry, and traditions of the Episcopal Church and, most importantly, what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. Our study guide, *We Believe*, by Fr. Angelo Wildgoose with a foreword by The Rt. Rev. William “Chip” Stokes, reminds us that our faith should be

rooted in Scripture and tradition, and must also be relevant to how we live, serve, and grow today. Together we will reflect on who we are as Christians, what we believe as members of the Episcopal Church, and how we can walk with confidence, grace, and joy as followers of Christ. Each session will offer opportunities for honest conversation, questions, and shared discovery. **Please find the confirmation class schedule on the bulletin board in the main hallway; classes will be held right after the 10:00AM Mass, in the Guild Room.**

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.

The next Food Pantry distribution date is – Saturday, November 8th (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 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!**



Let's Help Our Brothers & Sisters

Items Still Needed!
Bring your donations by 12/7

WARM UP!

Do you have any coats, sweaters or hoodies that are just sitting in your closet waiting to warm up someone?

We are collecting new and gently worn clean coats, sweaters and hoodies. Adult, teen and children's sizes.

New sock donations welcomed too!

For more information, call Lucy Adams (609)784-8867 or Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Office



Thank You in advance for your donation of warmth!

Distribution Day: December 13th * 10 a.m. -1 p.m.



Have a person on your holiday list who has everything?

Gift Idea: Purchase a new item or two from the list above. Donate it to us. You will receive a card to give to your person that says, "A gift of warmth has been given in your honor to those in need to the Trinity Cathedral Warm-Up Program." (Be sure to let Lucy know you'd like a card.)

The Pharisee and the
Tax Collector



THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

TODAY (10/26)

9:15 am

10:00 am

11:15 am

10:30a – 12:30p

4:00 pm

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 25

Choir warm-up – CATH

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

Emergency Preparedness drill during the 10:00 am Mass

Choir rehearsal - CATH

Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP

Cathedral tour with Bernard McMullan

Mon. (10/27)

Scheduled re-installation of Cathedral stained glass

Tues. (10/28)

5:30 – 8:00 pm

Creation Care “Dinner and a Movie” - SH

Thurs. (10/30)

4:15 – 5:30 pm

TASK Meals - SH

8:00 pm

Rosary Devotions, via Zoom

Fri. (10/31)

Happy Halloween!

Set clocks back one hour before going to bed tonight!

Sat. (11/1)

Trinity Strings

Sun. (11/2)

9:15 am

10:00 am

All Saints' Sunday ~ New Consecration Sunday

Choir warm-up – CATH

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

Stewardship Sunday during the 10:00 am Mass;

join us for lunch following!

11:15 am

Choir rehearsal - CATH

10:30a – 12:30p

Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP