

TRINITY CATHEDRAL
OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY



**MARCH 29, 2026 – THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY – YEAR A
10:00 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO**

CELEBRANT & PREACHER - THE REV. SHELTON RADIX

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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 able when indicated and be seated for lessons

All gather in Synod Hall for . . .

The Liturgy of the Palms

The following or some other suitable anthem is sung or said, the people standing . . .

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Deacon: **A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew (21:1-11)**

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who

bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Palms are distributed to all present.

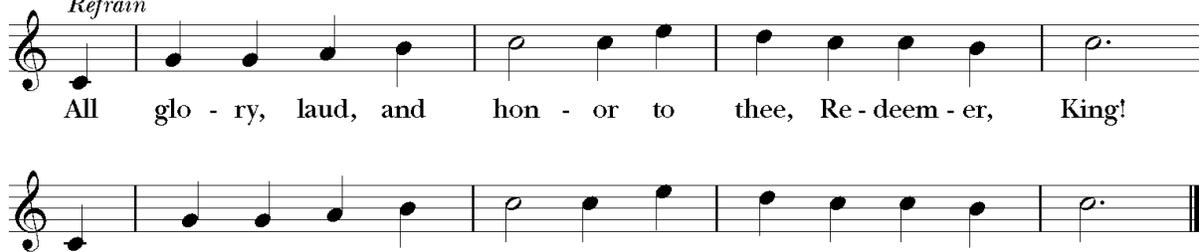
Deacon: Let us go forth in peace.

People: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

All process - Crucifer, Acolytes and Choir – and continue in procession around the Cathedral as we sing.

Processional Hymn Hymnal # 154 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

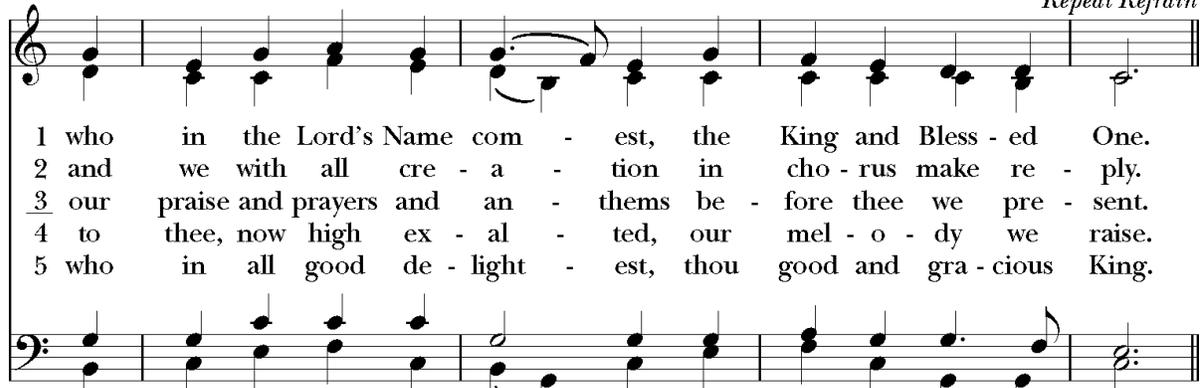


All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated

First Reading

Lector: Susan Remmers

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (50:4-9a)

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated; all sing Refrain together

Psalm 31:9-16

Cantor: Dr. Kerry Heimann

Refrain

Have mer - cy on me, O God.

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

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.

Refrain

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and
even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.

Refrain

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.
But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *
I have said, “You are my God.

Refrain

My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.”

Refrain

Remain seated

Second Reading

Lector: Sherri Anderson

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

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

The Word of the Lord.

