

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



**JANUARY 11, 2026 – THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY – YEAR A
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
10:00 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO**

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

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

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Our Goal: \$1000

250 Large Yard Bags (avg. 20 lbs.)
75 Medium boxes (household
goods)

Fundraiser Dates:

10/31/2025 - 01/10/2026

Clean out your closets for Stretto Youth Chamber Orchestra!

Please help Stretto by collecting items you are ready to donate.
Our collection date will be Saturday, January 17th, 9-10:30am at
Trinity. If you need to drop off ahead of time please send an email
to strettoyouthchamber@gmail.com

We are getting an extra bonus right now for books - empty those
shelves!!

We will need volunteers to help load. If you can volunteer, please
email.

We Are Collecting Clothes

men's, women's, & children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves,
handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, belts, backpacks, etc.

Household Textiles

bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen,
tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.

Small Household Goods

kitchen items (such as pots/pans, dishes, silverware, glasses,
serving pieces and hand-held appliances), home decorative
items, knick-knacks, toys, games, and small electronics

Books & Media

paperback, hard cover - all genres

**media needs to be boxed separately*

**no encyclopedias or text books*

Please use bags for clothes and textiles and tightly pack boxes of small
household goods. Separate books from household goods and media. All items
must be clean and in sellable condition.

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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.

Please stand as indicated and be seated for lessons

Prelude

Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ

All stand, as able

Processional Hymn

Hymnal # 139

When Jesus Went to Jordan's Stream

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-278

Gloria in Excelsis

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The people are seated

First Reading

Lector: J. Gil Williams

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (42:1-9)

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.” Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: “I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have

given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.”

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated; sung by the Choir

Psalm 29

Afferte Domino

Ray Francis Brown



- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

- 5 The voice of the LORD¹ breaks the¹ cedar trees; *
the LORD¹ breaks the¹ cedars of¹ Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon¹ skip like a¹ calf, *
and Mount Hermon¹ like a¹ young wild¹ ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD¹ shakes the¹ wilderness; *
the LORD¹ shakes the¹ wilderness of¹ Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the¹ oak trees¹ writhe *
and¹ strips the¹ forests¹ bare.
- †9 And in the¹ temple of the¹ LORD *
—¹all are¹ crying, ¹“Glory!”
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned a¹bove the¹ flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as¹ King for¹ ever¹ more.
- 11 The LORD shall give¹ strength to his¹ people; *
the LORD shall give his¹ people the¹ blessing of¹ peace.

Remain seated

Second Reading

Lector: Bobbie Powell

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:34-43)

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand, as able
Sequence Hymn

Hymnal # 116

"I Come," the Great Redeemer Cries

Remain standing
The Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

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

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Cn. Bruce Montgomery
Priest Associate

All stand as able and say together
A Statement of Faith based on Galatians 3:26-28

Celebrant: Let us renew our pledge to work for unity, justice, and peace.

We are all children of God.

There is no longer Jew or Greek.

There is no longer slave or free.

There is no longer male and female.

For we are all one.

We believe Jesus lived for this and died for this.

We pledge ourselves with God's help and the support of each other to make this become a reality.

Remain standing
Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Remain standing

Prayers of the People

Lector: Tony Wootson

The Lector and People pray responsively

Deacon: Through our baptism we are joined to Christ as God's beloved children. As sisters and brothers in the Spirit, let us call to God for the needs of the world and the church, saying: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: For the victory of justice among the nations, and for the outpouring of the Spirit's gift of peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Deacon: We commend to your prayers this day all persons deployed in the service of our country. May they dwell safely under the protection of Almighty God. Let us pray to the Lord.

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

Lector: For the liberation of all oppressed and imprisoned, for the preaching of the liberating gospel, and for reconciliation of all who oppress and persecute others, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Deacon: We remember God's holy catholic church, including Sean, our Presiding Bishop and Primate; Sally, our Bishop; René, Dean of this Cathedral; Bruce, John, Peter and Noel, priest associates; Christopher, our Deacon, along with all other ministers in this congregation, lay and ordained; Sarah, the Archbishop-Elect of Canterbury, Philip, the Archbishop-Elect of the West Indies, and all Anglican Christians around the world, especially Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops. Let us pray to the Lord.

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

Lector: For the healing of all who are gripped by despair and frustration, and for all who inspire them with hope and joy, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Lector: For all in this community to be alive to the call of their baptism, for the newly baptized, and for all who guide and teach along the way, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Deacon: We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Udter Victor, Samuel Iverson Joseph, Elizabeth Russo, and Sue Gummere.** Let us pray to the Lord.

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

Lector: For all who in their illness look to us for strength and healing in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Deacon: We remember before you those who are sick, or in any other special need, especially the residents of Hamilton Grove Care and Rehabilitation Center; along with **the People of Ukraine and Russia, the People of Israel, Palestine and Iran, the People of Haiti, Amarachi Ngozi Okere, Andrew McDonald, Darryl Francomacaro, Vicky Jones, Mike Bernardo, 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, Christopher Henderson, Dave Tomarico, & family, David Wootson, Tony Wootson, Alice Wootson, Byron Walker, Evelyn Durham, and the Good, Gatton, Stephens, Crawford and Schlossberg families.** Let us pray to the Lord.

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

Lector: For all who have died in the expectation of Christ's full victory in their life and death, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Deacon: We remember those who have died, especially **Rev. Jose Cantos Delgado, Renee Nicole Good, Errol Gatton, Brandon Stephens, Jermaine Crawford, Tatiana Schlossberg, Rev. Polly Kasey**, the victims of violence in our neighborhoods, and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world. Let us pray to the Lord.

