

TRINITY CATHEDRAL
OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY



FEBRUARY 8, 2026 – THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY – YEAR A
10:00 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

CELEBRANT - THE VERY REV. RENÉ JOHN
PREACHER – THE REV. DR. PETER BRIDGE

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KEITH SPENCER

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
\$10 TICKETS FOR STUDENTS**

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 # 381

**Thy Strong Word Did
Cleave the Darkness**

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

People: **And blessed be God's 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.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated

First Reading

Lector: Larry Spears

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (58:1-12)

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down

the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated; sung by the Choir

Psalm 112

Beatus vir

Thomas Attwood



1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the LORD *
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

Remain seated

Second Reading

Lector: Cn. Phil Lewis

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth (2:1-16)

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of

God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal # 419

Lord of All Being, Throned Afar

Remain standing

The Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

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

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

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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

Sermon

**The Rev. Dr. Peter Bridge
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: Gail Lewis

The Lector and People pray responsively

Deacon: Let us pray for all people, for all nations, and for the church, *offering **silent** prayer as we are bidden.*

Lector: I ask your prayers for God's church, for all who serve it, for this assembly, and for all God's people everywhere. Pray for the church. *Silence*

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 of Canterbury, Philip, the Archbishop-Elect of the West Indies, and all Anglican Christians around the world, especially the Church of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops, the Ministry of Acolytes, and the Rev. Charlene Snyder, Dcn. *Silence*

Deacon: We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Brann Wry, D. Michael Mulcahy, Leslye Scipio, Nefetari Blasse, Margareth Joseph, Mark & Anna Snow, Jocelyn Francis-White, Thomas Bestman, Jocelyne Graham and Margot McCormick.** *Silence*

Lector: I ask your prayers for the good earth, that all people may respect its resources, preserve its future, and enjoy its fruits in their season. Pray for the soil and the sea. *Silence*

Lector: I ask your prayers for the leaders of the nations, that they may act deliberately and dispassionately, and for the good of all. Pray for those who govern. *Silence*

Lector: I ask your prayers for peace, that the peoples of the world may live in safety and without fear. Pray for peace. *Silence*

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. *Silence*

Lector: I ask your prayers for the wealthy, the free, and the healthy, that they may use their possessions to aid those in need. Pray for compassion among people. *Silence*

Lector: I ask your prayers for the sick, the sorrowing, and those who are alone. Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

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, Dave Tomarico & family, David Wootson, Tony Wootson, Alice Wootson, Byron Walker, the Good, Gaton, Stephens, Crawford and Schlossberg families, Roy Canty, Kwenci Jones, Marsha Reed, Elvis Whiteman, Margaret Whiteman, Thomas Keith Adams, Sabrina Radix, Chief Petty Officer Andrew Johnson, Steven Erdy, Pat Hawkins, Agnes L., the Norris family and friends, Nancy Guthrie and the Guthrie family.** *Silence*

Lector: I ask your prayers for the faithful departed, that God give them eternal rest. Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

Deacon: We remember those who have died, especially **The Ven. Dr. Arnold Thaddeus Hollis**, the victims of violence in our neighborhoods, and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world. *Silence*

Celebrant: God of all the living, hear the prayers of your faithful people, and grant our requests. Strengthen us for the tasks you give us, and bring us at last to praise you forever with your saints, through Christ our Lord. **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

Walk in the Light

arr. Andre Thomas

The Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal # 543

O Zion, Tune Thy Voice

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: Margaret Nartey

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

The Celebrant proceeds . . .

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because 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

Hymnal # 126

The People Who in Darkness Walked

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 # 497

How Bright Appears the Morning Star

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 2/15 are:

Anna Shields, John Gummere, Cn. Terry Cooper & Howard Ebersole (alternate)

Chalice bearer – Judith Miller

The Ushers/Greeters for Sunday, 2/15 (3rd Sunday) are:

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

2026 Stewardship Update: We have received 70 pledges, totaling \$265,044, representing an average pledge of \$3,786 per family. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
If you would like a pledge card, please see an Usher.