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

All stand, as able
Sequence Hymn

Hymnal # 170

To Mock Your Reign

The people are seated for the Gospel until the designated time
Please refer to Passion Reading insert

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (26:14-27:66)

Lectors: Anna Shields, Erica Warner, John Gummere, Virginia Harmer
(Bobbie Powell, alternate)

Sermon

The Rev. Shelton Radix

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.**

The Prayers of the People

Lector: Virginia Harmer

The Lector and People pray responsively

Deacon: On this day the church hears again the passion of our Lord, into which we are baptized. Recreated by the mind of Christ, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, saying: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: For the whole church throughout the world, its bishops, clergy, and all the baptized, 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; Bruce, John, Peter and Noel, priest associates; Terence, our Acting Dean, Shelton, our Guest Clergy, Christopher, our Deacon, along with all other ministers in this congregation, lay and ordained; Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and all Anglican Christians around the world, especially The Anglican Church of Melanesia, 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 those who are preparing for confirmation – Elle Chimere Ahaghotu, Zoe Olanna Ahaghotu, Elizabeth Aleemah Campbell and Gregory Mikel Campbell, Jr. - and for their teachers and sponsors, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For peace among nations and forbearance among all people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: 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 this assembly as we walk the road toward the cross, 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: **Barbara M. Fryar, Venice Wollie, John V. Gibson, Jr., Kelly Passerini, Lowanda Martha Joseph, Kerry Heimann, Sunday Gustin, Abraham Miller, Peter D. Cooper and Elle Ahaghotu;** let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For the weary and the sick, and for those who are consumed with sorrow, 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, the people of Sudan, especially the Darfur region, Andrew McDonald, Darryl Francomacaro, Victoria Jones, Mike Bernardo, Georgianna Aiken, Sabrina Radix, Steven Erdy, Pat Hawkins, Donald Brokate, Dylan Raines, Thomas Keith Adams, Jeffrey Tamn, Barry Foster, Alice Wootson, Tony Wootson, the Francois family, the Sparks family, the Hope and Emerson families, Kelly Osbourne, Aaliyah A. Van Heusen, Fred DeSanto, Yvette Salter, the Edwards, Ziegler, Cannalonga, Lawrence and West families, Gerald Neufeld, John Claude Raines, and Juanita Raines.** Let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: We give thanks for all the departed who had the mind of Christ and were humble servants of God. For ourselves, that we may be obedient even unto death, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: We remember those who have died, especially **Sarah Inniss**, 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.

Deacon: Holy God, open our eyes to a fresh vision for a peaceful world, along with the will to seek alternatives to vengeance and violence. Awaken in us compassion for the victims of war: soldiers of all nations, grieving families, civilians, the wounded creation. Open wide the eyes of world leaders, especially in our own country, to see a path toward peace in the Middle East, and in all those conflicts, too many to name, that tear apart the one human family. Grant us eyes wide open to peace. **Amen.** (*From the Episcopal Peace Fellowship*)

Celebrant: Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Gilbert Martin

The Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir

All stand, as able

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal # 458

My Song Is Love Unknown

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: Judith Miller

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. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. 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 Hymn LEVAS # 31

Lead Me to Calvary

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 # 164 Alone, Thou Goest Forth

Blessing

Deacon: Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant: Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ



March 30/31 - Monday & Tuesday in Holy Week: 7:00 pm

April 1 - Wednesday in Holy Week: The Service of Tenebrae: 7:30 pm

April 2 - Maundy Thursday: 12:00 pm & 7:30 pm *

* Vigil in Cathedral Easter Garden follows, through 10:00 pm; resumes at 6:00 am Friday

April 3 - Vigil in the Garden resumes: 6:00 am; The Liturgy of Good Friday: 12:00 pm

April 4 - Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil: **7:30 pm**

April 5 - Easter Day: Mass of the Resurrection: 10:00 am
Easter egg hunt after Mass!

Lenten Reflection

Water: A Gift from God

In our final Lenten Reflection from Trinity Cathedral's Creation Care team, we are summarizing some of the insights from the previous four Reflections, especially our desire to view water as a holy gift from God to be shared justly and equitably for the sustenance of all life, and not just a "cheap" resource to be exploited.

We hope you have found these reflections helpful and informative. Please don't hesitate to contact a member of our Creation Care team with questions or follow-up.



