

TRINITY CATHEDRAL
OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY

**By your endurance
you will gain your souls.**

Luke 21:19, NRSV



**NOVEMBER 16, 2025 – PENTECOST 23/PROPER 28 – YEAR C
10:00 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO**

**CELEBRANT - THE REV. DR. PETER BRIDGE
PREACHER – THE REV. CHRISTOPHER COX**

**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 # 607

O God of Every Nation

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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated

First Reading

Lector: Cn. Terry Cooper

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (65:17-25)

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant

and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated; sung by the Choir

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah

Ecce, Deus

Ray Francis Brown



- 1 Surely, it is¹ God who¹ saves me; *
- I will trust in¹ him and¹ not be a¹ afraid.
- 2 For the Lord is my stronghold and my¹ sure de¹ fense, *
- and¹ he will¹ be my¹ Savior.
- 3 Therefore you shall draw¹ water with re¹ joicing *
- ¹ from the¹ springs of sal¹ vation.
- 4 And on that¹ day you shall¹ say, *
- Give thanks to the¹ Lord and¹ call upon his¹ Name;
- †5 Make his deeds known a¹ mong the¹ peoples; *
- see that they re¹ member that his¹ Name is ex¹alted.
- 6 Sing the praises of the Lord, for¹ he has done¹ great things, *
- and this is¹ known in¹ all the¹ world.
- 7 Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ¹ring out your¹ joy, *
- for the great one in the midst of you is the¹ Holy¹ One of¹ Israel.

Remain seated

Second Reading

Lector: Howard Ebersole

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Thessalonika (2 Thes 3:6-13)

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with

you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal # 615

"Thy Kingdom Come!" on Bended Knee

Remain standing

The Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

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

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Christopher Cox

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: Cn. Clara Gregory

The Lector and People pray responsively

Deacon: Knowing that a mother does not desert her children, let us turn to God, asking God to embrace with lovingkindness all those whose lives are troubled and afflicted by human evil. Let us beg God not to delay, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: God of Jesus Christ, even in our own day many are handed over to injustice and persecution, and many suffer want and hunger; come to rule the earth with justice, and delay not in sending your transforming love.

***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, Andrew McDonald, Virginia Barbarin, Darryl Francomacaro, Vicky & Vince, Mike Bernardo, the Snead family, the Alverio family, Jose Morales, Michelle & Krista, Jane M., and Eileen Cera.**

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: God of Jesus Christ, even in our own day many families are torn apart by internal strife, sisters and brothers reach out to one another with hating hands, peoples and nations are divided by anger: delay not with your peace.

***People:* Lord, 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.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: God of Jesus Christ, even in our own day children are not spared, but are apprenticed to hatred, rejected by their own parents, forbidden even life itself: delay not with your motherly affection.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

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.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: God of Jesus Christ, even in our own day the followers of your child of promise are separated by prejudice and bitter division: delay not in making us into one people.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: God of Jesus Christ, even in our own day many find contempt and rejection within your church: delay not in bringing the harmony of love to your chosen.

***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; Sarah, the Archbishop-Elect of Canterbury, and all Anglican Christians around the world, especially the Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops; and the Revs. Douglas C. Halvorsen and Cn. Robert H. Legnani.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon: We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Ugochinyere Opara, Marjorie Jones, Zoey Bertheau, Theresa Dunn, Clara Gregory, Micah Dunn, Natalya Kirmales-Prouty, John & Sue Gummere, Lucia Smith, Rachward Mathis, Akeem John and Leah Parker.**

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Silence, as the people add their own petitions.

Celebrant: O compassionate God, in Jesus, your child of promise, we know and await the life and peace of which you have assured us. We look forward in longing, hoping for ourselves and for those whom we have remembered, in the name of the same child who lives with you in the communion of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. **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

Let Your Faith Be Stronger Than Your Fear

Tom Trenney

The Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir

Offertory Hymn**Hymnal # 628****Help us, O Lord, to Learn**

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: Cn. Phil Lewis**

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. 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 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 Hymnal # 635

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

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 # 665

All My Hope on God is Founded

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lectors for the 10:00 am Mass on 11/23 are:

Youth for Family Sunday

Chalice bearer: Virginia Harmer

The Ushers/Greeters for Sunday, 11/23 (4th Sunday) are:

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

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.*

This week we will bag food for the Food Pantry! Join us on Wednesday, November 19th to help distribute our turkeys (11:00 am) or Thursday, November 20th at 4:45 pm to bag Thanksgiving foods for distribution on the 22nd. For more information, please speak with Cookie Hernandez.

