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OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY



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10:00 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO**

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SUNDAY FEB. 22, 2026

**TRINITY CATHEDRAL
801 W. STATE STREET, TRENTON, NJ**

**STARTS AT 3:00 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 2:30 PM**

**\$30 TICKETS FOR ADULTS
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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 and recite responsively

The Great Litany

Cantors:

Cn. Paul Cooper & Susan Remmers

Cantor: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

People: **Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,

Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us forever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That It may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of the blessed virgin Mary and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us thy peace.

O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The people are seated

First Reading

Lector: Cyrus Ketter, Jr.

A Reading from the book of Genesis (2:15-17; 3:1-7)

Then the LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and guard it. He told him, "You may eat the fruit of any tree in the garden, except the tree that gives knowledge of what is good and what is bad. You must not eat the fruit of that tree; if you do, you will die the same day." Now the snake was the most cunning animal that the LORD God had made. The snake asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat fruit from any tree in the garden?" "We may eat the fruit of any tree in the garden," the woman answered, "except the tree in the middle of it. God told us not to eat the fruit of that tree or even touch it; if we do, we will die." The snake replied, "That's not true; you will not die. God said that because he knows that when you eat it, you will be like God and know what is good and what is bad." The woman saw how beautiful the tree was and how good its fruit would be to eat, and she thought how wonderful it would be to become wise. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, and he also ate it. As soon as they had eaten it, they were given understanding and realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and covered themselves.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated; all sing Refrain together

Psalm 32

Cantor: Dr. Kerry Heimann

Refrain

Hap - py are they whose trans - gres - sions are for - giv - en,
and whose sin is put a - way!

from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

Refrain

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Refrain

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in
time of trouble; *

when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place;

you preserve me from trouble; *

you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Refrain

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you
should go; *

I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *

who must be fitted with bit and bridle,

or else they will not stay near you."

Refrain

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *

but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *

shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Refrain

Remain seated

Second Reading

Lector: Laurus Ketter

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome (5:12-19)

Sin came into the world through one man, and his sin brought death with it. As a result, death has spread to the whole human race because everyone has sinned. There was sin in the world before the Law was given; but where there is no law, no account is kept of sins. But from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, death ruled over all human beings, even over those who did not sin in the same way that Adam did when he disobeyed God's command. Adam was a figure of the one who was to come. But the two are not the same, because God's free gift is not like

Adam's sin. It is true that many people died because of the sin of that one man. But God's grace is much greater, and so is his free gift to so many people through the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ. And there is a difference between God's gift and the sin of one man. After the one sin, came the judgment of "Guilty"; but after so many sins, comes the undeserved gift of "Not guilty!" It is true that through the sin of one man death began to rule because of that one man. But how much greater is the result of what was done by the one man, Jesus Christ! All who receive God's abundant grace and are freely put right with him will rule in life through Christ. So then, as the one sin condemned all people, in the same way the one righteous act sets all people free and gives them life. And just as all people were made sinners as the result of the disobedience of one man, in the same way they will all be put right with God as the result of the obedience of the one man.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal # 147

Now Let Us All with One Accord

Remain standing

The Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

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

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

Then the Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the Devil. After spending forty days and nights without food, Jesus was hungry. Then the Devil came to him and said, "If you are God's Son, order these stones to turn into bread." But Jesus answered, "The scripture says, 'Human beings cannot live on bread alone, but need every word that God speaks.'" Then the Devil took Jesus to Jerusalem, the Holy City, set him on the highest point of the Temple, and said to him, "If you are God's Son, throw yourself down, for the scripture says, 'God will give orders to his angels about you; they will hold you up with their hands, so that not even your feet will be hurt on the stones.'" Jesus answered, "But the scripture also says, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Then the Devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in all their greatness. "All this I will give you," the Devil said, "if you kneel down and worship me." Then Jesus answered, "Go away, Satan! The scripture says, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him!'" Then the Devil left Jesus; and angels came and helped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

String Voluntary

Amazing Grace

Traditional

Nadir Leonard & Sherri Anderson, violin

Donte Austin & Dae'von Austin, viola

Sermon

The Very Rev. René John

Dean

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.

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

Lenten Meditation

arr. Jay Althouse

The Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal # 143

The Glory of These Forty Days

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, food donations to the Cathedral Food Pantry, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or Celebrant.

The Great Thanksgiving:

Eucharistic Prayer A

Chalice bearer: Cn. Phil Lewis

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds . . .

