

TRINITY CATHEDRAL
OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY



NOVEMBER 23, 2025 – CHRIST THE KING – YEAR C

FAMILY SUNDAY

10:00 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

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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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

All stand, as able

Processional Hymn

Hymnal # 481

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

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, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated

First Reading

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah (23:1-6)

How terrible will be the LORD's judgment on those rulers who destroy and scatter his people! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says about the rulers who were supposed to take care of his people: "You have not taken care of my people; you have scattered them and driven them away. Now I am going to punish you for the evil you have done. I will gather the rest of my people from the countries where I have scattered them, and I will bring them back to their homeland. They will have many children and increase in number. I will appoint rulers to take care of them. My people will no longer be afraid or terrified, and I will not punish them

again. I, the LORD, have spoken.” The LORD says, “The time is coming when I will choose as king a righteous descendant of David. That king will rule wisely and do what is right and just throughout the land. When he is king, the people of Judah will be safe, and the people of Israel will live in peace. He will be called ‘The LORD Our Salvation.’

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Remain seated; sung by the Choir

Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah

Benedictus Dominus Deus

Samuel Sebastian Wesley



- 1 Blessèd be the Lord, the ¹God of ¹Israel; *
he has come to his ¹people and ¹set them ¹free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a ¹mighty ¹savior, *
born of the ¹house of his ¹servant ¹David.
- 3 Through his holy ¹prophets he promised of old,
that he would ¹save us from our ¹enemies, *
from the ¹hands of ¹all who ¹hate us.
- 4 He promised to show ¹mercy to our ¹fathers *
and to re¹member his ¹holy ¹covenant.
- 5 This was the oath he swore to our ¹father ¹Abraham, *
to set us ¹free from the ¹hands of our ¹enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him with ¹out ¹fear, *
holy and righteous in his ¹sight all the ¹days of our ¹life.
- 7 You, my child, shall be called the ¹prophet of the ¹Möst ¹High, *
for you will go before the ¹Lord to pre¹pare his ¹way,
- 8 To give his people ¹knowledge of sal¹vation *
by the for¹giveness ¹of their ¹sins.
- 9 In the tender com¹passion of our ¹God *
the dawn from on ¹high shall ¹break up ¹on us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
¹shadow of ¹death, *
and to guide our ¹feet into the ¹way of ¹peace.

Remain seated

Second Reading

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Colossus (1:11-20)

May you be made strong with all the strength which comes from his glorious power, so that you may be able to endure everything with patience. And with joy give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to have your share of what God has reserved for his people in the kingdom of light. He rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us safe into the kingdom of his dear Son, by whom we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven. Christ is the visible likeness of the invisible God. He is the first-born Son, superior to all created things. For through him God created everything in heaven and on earth, the seen and the unseen things, including spiritual powers, lords, rulers, and authorities. God created the whole universe through him and for him. Christ existed before all things, and in union with him all things have their proper place. He is the head of his body, the church; he is the source of the body's life. He is the first-born Son, who was raised from death, in order that he alone might have the first place in all things. For it was by God's own decision that the Son has in himself the full nature of God. Through the Son, then, God decided to bring the whole universe back to himself. God made peace through his Son's blood on the cross and so brought back to himself all things, both on earth and in heaven.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand, as able

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal # 494

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Remain standing

The Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When they came to the place called "The Skull," they crucified Jesus there, and the two criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. Jesus said, "Forgive them, Father! They don't know what they are doing." They divided his clothes among themselves by throwing dice. The people stood there watching while the Jewish leaders made fun of him: "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah whom God has chosen!" The soldiers also made fun of him: they came up to him and offered him cheap wine, and said, "Save yourself if you are the king of the Jews!" Above him were written these words: "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals hanging there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" The other one, however, rebuked him, saying, "Don't you fear God? You received the same sentence he did. Ours, however, is only right, because we are getting what we deserve for what we did; but he has done no wrong." And he said to Jesus, "Remember me,

**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: In the life of Jesus Christ in our midst, we have known God's judgment and mercy, and in the glory of Jesus we acclaim the image of God invisible. With the whole church we turn to Christ this day, acknowledging that he alone rules in truth, as we say: When you come to rule, remember us, O Lord.

