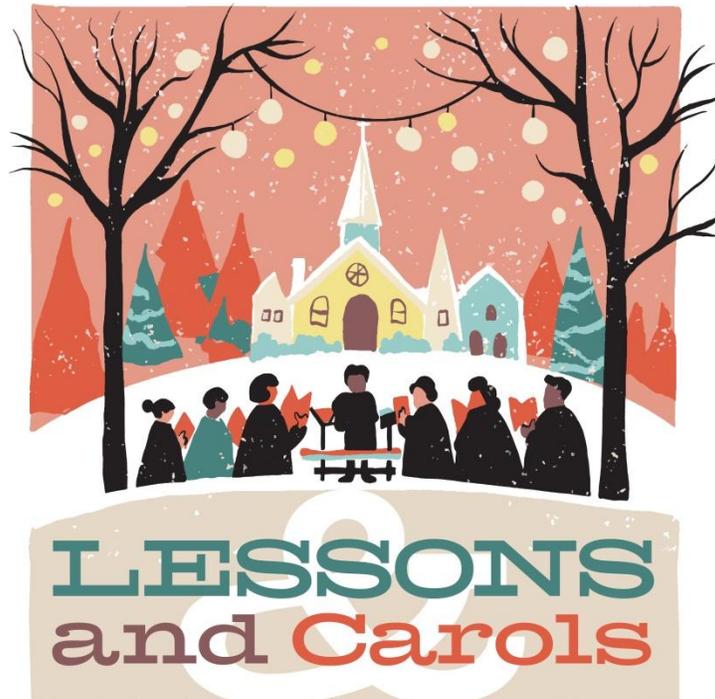


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## **The Return of the Light: Winter Solstice Jazz Concert at the Cathedral**

### **Cathedral Arts Series At Trinity Welcomes Jazz Violinist And Her Ensemble For The Winter Solstice**

The Cathedral Arts Series at Trinity (CAST) invites you to a performance by noted jazz violinist and composer Gwen Laster and her ensemble who will bring eclectic sounds of jazz, improvisation and music of the season in celebration of Winter Solstice—the start of a new solar year. Joining Gwen are pianist Manu Koch, bassist Damon Banks, and drummer Harvey Wirht. Laster is an award-winning violinist and was recently named a Guggenheim fellow for her extensive work in performance, recording, and teaching.

The performance begins at 4:00PM on Sunday, December 21 at Trinity Cathedral (801 West State Street, Trenton, NJ). Doors open at 3:30PM. Tickets (adults:\$30/students:\$10) may be purchased at the door or pre-ordered by calling (609) 392-3805 ext. 100. Free parking in the Cathedral parking lot and on streets around the Cathedral.



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. Thank you for helping us to remain as safe as possible while enjoying in-person worship.

*Please stand, as able for hymns and prayers and be seated for readings*

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen**  
 Johannes Brahms  
*Dr. Kerry Heimann*

**HYMN # 56 (Stanzas 1, 2, 6 & 7)**

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel**



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile

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1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*All stand, as able*

## **BIDDING PRAYER**

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go even to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against Him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise. But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and justice on the earth; for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city. And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless; the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; as well as those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore. And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us:

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

*The People are seated*

**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-5**

**Lector: John Gummere**

*Arise and shine, for your light has come.*

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

**HYMN # 76**

**On Jordan's Bank  
the Baptist's Cry**

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

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1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

**SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-9**

**Lector: Chinweze Ahaghotu**

*The spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One.*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

## ANTHEM

### A Tender Shoot

Otto Goldschmidt

A tender shoot hath started up from a root of grace,  
As ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race.  
It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter  
Turning our darkness into light.

This shoot, Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring.  
The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing.  
Our God of endless might, gave her this child to save us,  
Thus turning darkness into light.

### THIRD LESSON: Baruch 4:36-5:9

Lector: Virginia Harmer

*The Scribe Baruch urges the people to look East because salvation is at hand.*

Look toward the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God. Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

### HYMN # 65

### Prepare the Way, O Zion



- 1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
- 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
- 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.