Join us after Mass in Synod Hall for a brief talk with Jolyon G. R. Pruszinski! Jolyon is the reparations commission historian for the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey. He has taught at Dartmouth College, Princeton University, Princeton Theological Seminary, New York University, Episcopal Divinity School, and Seminary of the Southwest. He is the author of *An Ecology of Scriptures* (2021), co-editor of *Jesus Research* (2019) and *Cyprus within the Biblical World* (2021), and editor of the *Diocese of New Jersey Racial Justice Review*.

Celebrating Dean René and Andrea John - On Saturday, February 14th, the Cathedral will host a service of Evensong and Prayers (3:00pm), followed by a reception in celebration of Dean John's ministry, sponsored by the Diocese of New Jersey and open to all members and friends of the Cathedral and the diocese. On Sunday, February 15th, the 10:00am service will be followed by a festive coffee hour and farewell celebration for the Dean and his family. We are grateful for these opportunities to give thanks for Dean René and Andrea John, and for their faithful ministry and witness at Trinity Cathedral and in our diocese. Their last Sunday with us will be February 22nd.

If you would like to bring a dish to share as we celebrate Rene & Andrea on February 15th, you are welcome to contribute! Feel free to bring your favorite (some additional things we can use are iced tea, water, soda and juice, and desserts.) If you would like some help with ideas, please speak with Margaret Nartey.

Please add you name and wishes to the card for René & Andrea – it will be available in Synod Hall after Mass.

Join us on Thursday, February 26 at 5:00 pm for the Stations of the Cross 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!

There will be no 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, February 15th, as we have Dean John's celebration together!

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.

Did you know we have a Grief Support Group that meets at Trinity? The next meeting is Saturday, February 14th from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm in the Guild Room.

The Altar Guild Shop will be open on the 3rd Sunday of the month in February and 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.

Join us on Sunday, February 22 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. **Performances from this series have received rave reviews from audiences of every color and demographic. See the flyer in your bulletin for more details.**

The next Food Pantry distribution date is – Saturday, February 14th (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

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**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. 8th**. 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.

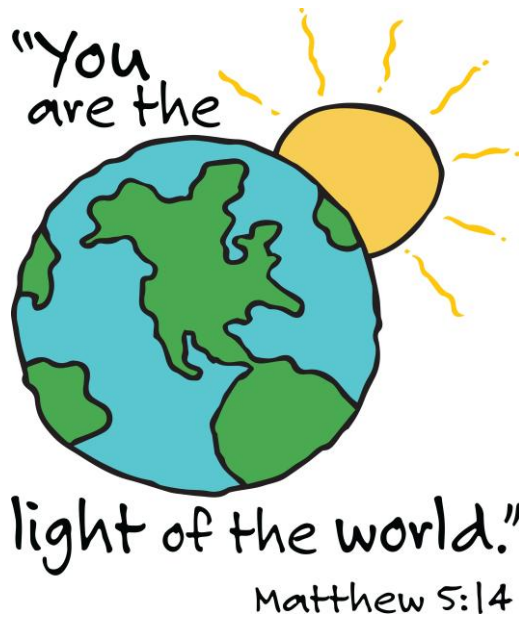
Super Bowl
Donations Wanted!



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

Go team Trinity Cathedral!





THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

TODAY (2/8)

9:15 am

10:00 am

After 10am Mass

11:15 am

10:30a – 12:30p

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Choir warm-up

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

Confirmation class - GR

Choir rehearsal

Full Gospel Community Church service - CHP

Wed. (2/11)

7:00 pm

Pre-K early dismissal

Bible study, via Zoom ("Prayer of Azariah")

Thurs. (2/12)

4:15 – 5:30 pm

4:45 pm

8:00 pm

TASK Meals – SH

Food pantry bagging

Rosary Devotions, via Zoom

Sat. (2/14)

9 – 11:00 am

10am – 12pm

3:00 pm

Food Pantry

Grief Support Group – GR

Evensong & reception celebrating Dean John, sponsored by the Diocese of NJ – join us!

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Dean's Farewell celebration in Synod Hall – join us!

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