Spiritual Connection

We started our reflections in early March by considering the many ways that water appears in holy scripture as a symbol of Creation, of judgement, of new beginnings, of cleansing and repentance and of God's life-giving power. Water literally runs through the history of humanity's spiritual journey with God our Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer. We asked, "why then do we exploit, misuse and pollute this God-given gift?"

We reflected on ways to reduce our resistance to change and become more aware of humanity's global need for clean, safe freshwater. We considered "water justice" and how that connects with Jesus' message to help the most vulnerable.

Learning

We learned some surprising (and some disturbing) facts about water resources both in the US and overseas. We found that the greatest consumption of freshwater in the US is for electrical power generation (cooling) and for animal-based agriculture, and that the biggest impact we can make as individuals is through changing our diet. And we learned the sad and disturbing news that, worldwide, a child dies from water-related diseases every 15 seconds due to lack of access to clean, safe water.

Messages of Action and Hope

In our penultimate reflection last week, we shared stories of action and of hope from South Africa and from Tanzania. Stories of serving Christ by serving the most vulnerable. The Cathedral congregation can also take pride in our water well project in Liberia, where in recent years we installed hand-pump water wells in two villages in Grand Bassa County, - a project initiated by the late Sayah Richardson. Many thousands of people have already received access to safe, clean water through these projects and those like them.

Finally, here are just a few "low hanging fruit" ideas we can participate in:

- Sit and pray to discern how God is calling you to respond.
- Use a "water footprint" tool to find motivating ways you can reduce water consumption.
- Try shifting to a more plant-based diet. (It's healthier too!)
- Donate to Episcopal Relief and Development, the Philadelphia-Serengeti Alliance or other reputable organizations involved with providing access to clean, safe water.

<https://support.episcopalrelief.org/>

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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

Lectors/Chalice Bearers for Holy Week:

Monday, 3/30: 7:00 pm - Virginia Harmer, Judith Miller, Erica Warner

Tuesday, 3/31: 7:00 pm - Howard Ebersole, Erica Warner, Judith Miller

Thursday, 4/2: Noon – Virginia Harmer, Howard Ebersole, Ellen Heath (Chalice: Virginia)

Thursday, 4/2: 7:30 pm – Anna Shields, Bobbie Powell, Erica Warner (Chalice: Margaret Nartey)

Friday, 4/3: Noon – Cn. Terry Cooper, Judith Miller

Friday Passion: Erica Warner, Howard Ebersole, Sue Gummere, Ellen Heath, John Gummere,
Bobbie Powell, Virginia Harmer (alternate: Gil Williams)

Holy Saturday, 4/4: 7:30 pm – Virginia Harmer, John Gummere, Sue Gummere, Bobbie Powell,
Howard Ebersole (Chalice: Margaret Nartey) (alternate: Gil Williams)

The Lectors for the 10:00 am Mass on 4/5 are:

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

Chalice bearer – Virginia Harmer

The Ushers/Greeters for Sunday, 4/5 (1st Sunday) are:

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

Please join us after Mass in Synod Hall (to your left off the main hallway) for coffee and brunch treats during hospitality hour. All are welcome for good food and good conversation!

LAST DAY - Don't forget to turn in the names of your departed loved ones to be remembered this Easter. We appreciate any and all contributions toward our Easter flowers, gardens and music in honor of those remembered.

In the main hallway you will see a whiteboard where you can sign up for an hour of prayer for our Maundy Thursday “overnight” vigil in the Cathedral Easter garden, ending at 10:00 pm on Thursday and resuming again at 6:00 am on Good Friday. **There are spots that need to be filled at 9 and 10am on Good Friday**, but you can join us for any of the hours on the board.

LAST WEEK TO CONTRIBUTE - The Cathedral Egg hunt is "a hop-enig" on Easter Sunday, April 5th! We are good for eggs, but need fillers! Donations of small toys, individually-wrapped candy, coins, etc. that will fit inside the eggs would help our event be "egg-stra" special for the children! Also looking for small plush animals in good condition as well. Any questions? Please E-mail Rose Cooper at rcooper609@proton.me.