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Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



*Refrain*  
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

#### FOURTH LESSON: Isaiah 40:1-11

Lector: Fay Manicke

*God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

HYMN # 67

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
let the val - leys rise to meet him  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
and the hills bow down to greet him.  
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

FIFTH LESSON: Isaiah 64:1-9a

Lector: Ellen Heath

*God is called upon to act and to come among us.*

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever.

## **ANTHEM**

### **This Is The Truth Sent From Above**

**Ralph Vaughan Williams**

**arr. James Kirkby**

This is the truth sent from above,  
The truth of God, the God of love:  
Therefore don't turn me from your door,  
But hearken all, both rich and poor.

The first thing which I do relate  
Is that God did man create,  
The next thing which to you I'll tell,  
Woman was made with man to dwell.

Then, after this, 'twas God's own choice  
to place them both in Paradise,

There to remain, from evil free,  
Except they ate of such a tree.

But they did eat, which was a sin,  
And thus their ruin did begin.  
Ruined themselves, both you and me,  
And all of their posterity.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes,  
Till God the Lord did interpose,  
And so a promise soon did run,  
That he would redeem us by his Son.

## **SIXTH LESSON: Isaiah 35:1-10**

**Lector: Howard Ebersole**

*The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us.*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams

in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**HYMN # 75**

**There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying**



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a\_\_\_\_  
 2 O\_\_\_\_ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee  
 3 but the word of our God\_\_\_\_ en - du - reth, the\_\_\_\_



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst\_\_\_\_ of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The\_\_\_\_  
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the  
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
 flowers of the field they\_\_\_\_ per - ish, like  
 feed his\_\_\_\_ flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of  
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll

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pla - ces where the Lord our God may go!  
na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way;  
lead them, and bring them safe to his fold.

**SEVENTH LESSON: Isaiah 7:10-15**

**Lector: J. Gil Williams**

*God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as “God with us”.*

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.”

*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.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

**E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come**

**Paul Manz**

Peace be to you and grace from him  
Who freed us from our sins  
Who loved us all and shed his blood  
That we might saved be

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below  
For Christ is coming, is coming soon  
For Christ is coming soon

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord  
The Lord, Almighty God  
Who was, and is, and is to come  
Sing Holy, Holy Lord

E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come  
And night shall be no more  
They need no light nor lamp nor sun  
For Christ will be their All!

## Holy Communion

*All stand, as able*

**The Great Thanksgiving:  
Eucharistic Prayer A**

**Chalice bearer: Virginia Harmer**

*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 sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:*

**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.**

*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.**

### **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.**

*All say together*

**Jesus, Lamb of God:**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins:**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world:**

**Give us your peace.**

*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.

*Please proceed to the Altar for Communion*

### **MUSIC AT COMMUNION**

#### **Veni Domine, Op. 39(1)**

Felix Mendelssohn

*Fay Manicke, soprano*

*Sue Gummere, mezzo soprano*

*Susan Remmers, alto*

Veni, Domine, et noli tardare!

*Come, Lord, and wait no longer!*

Relaxa faci nora plebi tuae,

*Assuage the suffering of thy people,*

Et revoca dispersos, in terram tuam.

*And gather the scattered into thy dwellings.*

Excita, Domine, potentiam tuam et veni,

*Employ us, Lord, for thy gracious power and come,*

Ut salvos nos facias.  
*Bring down to us your salvation.*

### 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 for ever. Amen.

### EIGHTH LESSON: Micah 5:2-4

Lector: Sue Gummere

*The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem.*

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

### HYMN # 79 (Stanzas 1 & 5)

### O Little Town Of Bethlehem

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the upper parts and a bass clef staff for the lower parts. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score includes five stanzas of text, with the first and fifth stanzas being the primary focus of the hymn. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear harmonic structure. The lyrics are: 1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie! 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove, 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given! \*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child, 5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

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1 A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;  
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,  
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.  
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

**NINTH LESSON: Luke 1:26-38**

**Lector: The Very Rev. René John**

*The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He

will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

## **ANTHEM**

### **The Angel Gabriel**

### **Basque carol,**

**arr. Paul Manz / T.A. Ohnesorge**

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
With wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:  
“All hail, to thee, thou lowly maiden Mary,  
Most highly favored lady!” Gloria!