Lector: Jesus, Savior and Judge, you have confounded earthly judgment by choosing to be numbered among the transgressors. May your words comfort all who are in prison, all judged guilty by society or church, and all who live on the margins of the human family. When you come to rule,

***People:* Remember us, O Lord.**

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 Jones, Mike Bernardo, Michelle & Krista, Jane M., Eileen Cera, Crystal Smith, Mary Ann Harmon, Oleksyi Dmitrischuk, Rider University, CJ Muldrow, and the Wurm family.** When you come to rule,

***People:* Remember us, O Lord.**

Lector: Jesus, condemned and powerless before your enemies, grant to the leaders of peoples to know that their rule is in the service of a greater law. When you come to rule,

***People:* Remember us, O Lord.**

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. When you come to rule,

***People:* Remember us, O Lord.**

Lector: Christ, first-born of the dead, through the blood of your cross you give unity to the divided. Give to the church the hope of resurrection; may we recognize the image of God in your own rising. When you come to rule,

People: Remember us, O Lord.

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 Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops; Christ Church in Bordentown, Magnolia, Middletown, Millville, New Brunswick, Palmyra, Riverton, Shrewsbury, Somers Point, South Amboy, Toms River, Trenton and Woodbury; Christ the King Church in Willingboro and Church of the Redeemer in Longport; and the Revs. Dorothy K. Auer and William C. Riker. When you come to rule,

People: Remember us, O Lord.

Lector: Christ, image of the invisible God, free us from holding you in images of our own making. Grant that in the Spirit we may see all power and all life transformed by the compassion of the cross. When you come to rule,

People: Remember us, O Lord.

Deacon: We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Tesia Miller, Drs. Phil & Gail Lewis, Richard & Emily Fineburg, The Rev. Dorothy Auer, The Rev. Lisa Caton, Aliana Tejada, Hasaan White, Courtney Walton, Edna Marlene Garrison, Lawrence S. Ford and Manuel Elijah Quentin Tejada.** When you come to rule,

People: Remember us, O Lord.

Lector: Jesus, pelican feeding your young with your own blood, may the dead who have partaken of your chalice be with you in paradise. When you come to rule,

People: Remember us, O Lord.

Deacon: We remember those who have died, especially **Klava Valkonina, Rev. Alexander Wurm, Serena Wurm, Michael I. Days, Dan Napoleon, the Rt. Rev. Herbert A. Donovan, Jr.,** the victims of violence in our neighborhoods, and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world. When you come to rule,

People: Remember us, O Lord.

Silence, as the people add their own petitions.

Celebrant: We acclaim you, Jesus Christ, as the judge condemned to judgment, knowing that in your death the world is judged. Grant that the world may seek God's justice rather than human

wisdom, and that all victims of human cruelty may share in the victory of life revealed to us in your death and rising. We join our prayers with the pleading of your blood poured forth at God's right hand, where you rule in the 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

My Eternal King

Jane Marshall

The Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal # 483

The Head that Once was Crowned with Thorns

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. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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 # 31

King of My Life I Crown Thee Now

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 # 495

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!

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

TRINITY CATHEDRAL OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY NOVEMBER 23, 2025 ~ CHRIST THE KING/FAMILY SUNDAY



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 11/30 are:

Bobbie Powell, Tony Wootson, Brenda Whiteman & J. Gil Williams (alternate)

Chalice bearer: Margaret Nartey

The Ushers/Greeters for Sunday, 11/30 (5th Sunday) are:

Edward Greenfield (Greeter/Usher) & Karlene Blasse (alternate)

2026 Stewardship Update: We have received 52 pledges, totaling \$199,124, representing an average pledge of \$3,829.31 per family. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! If you would like a pledge card, please see an Usher.

