



**BUT MARY KEPT ALL THESE THINGS,  
AND PONDERED THEM IN HER HEART.**

**LUKE 2:19, KJV**

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

**JANUARY 1, 2026 – THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS – YEAR A  
10:00 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO  
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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 while in the Cathedral buildings. Please use the hand sanitizer that is provided throughout the building before and after touching any surfaces.

*Please stand, as able, for hymns and be seated for lessons*

## **Liturgy of the Word**

**Prelude**

*Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ*

**Processional Hymn**

**Hymnal # 435**

**At the Name of Jesus**

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

**People:** **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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 say together*

**Gloria**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*The people are seated*

**First Reading**

**Lector: Tony Wootson**

**A Reading from the Book of Numbers (6:22-27)**

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

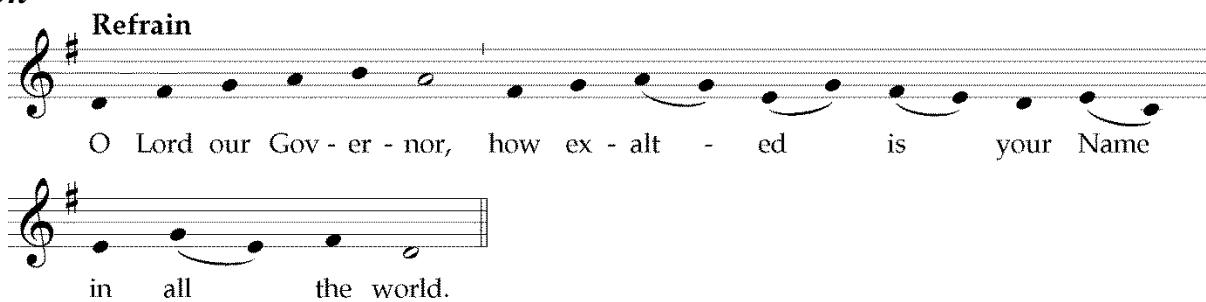
*Remain seated – all sing Antiphon together*

**Psalm 8**

**Cantor: Dr. Kerry Heimann**

**Antiphon**

Refrain



O Lord our Gov - er - nor, how ex - alt - ed is your Name  
in all the world.

Out of the mouths of infants and children \*

your majesty is praised above the heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*

to quell the enemy and the avenger.

**Antiphon**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*

the son of man that you should seek him out?

You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
you adorn him with glory and honor;

*Antiphon*

You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:  
All sheep and oxen, \*  
even the wild beasts of the field,  
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

*Antiphon*

*Remain seated*

**Second Reading**

**Lector: Judith Miller**

**A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi (2:5-11)**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

**People:**    **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand*

**Sequence Hymn**

**LEVAS # 95**

**O How I Love Jesus**

*Remain standing*

**The Gospel: Luke 2:15-21**

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

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

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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

*The People are seated*  
**Sermon**

**The Very Rev. René John, Dean**

*All stand*  
**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.

## The Prayers of the People

**Lector: Fay Manicke**

### Form III

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

**Lector:** Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**People:** **That we all may be one.**

**Lector:** Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**People:** **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

**Lector:** We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**People:** **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

**Lector:** We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**People:** **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

**Lector:** Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**People:** **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

**Lector:** Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**People:** **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

**Lector:** Give to the departed eternal rest;

**People:** **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

**Lector:** We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**People:** **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

**Lector:** Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## The Peace

*Please remain in your pew for 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 Solo**

*Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ*

*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 Bishop.*

**The Great Thanksgiving  
Eucharistic Prayer B**

**Chalice bearer: Margaret Nartey**

*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 you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*All say together:*

**Sanctus**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues . . .*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

***Celebrant and People:***

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues . . .*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray . . .

***People and Celebrant:***

**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.*

*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 takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.**

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Please proceed to the Altar for Communion.*

**Communion Solo**

*Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ*

**The Post-Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant and People:* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

**Announcements**

**Recessional Hymn**

**Hymnal # 450**

**vs. 1, 3, 4 & 6**

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

**Blessing**

*Celebrant:* May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Dismissal**

*Deacon:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

**Postlude**

*Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ*

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Lucy Adams, in thanksgiving for Keith, Andrew, Geoffrey, Jeffrey and Angelica

Nkeoma Akaeme, in memory of her parents

Jane and Peter Bridge, in honor of Joey Steele

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Susan Remmers, in memory of Robert Remmers and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur N. Smith

Irene Sanz, in memory of Robert Sanz

*Many thanks to all who helped decorate the Cathedral for Christmas!*

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## REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

8:00 am – Holy Eucharist in All Saints Chapel – Rite I (in-person, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays)  
10:00 am – Holy Eucharist in the Cathedral - Rite II (in-person and livestreamed)

Beloved, as you and I face the challenges of the days ahead, let us hold one another in prayer. As stressful as these times have been, God is with us and I believe 'all shall be well.' ~ **Julian Norwich.**