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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-114

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-158

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 Solo

Adoration

Florence B. Price

Marlie Conway, cello

Communion Hymn

LEVAS # 147

Come Ye Disconsolate, Where'er Ye Languish

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

Black History Month Presentation

Recessional Hymn

LEVAS # 1

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Blessing

Deacon: Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant: Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice forever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ

**For Family Sunday, today's readings are taken from
the *Good News* translation of the Bible.**

**WE WELCOME OUR GUEST MUSICIANS FROM THE TRINITY STRINGS
TO OUR WORSHIP THIS MORNING!**

**MANY THANKS TO OUR CATHEDRAL YOUTH FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN TODAY'S
BLACK HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATION**

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 of Canterbury, Philip, the Archbishop-Elect of the West Indies, and all Anglican Christians around the world, especially the Church of Ireland, and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops, and the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Bennison, Jr.

We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Beverly P. Hopkins, Lourdez Hernandez-Rosario and Louise Tarr.**

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 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, the people of Sudan, especially the Darfur region, Andrew McDonald, Darryl Francomacaro, Vicky Jones, Mike Bernardo, Georgianna Aiken, Sabrina Radix, Chief Petty Officer Andrew Johnson, Steven Erdy, Pat Hawkins, Agnes L., the Norris family and friends, Nancy Guthrie and the Guthrie family, Ann Marie Paisley, John Claude Raines, the Sykes family, Frederick M. Walton, Kyle Walton, Joel Walton and the Walton family.**

We remember those who have died, especially the victims of violence in our neighborhoods, and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world.

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FEBRUARY 22, 2026 ~ FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**



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 3/1 are:

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

Chalice bearer – Virginia Harmer

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

Veronica Ngwayah (Greeter/Usher) & Edward Greenfield (alternate)

Dear Friends,

As we observe the 1st Sunday in Lent, thank you for joining us today.

Andrea and I are extremely grateful for all the time we've spent together in this journey at Trinity Cathedral.

Thank you for the wonderful expressions of love and wonderful generosity you have shared with us last Saturday & Sunday, and on so many other occasions.

Our lives have truly been blessed.

Many of you have asked me whether Andrea and I will be visiting occasionally in the near future, post-February 28th.

The simple and honest answer is, not necessarily any time soon.

In the interest of a fair and orderly transition, the Episcopal Church (not just the Diocese of New Jersey) has established protocols discouraging this, so congregations may move forward and the new leadership be allowed to thrive.

We will always be with you in Spirit and forever keep you in our prayers.

René+ & Andrea

If you haven't already, please add you name and wishes to the card for René & Andrea – it will be available in Synod Hall after Mass.

So many thanks to everyone who contributed time, talent and food for our lovely celebrations for René and Andrea last weekend. Your efforts are much-appreciated! ~ Margaret Nartey

The Dean's last liturgical service with us will be the Stations of the Cross on Thursday, February 26 at 5:00 pm in All Saints' Chapel. We have not walked the stations of the cross together, in person, since prior to the pandemic. We would love to see you there!

Ongoing Clergy Support for Trinity Cathedral - As we prepare to say goodbye to Dean René, please be assured that our Cathedral congregation will continue to be well cared for. The Rev. Shelton Radix will be with us for the month of March, to lead services and provide pastoral care as needed, alongside Deacon Chris Cox and our retired Associate Clergy. Many of us know Fr. Shelton from the time he and his family spent with us while he was preparing for seminary studies: let's welcome the Radix family back to Trinity Cathedral! **As their time with us comes to a close, we are focusing our love and gratitude on René and Andrea.** In early March, you can expect an update on the next steps for our Cathedral.

Do you have your tickets yet? - Join us TODAY at 3:00 pm for a return performance by the fabulous Keith Spencer! From the mournful call of the Negro spiritual to the cry of protest and purpose signifying the African-American experience from the mid-1950s to late 1960s, We Shall Not Be Moved presents the music that captured the essence and call of the Civil Rights Movement. This inspiring concert experience presents popular songs and poignant readings from leaders, activists, and spokespersons of the time associated with the Civil Rights cause calling to mind the struggle and promise of what was to come. You'll hear songs such as "Oh, Freedom!", "People Get Ready", "Go Down, Moses", "The Times They Are A-Changin'", "Lift Every Voice And Sing", "A Change Is Gonna Come", and many celebrated others. **See a member of CAST for tickets, or purchase at the door.**

This week we will bag food for the Food Pantry – join us on Thursday, February 26th at 4:45 pm.