“For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,  
All generations laud and honor thee:  
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold  
Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;  
“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said.  
“My soul shall laud and magnify God’s holy Name.”  
Most highly favored lady. Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born  
In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,  
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:  
“Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!

## **PRAYER**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Remain standing*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Lector: Susan Remmers**

*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.**

*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, Crystal Smith, Mary Ann Harmon, Oleksyi Dmitrischuk, Rider University, CJ Muldrow, the Wurm family, the Kneeland family, the Jolly family, Kim Wittmann, Elizabeth Rzasa, Tatiana Schlossberg, Angelica, Geoffrey, the Bovie family, the Beckstrom family, the Dietz family, the Fleury family, Andrew Wolfe and the Wolfe family, Janet Harrington, Georgianna Aiken, the Jacobs family, Comfort Sparks, Taras Pavlovsky, Jimmy More, Donald Brokate, Ernie DeMarie, Homer Zacharoudis, David Coulier, the Tavel family, Sonia Smith & the Smith family, G. Lopez & family, the Reiner family, and Christopher Henderson.**

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

*Lector:* Give to the departed eternal rest;

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

*Deacon:* We remember those who have died, especially **Rob & Michele Reiner**, the victims of violence in our neighborhoods, and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world.

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

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

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

*Deacon:* We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Philip G. Lewis, David Eastmead, Hilary Cox, Ciera Bertheau, Sharlie Ross, Isaiah Muse, Manuel Tejada, Jr., Scott Young, Maria Newman, Mike Raab and Chris Kirmales.**

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

*Lector:* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.  
(*The people may add their own petitions.*)

*Celebrant:* Loving and compassionate God, we thank you for your constant presence in our lives. Pour into our hearts such love for you that it overflows with acts of service for your people. As you cover us with your love, so may we work to provide shelters of wood, stone, and brick for all who are battered by the elements. May we set aside our own selfish wants and desires which blind us to the needs of our sisters and brothers and cause us to walk on the other side of the road. Grant that in your Kingdom all may together rest in security and love. **Amen.** ~ *The Rev. Jayne Oasin*

## **THE FINAL PRAYERS**

*The congregation standing, the Celebrant says*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:*  
Let us pray:

*The Collect of the Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Church Musicians and Artists*

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven; be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth. Grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The prayers are concluded with this Collect:*

Hasten, O God, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live

by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

### THE ADVENT RESPONSORY

V. Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed.  
**R. Tomorrow go forth, and the Lord will be with you.**  
V. Stand still, and you shall see the salvation of the Lord.  
**R. Tomorrow go forth, and the Lord will be with you.**  
V. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
**R. Tomorrow go forth, and the Lord will be with you.**  
V. We wait for Thy loving-kindness  
**R. In the midst of Thy temple.**