Thanksgiving donations for Food Pantry needed now – On Wednesday, November 19th we will distribute our turkeys, and the “fixins” on Saturday, November 22nd. Please bring in your Thanksgiving foods before the 19th so our volunteers can bag them for distribution. Thank you for your generosity!

Angel Tree Prison Fellowship - It is anticipated that gift request tags will be available for selection in Synod Hall on Sunday, November 23rd. Donations of wrapping paper, ribbons/bows, and large gift bags are always welcomed. We will also need volunteers to wrap gifts and/or to greet the children and their caregivers in Synod Hall on the day gifts are distributed. Exact dates for these activities will be announced in early December. Join us in this ministry that transforms lives and brings joy to prisoners and their families at Christmas time! For information or to volunteer, contact Judith Miller at 609-586-0915 or judithm2@verizon.net; or see her after the 10:00 am service in the coming weeks.

UrbanPromise Trenton's Christmas Shop: Help to Stock the Shelves! - Every year at this time UPT sets up a Christmas Gift Shop in the Guild Room and invites the children in to ‘shop’ for their families for Christmas. They love new small appliances (crockpots, coffeemakers, toasters, etc.), hats, gloves, slippers, wallets, pajama pants, bath towels, chocolates, and more... candles, beach bags, packages of hand lotion, spa kinds of things... whatever you think, mom, dad, grandmom and grandad might like. Be creative! Please bring your donations to the Cathedral office or see Georgia Koenig.

If you are looking for a way to become more involved with the operation of our Cathedral, please see the volunteer bulletin board just inside the parking lot doors. Here you will find posted opportunities to volunteer at the Cathedral, big and small. 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 22nd (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.

CAST Welcomes (back) SALVO playing classical, Spanish, and World Guitar



Sunday, November 23, 2025 @ 3PM

Salvo is a Spanish guitarist and songwriter born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. With funky Spanish rumba rhythms and Latin grooves, he plays a mix of Flamenco, Classical, Brazilian, Latin and World Fusion. He has played at many private events and festivals including events for Major League Baseball, The New York Public Library, The Winter Concert Series at Planting Fields, The Camellia Festival, FuerzaFest, Make Music New York, and Brooklyn Pride.

He released his second album entitled 'Solo,' - a one-man project composed, performed, recorded and mixed in quarantine. His debut album with the band 'Salvo and Hugo' is called 'About Time.'

While living in Los Angeles, he performed original pieces and Flamenco music with The Vault Theater Ensemble at the Los Angeles Theater Center. He also accompanied the Duarte Dance Company and played in the band Cuñao.

Salvo is also a music teacher and a doctoral student in music education. He is happy to play as part of the CAST program at Trinity Cathedral.

Find out more at: www.musicsalvo.com
and on instagram: @salvo_musica

Admission:

Adults: \$30

Students: \$10

There is still time to take advantage of the Pick 4 option to get reduced priced admission to all remaining CAST events during the 2025/26 season. Call 609-392-3805 ext. 100 or ask at the CAST reception desk at our next performance.

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.)



THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

TODAY (11/16)

9:15 am	Pentecost 23/Proper 28
8:30 am	Choir warm-up – CATH
10:00 am	Rite I Eucharist in All Saints' Chapel (in-person only)
11:15 am	Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)
10:30a – 12:30p	Choir rehearsal - CATH
	Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP

Tues. (11/18)

6:30 pm	Major Chapter meeting, via Zoom
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Wed. (11/19)

10:00 am	Cathedral organ tuning
11:00 am	Food Pantry Turkey Day
7:00 pm	Bible Study via Zoom: "Additions to Esther"

Thurs. (11/20)

4:15 – 5:30 pm	TASK Meals – SH
4:45 pm	Food bagging for Food Pantry
8:00 pm	Rosary Devotions, via Zoom

Sat. (11/22)

9 – 11:00 am	Trinity Strings music classes
	Food Pantry

Sun. (11/23)

9:15 am	Christ the King
10:00 am	Choir warm-up – CATH
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