Starting TODAY we have a fun Cinco de Mayo-themed basket to raffle, with proceeds going to our Fashion Show FUNdraiser! Fiesta-style housewares, snacks, a \$25 dinner gift card and margaritas included! Tickets are \$10 each and the winner will be announced prior to Cinco de Mayo; stay tuned...

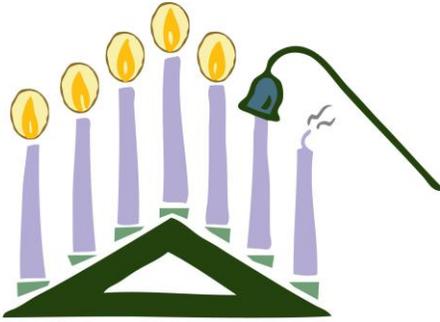
Trinity Cathedral Academy, a free to all Trenton families, fully funded by the State of NJ, pre-school, is looking for a fully certified NJ teacher. Salary is dependent upon credentials and experience in pre-school/elementary school as a teacher or aide. Please contact either Kenyatta Clayborn, Director of the Academy, or Georgia Koenig, chairperson of the Academy Board, to discuss further. If you are this person, or if you know someone who might be interested in the position, here at 801 West State Street in Trenton, please pass this information on to them. Kenyatta can be reached in the school office during school hours, 609-396-1484 or via E-mail at tcapreschoolnj@gmail.com. Georgia can be reached on her cell daytime or evenings, 609-273-3351 or via E-mail at gbkoenig@verizon.net. We are both interested in talking with you!

Spring has Sprung at the Altar Guild Shop! – Are you ready for Easter giving? We have cross necklaces, bracelets, prayer beads and more. Don't forget to check out the Clearance Sale table! Also, children's birthstone jewelry, bracelets, and angels are on sale. Children's puzzles, Easter eggs, books, bears, baptismal bibs, beautiful cards, tees, hats, scarves too! The Shop will be open today after services and April 18th, after the 8:30 am service, and before and after the 10:00am service. If you see something you like before that, contact Lucy Adams at trinitycathedralags@gmail.com or leave a message at Cathedral Office

Join us for our 2026 Fashion Show FUNdraiser! This year our event will be held on Saturday, May 9th - Mother's Day weekend. We will be celebrating our mothers, grandmothers, and all who "mother" us! Tickets are \$30 for adults, and \$12 for children 12 and older (available NOW on Sundays or by calling the office!) All are encouraged to model: please sign up on the clipboard on the table outside Synod Hall. If modeling is not your "style", bring your moms, grandmothers, or the special ladies in your life, to enjoy the show! Add your name to the list for our "80's Ladies Club" for mother-figures who are 80+ (who will receive special recognition.) We'll also produce a "booster booklet" that will feature the names of all donors to the event. Questions? Speak with Margaret Narthey.

The next Food Pantry distribution date is – Saturday, April 11th (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.

**Tenebrae (The Service of Darkness)
at Trinity Cathedral
Wednesday, April 1 at 7:30 pm**



Sometimes, the judicious use of low-tech dramatic elements – turning off lights, a chant, or a slammed door – make a religious service resonate deeply in those in attendance. Such is the case of Tenebrae, an ancient service that captures the despair of the death of Christ in a direct, moving manner.

Also known as the Service of Darkness, the name Tenebrae means darkness or shadows, and has for centuries referred to the early morning offices of Matins and Lauds of the last three days of Holy Week. Carefully woven together, the readings and psalms recreate the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events of the seizure and crucifixion of Christ as foreshadowed in the Old Testament and described in the New Testament. The story, however, is left unfinished and unresolved until Easter.

The service is noted by a gradual extinguishing of candles and other lights in the church until only a single candle, considered a symbol of Christ, remains. Toward the end of the services, this candle is hidden leaving the congregation in total darkness, reflecting the apparent victory of the forces of evil. But just as the weight of darkness and silence engulfs the cathedral, a *strepitus* ("loud noise") breaks the stillness, symbolizing the earthquake at Christ's resurrection, the hidden candle is restored to its place, and by its light all depart in silence.