### THE ADVENT BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

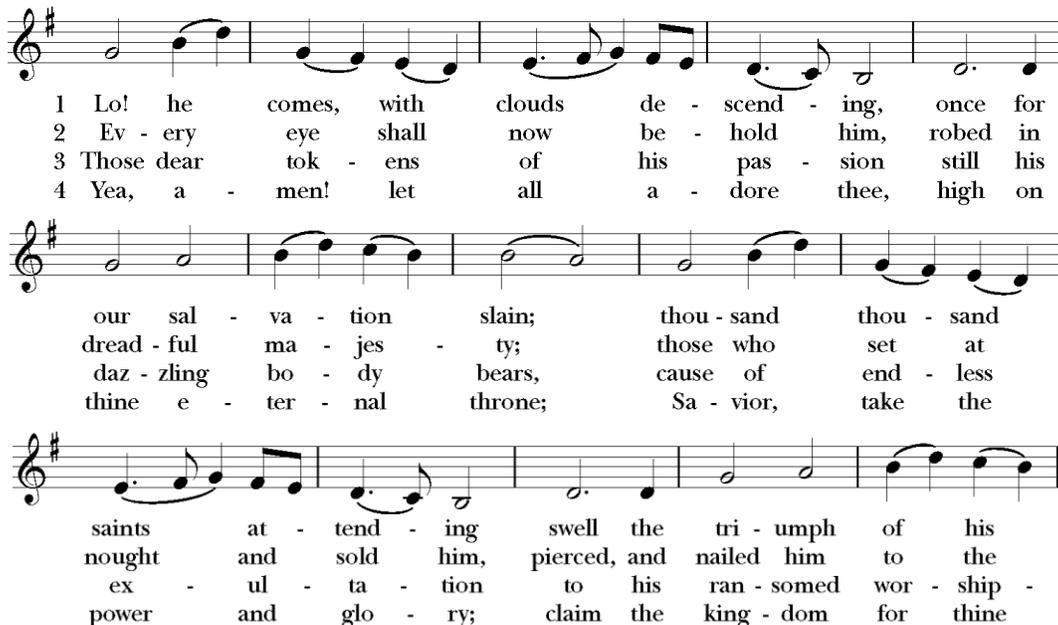
### THE BENEDICTION

#### THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant

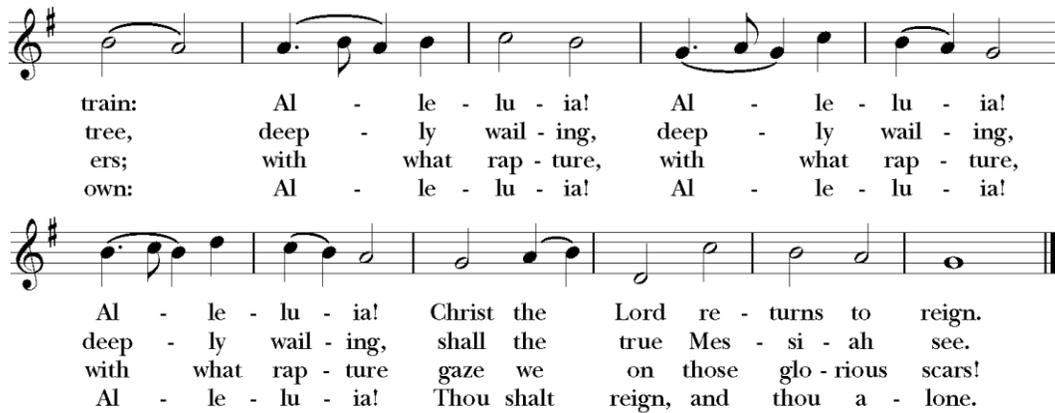
#### HYMN # 57

Lo, He Comes  
with Clouds Descending



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on  
our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the  
saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

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train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

**Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying**

Paul Manz

*Dr. Kerry Heimann*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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, Philip, the Archbishop-Elect of the West Indies, and all Anglican Christians around the world, especially the Anglican Church of Burindi; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops; St. Thomas' Church in Alexandria, Glassboro, and Red Bank; and the Revs. Russell A. Griffin, Canon Karin R. Mitchell, C. Thomas Myers, Jonathan B. Percival, and Jacquelyn Rowe.

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.