It was so nice, we're doing it twice! - Save the date for the next Cathedral Fashion Show on May 9th! More details to come soon.

Year-end pledge statements have been mailed for you use when filing tax returns. If you have a mailbox here at the Cathedral office, your statement is in your box – please come visit.

The Altar Guild Shop will be open on the 3rd Sunday of March.

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, February 28th (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.

*A special presentation hosted by the
Black Lives Matter Committee of St. Luke's Episcopal Church*

"WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED"

a focus on protest and resistance



Special Guest Speaker: - Dr. Herbert Flamer

*...who will share his personal experience of protesting
during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's*

*****NEW DATE*****

Sunday, March 8th, 2026

Directly following 10am service.

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church
1620 Prospect Street, Ewing, NJ**

There will also be music, raffle prizes, and refreshments.

For more information, please contact
administrator@stlukeewing.org or call 609-882-7614

Black History and the Diocesan Reparations Commission

About the Commission: In 2006 and 2009 the General Convention of the Episcopal Church passed resolutions mandating that every diocese gather information on its history of racism. In 2020 the Diocese of New Jersey formally approved a Task Force on Reparations, in part to conduct a more detailed investigation. In 2022 Bishop Stokes and the diocesan convention formally commissioned the Task Force, and since then the Commission has been engaged in investigating the history of the diocese with respect to slavery and racism, educating the diocese on this history, and advocating for reparative justice measures. The November 2025 diocesan convention passed the Commission's resolution which, among other things, establishes a reparative justice trust to support the ministry of Historically Black Churches in the diocese.

What can you do? The work of remembering and justice are ongoing!

Learn: Read through the research we have been publishing on the *Diocese of New Jersey Racial Justice Review (DNJRJR)* blog.¹ Start with the "Core History" entries. If you prefer to read on paper these also appear (along with much more) in the new book *Anglican Slavery in New Jersey: An Initial Accounting* by Commission Historian, Jolyon Pruszinski.² Every day this Black History Month we are also sharing a post about the Black History of the diocese on the *DNJRJR* Facebook page.³ Join the group for more info.

Research and Connect: Want to do more? Take time to research your parish history, and the history of your city and region. Invite others into the process. If you, or your parish, have information to contribute, would like support for your research, or would like to schedule a parish visit or event with the historian or other members of the Commission please contact me at jolyonp@princeton.edu.

Worship: The yearly diocesan Lenten service of remembrance and repentance, the "Stations of Reparations," will be held this year at St. Elizabeth's, Elizabeth on March 21, 2026 at 11am. Several parishes will share about their history with racism. We would love for you to join! And you can follow the Diocesan Slavery History Pilgrimage any time. See the blog for more details.

Act: Share the history and work for reparative justice within your congregation and beyond it, to begin the work of healing.



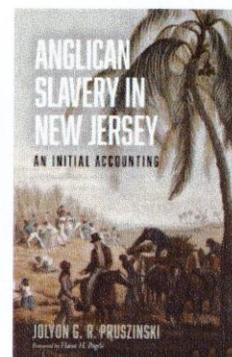
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¹ <https://dionj-racialjusticereview.blogspot.com>

² <https://wipfandstock.com/9798385216062/anglican-slavery-in-new-jersey/>

³ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2221581634889221>



First Sunday in Lent

THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

TODAY (2/22)

9:15 am

10:00 am

After 10am Mass

10:30am-12:30pm

3:00 pm

First Sunday in Lent

Choir warm-up

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

Confirmation Class – GR

Full Gospel Church service - CHP

CAST presents: Keith Spencer in concert – join us! See a member of CAST for tickets, or call the office

Mon. (2/23)

5:30 – 8:00pm

Stretto solo recitals - CATH

Tues. (2/24)

6:30 pm

Major Chapter meeting, via Zoom

Wed. (2/25)

7:00 pm

Bible study, via Zoom: “Prayer of Manasseh”

Thurs. (2/26)

4:15 – 5:30 pm

4:45 pm

5:00 pm

8:00 pm

TASK Meals – SH

Food Pantry bagging

Stations of the Cross - CHP

Rosary Devotions, via Zoom

Sat. (2/28)

9 – 11:00 am

9:00 am – 4:00 pm: Trinity Strings music classes

Food Pantry

Sun. (3/1)

9:15 am

8:30 am

10:00 am

After 10am Mass

3:00 pm

Second Sunday in Lent

Choir warm-up

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

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

Confirmation Class - GR

Diocesan Absalom Jones Service of Witness – CATH/SH