Trinity Cathedral has conducted the service for more than 20 years under the leadership of Canon Paul Cooper, who has done extensive research on the origins and variations of the service. Paul notes that "Tenebrae is one of the most dramatic services held at the Cathedral. It begins with the congregation ensconced in the Cathedral's chancel with the entire Cathedral bathed in light keeping the darkness at bay. As the service progresses, lights and candles are extinguished so that the chancel appears to be an island surrounded by darkness. The readings themselves underscore the precariousness of our existence. Eventually, more candles are extinguished until only a single candle provides dim solace to the assembled. When the last candle is removed, you really feel alone and abandoned. And then, after a period of uneasy silence, that incredible, deafening noise echoes through the Cathedral. It is definitely frightening and awesome." Paul continues, "Many people who attend Tenebrae tell us that it is one of their favorite services because it helps them mentally prepare for the rest of Holy Week and the Easter celebration."

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SATURDAY, MAY 9TH - 6:00 PM
TICKETS: \$30 (\$12 FOR KIDS 12+)
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Celebrating all the Mothers & Mother Figures in our lives!
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Special recognition of the "80+ Club"!
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Financial contributions welcomed: all donors to this FUNdraiser
will be listed in our "Booster Booklet"!

See Margaret Nartey or Cynthia Coleman for tickets, or
call the cathedral office: (609) 392-3805 ext.100



Trinity Episcopal Cathedral



Coming Soon! SPRING – SUMMER FREE CLOTHING CLOSET



Warm weather will be here before we know it!
We need new or gently used clothing.
Socks, shoes, jackets, etc.
New sheets & blankets too!
We'll start taking items in April.

12 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
If you can assist in setting up and/or helping
on April 24th or April 25th,
contact Lucy Adams or the Cathedral Office.



WISH LIST



We are working on expanding the Cathedral's Baby Care Pantry Ministry. Many baby products are not covered by any assistance programs. We can help the new parents in our community with these items.

Each visit is also given a book to encourage reading along with parent/child bonding.

Diapers & Pull-ups

Baby Wipes

NEW Car Seats

**NEW Car Booster
Seats**

Baby Clothes (Newborn to Toddler)

Baby Bath Wash & Shampoos

House Safety Items; cabinet locks, etc.

Crib Sheets & Blankets

Monetary Donations



**For More Information contact Lucy Adams
or the Cathedral Office.**

THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

TODAY (3/29)

9:15 am
10:00 am

10:30a – 12:30p
11:15 am

**Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday ~
Altar Guild Shop open**
Choir warm-up
Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral
(+ livestreamed, when available)
Full Gospel Church service – CHP
Choir rehearsal



Mon. (3/30)

7:00 pm

**Mass for Monday in Holy Week -
CATH**

Tues. (3/31)

7:00 pm

Mass for Tuesday in Holy Week - CATH

Wed. (4/1)

6:30 pm

Choir warm-up

7:30 pm

The Service of Tenebrae - CATH

Thurs. (4/2)

12:00 pm

Maundy Thursday Mass - CHP

4:15 – 5:30 pm

TASK Meals – SH

6:30 pm

Choir warm-up

7:30 pm

Maundy Thursday Mass - CATH

“Overnight” vigil in the Cathedral Easter Garden, ends at 10pm

Fri. (4/3)

11:00 am

All offices closed

Choir warm-up

6:00 am

“Overnight” Vigil in the Easter Garden resumes

12:00 pm

The Liturgy of Good Friday - CATH

Sat. (4/4)

6:30 pm

Choir warm-up

7:30 pm

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil - CATH

Sun. (4/5)

9:15 am

Easter Day

Choir warm-up

10:00 am

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

Easter egg hunt on the front lawn after Mass, weather-permitting

10:30a – 12:30p

Full Gospel Church service – CHP