*We at Trinity Cathedral wish you a  
Merry Christmas Season!*

**Our Vision:**

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

**Our Mission:**

**God is here; Jesus loves you.**

**We are a welcoming, diverse community sharing God's love,  
Spreading the Gospel, and caring for all people and God's creation.**

**Come join us.**

**TRINITY CATHEDRAL OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY  
DECEMBER 21, 2025 ~ THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**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 4:00 pm Mass on 12/24 are:

**Elle Ahaghotu, Zoe Ahaghotu & Suzette Price (Chalice: Judith Miller)**

The Lectors for the 9:00 pm Mass on 12/24 are:

**J. Gil Williams, Fay Manicke & Tony Wootson (Chalice: Margaret Nartey)**

The Lectors for the 10:00 am Mass on 12/25 are:

**Erica Warner (1<sup>st</sup> & POP) & Virginia Harmer (Chalice: Virginia Harmer)**

The Lectors for the 10:00 am Mass on 12/28 are:

**Youth for Family Sunday (Chalice: Bobbie Powell)**

The Lectors for the 10:00 am Mass on 1/1 are:

**Tony Wootson, Judith Miller & Fay Manicke (Chalice: Margaret Nartey)**

The Ushers/Greeters for Sunday, 12/28 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday) are:

**Edward Greenfield (Alternate – Samuel Richards)**

**2026 Stewardship Update: We have received 65 pledges, totaling \$255,204, representing an average pledge of \$3,926 per family. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!  
If you would like a pledge card, please see an Usher.**

**EXTENDED ONE WEEK: LAST DAY TO ENTER TO WIN!** - You can enter to win a pair of tickets to the Capital Philharmonic New Year's Eve concert, including a champagne toast backstage! Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information and enter to win after Mass. **THE WINNER WILL BE CHOSEN TODAY AFTER MASS!**

**The Cathedral annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 am Mass (one Mass only that Sunday.)** - If you are the Chair of a Commission or other organized Cathedral group, please have your report for the meeting booklet turned in to the office no later than Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. Please E-mail it to Patrice at [patriceattrinity@aol.com](mailto:patriceattrinity@aol.com). If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for a position on the Vestry, please speak with Chinweze Ahaghotu, Cn. Paul Cooper or Dean John. There is a handy form you can use to turn in your names; find one on the literature table in the Cathedral (the "ship table".)

**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, January 10<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**



**(all held in-person and livestreamed, when possible)**

- Sunday, December 21:      8:30 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite I – Advent 4  
   10:00 am – Advent Service of Lessons and Carols
- Wednesday, December 24: 4:00 pm – Christmas Eve (Family) Creche-Building Service  
   9:00 pm – Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist (8:30 carol prelude) with The Rt. Rev. Sally French, Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey
- Thursday, December 25:    10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship
- Sunday, December 28:      10:00 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite II - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day
- Thursday, January 1:      10:00 am – New Year’s Day Worship
- Sunday, January 4:        8:30 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite I – Second Sunday after Christmas  
   10:00 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite II featuring The Trinity Strings



## Fourth Sunday in Advent

### THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

#### **TODAY (12/21)**

9:15 am

**8:30 am**

**10:00 am**

After 10 am Mass

10:30a – 12:30p

4:00 pm

**Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ Altar Guild Shop open**

Choir warm-up – CATH

**Rite I Eucharist in All Saints Chapel (in-person only)**

**Advent Lessons & Carols in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)**

Confirmation class – GR

Full Gospel Community Church service - CHP

Gwen Laster & Friends Winter Solstice Jazz Concert – join us!

#### **Mon. (12/22)**

5:30 pm

Pre-K & Urban Promise closed through January 1st

Choir fellowship – SH, followed by rehearsal at 6:30

#### **Wed. (12/24)**

4:00 pm

8:30 pm

9:00 pm

**All offices closed**

Christmas Eve family service with Dean John

Christmas Carol prelude

Christmas Eve Mass with the Rt. Rev. Sally French

#### **Thurs. (12/25)**

10:00 am

**All offices closed**

Christmas Day Mass with Dean John

#### **Fri. (12/26)**

**All closed**

#### **Sat. (12/27)**

**Food Pantry was moved to 12/20 – not held today**

#### **Sun. (12/28)**

**10:00 am**

10:30a – 12:30p

**First Sunday after Christmas Day ~ Family Sunday**

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

Full Gospel Community Church service - CHP

**The Cathedral office will be closed Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> through Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and on Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. Staff will be in for varied and limited hours through the new year; please call the office before visiting.**