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

Silence, as the people add their own petitions.

Celebrant: Loving God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as your favor comes upon us, enlighten us to see those who search for the victory of your love. Make of us your gracious servants, that the world may rest in your peace and sing your praises with full hearts and voices, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit is one God, this day and forever. **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

All for Thee

Jack Schrader

The Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal # 120

The Sinless One to Jordan Came

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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

Celebrant and People:

Hymnal # S-128

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 forever. **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-165

Agnus Dei

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 # 141

Shall We Gather at the River

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 # 448 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Blessing

Celebrant: May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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: 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 1/18 are:

Virginia Harmer, Erica Warner, Suzette Price & Judith Miller (alternate)

Chalice bearer – Judith Miller

The Ushers/Greeters for Sunday, 1/18 (3rd Sunday) are:

Samuel Richards (Greeter/Usher) & Margaret Nartey (alternate)

2026 Stewardship Update: We have received 69 pledges, totaling \$264,524, representing an average pledge of \$3,834 per family. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

If you would like a pledge card, please see an Usher.

Due to the annual meeting being held next Sunday, the Altar Guild Shop will be open TODAY for your winter shopping needs! Come see us! The Shop will also be open on Saturday, January 31st during the hours of the Diocesan Confirmation service (1:30 – 3:00 pm) and on the 2nd Sunday of the month in February and March.

The Cathedral annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 18th after the 10:00 am Mass (one Mass only that Sunday.) - If you are the Chair of a Commission or other organized Cathedral group, annual reports **MUST** be turned in no later than Monday, January 12th, or they cannot be included in the booklet. Please E-mail reports to Patrice at 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 10th (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 Cathedral Altar Guild Shop

OPEN FOR DIOCESE CONFIRMATION

Clearance
SALE SALE! SALE

*Check Out the Bargains! We need to make
room for new merchandise.*

SOUPER BOWL SNACKS & MORE!

The Super Bowl is almost upon us and many of us will watch & snack. When buying your snacks, pick up an extra. **Let's share our gifts!** Please bring non-perishable snacks such as crackers, Chex Mix, popcorn, commercial type cookies, cereal, and the like to share with our friends of the Trinity Cathedral's Food Pantry. **Also needed:** peanut butter, jelly and dried soup mixes. Leave donations in the goal box **by Feb. 8^h**. If you cannot get out to the store, but want to contribute, you can leave a donation or see Lucy Adams to purchase items for you.

Super Bowl
Donations Wanted!



Let's get that touch-down feeling by filling the goal box!

Go team Trinity Cathedral!



Trinity Cathedral Food Pantry
801 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08618
(609) 392-3805 ext. 100

2026 Food Pantry Calendar

The Food Pantry is open the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month, from 9:00 to 11:00 am.

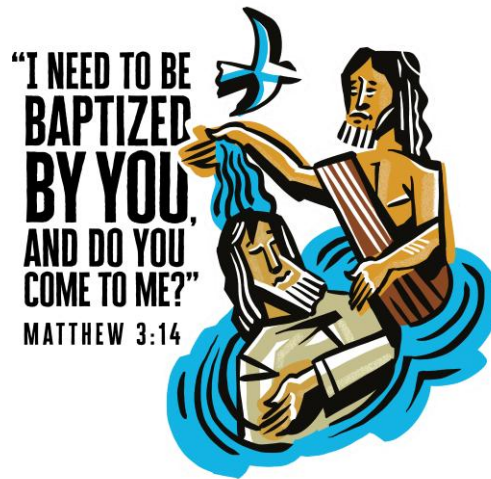
(Occasionally, we will be open on alternate Saturdays in a month when there is a holiday, so we can distribute food prior to the holiday.) If you're not sure of the date, please call the number above.

Note that the Cathedral office is open Monday – Friday and not on Saturdays when the Pantry is open.

Please come to the set of 4 red doors right off our driveway.
If this is your first visit, please bring your ID and proof of income.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Days Open</u>
January	10, 24
February	14, 28
March	14, 28
April	11, 25
May	9, 23
June	13, 27
July	11, 25
August	8, 22
September	12, 26
October	10, 24
November	14, 21*
	Plus Turkey Day – TBA (must sign up in advance)
December	12, 19*

* 2nd & 3rd Saturday of the month



THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

TODAY (1/11)

First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord
 Altar Guild Shop open
 9:15 am Choir warm-up
10:00 am Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)
 10:30a – 12:30p Full Gospel Community Church service - CHP
 11:15 am Choir rehearsal

Mon. (1/12)

6:30 pm Vestry meeting, via Zoom

Tues. (1/13)

5:30 pm Dinner and a Movie wrap-up – SH

Wed. (1/14)

7:00 pm Pre-K early dismissal (in-service day)
 Bible Study, via Zoom: Baruch

Thurs. (1/15)

4:15 – 5:30 pm TASK Meals – SH
 8:00 pm Rosary Devotions, via Zoom

Sat. (1/17)

9 – 10:30 am Stretto collection of household items for fundraiser (see flyer in your bulletin)

Sun. (1/18)

Second Sunday after the Epiphany
 9:15 am Choir warm-up
10:00 am Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)
 After 10am Mass Cathedral annual meeting - SH
 Confirmation class - GR
 10:30a – 12:30p Full Gospel Community Church service - CHP