It's Wreath Sale time again! - Who do you know that would like a fresh, hand-decorated live wreath this year? It's not too early to think about your front door, cemetery remembrances, your neighbor who always admires your wreath! **Remember that the wreath sale and Christmas sale are fundraisers for the Cathedral, so please lend your support if possible.** Order now and get a leg up on your Christmas preparation. Friday afternoon, December 5th is wreath decorating time. Sunday December 7th is the pick-up date, before or after the 10 AM service. **We will only decorate as many as are ordered, so don't be disappointed this year!** Plan also to check out the mini Christmas sale in Synod Hall before and after Sunday service on pick up weekend. We have some beautiful Christmas bargains this year! If you are interested and able, lend a hand to the decorating process. No time to decorate? Order a wreath or two! For either or both, contact Georgia Koenig or Patrice D'Angelo. Georgia at gbkoenig@verizon.net or text to (609) 273-3351. Patrice at PatriceatTrinity@aol.com or call the church office at (609) 392-3805 ext. 100 to leave a message.

Angel Tree Prison Fellowship - Gift request tags will be available for selection in Synod Hall TODAY. 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 (December 20th). Exact dates for the gift wrapping 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: Can you help to stock the shelves? - Every year at this time UrbanPromise Trenton sets up a Christmas Shop at each site in Trenton to allow the children in the program to "buy" gifts for their families... moms, dads, aunts, uncles, and grandparents. Some of the most popular items are small appliances (toasters, coffeemakers, crockpots), hats and gloves of course, slippers, wallets, bath towels, chocolates, candles, spa-like things... hand lotion, body wash, or whatever you think might be a good gift to give or receive. Be creative! DO NOT wrap the gift. The children will take care of that. Leave them here at church in the office, with a sticky note that says UPT. Questions? Call, text or E-mail, Georgia Koenig at (609) 273-3351.

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.



Trinity Altar Guild Shop Update:

Check out the many items great for gift giving!

Christmas Cards starting at \$1 * Variety of Stocking Stuffers

Cathedral Lavender Bath Salts & Warmers Still Available

Advent Inspirational & Devotional Books

Weekly Specials are waiting for you!



The Shop will be open Sundays during Advent.

Need that unique gift? The Shop has a variety of nativities & ornaments from around the world. *The ornament tree is waiting to get bare! Also featuring beautiful uncycled jewelry.*

Free Gift Wrapping! Shop local; save gas, time, & money!

A Special Offering for



Christmas

In grateful Thanksgiving for all of God's blessings on our life and our work,
please accept my offering of \$ _____ to be used for (please check):

- Christmas greens & poinsettias
- Christmas musicians & music
- Split evenly between Christmas greens & music

My donation is in memory of / thanksgiving for (PLEASE PRINT!):

My name & phone#:

Offerings and this request form may be placed in the alms basin BY
SUNDAY, DEC. 14th or given to Patrice D'Angelo in the Cathedral office.

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



TODAY at 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 (11/23)

9:15 am

10:00 am

11:15 am

10:30a – 12:30p

3:00 pm

Christ the King ~ Family Sunday

Choir warm-up – CATH

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

Confirmation Class after 10am Mass - GR

Choir rehearsal - CATH

Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP

Join us for SALVO: Guitar in concert! - CATH

Tues. (11/25)

5:30 – 8:00 pm

Creation Care Ministry Dinner and a Movie - SH

Wed. (11/26)

Pre-K early dismissal

Thurs. (11/27)

10:00 am

Thanksgiving Day Mass – CATH

Otherwise, all closed

Fri., (11/28)

All closed



Sun. (11/30)

9:15 am

10:00 am

11:15 am

10:30a – 12:30p

First Sunday of Advent ~ Altar Guild Shop open

40th Anniversary of Dean John's Ordination

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