

TRINITY CATHEDRAL
OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY



OCTOBER 4, 2026 – NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – YEAR A
THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
10:30 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

CELEBRANT - THE REVEREND JULIA McKEON
PREACHER – THE REVEREND CHRISTOPHER COX

Our Vision:

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

Our Mission:

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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. 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

Remain standing

Processional Hymn

Hymnal # 405

All Things Bright and Beautiful

The Blessing of the Animals

Dean: Bless the Lord, all you his creatures.

People: **And forget not all his benefits.**

Dean: Let the earth glorify the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him forever.

People: **Glorify the Lord, O Creatures of the wild, and all you his flocks and herds. O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, Praise and highly exalt him forever.**

For all your creatures that breathe and move and have life.

That we may love and honor the works of your hand.

That we may treasure and care for our pets.

For the love and loyalty our pets show us.

That in loving and honoring your creations we may love you.

That you will keep them and us in your protecting care.

We thank you, Lord.

We pray to you, Lord.

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Dean: O Lord, who has looked upon all of his creation and declared that it was good, we thank you for the animals with whom we share this earth, and particularly for those which you have given into our care. We pray that you will guard them and tend to their necessities, relieve their suffering, protect them from exploitation, and let each of us see in them the beauty and the glory of your creative hand. As you raised your servant Francis to declare the oneness of all your work, give us gentle spirits, and help us to be instruments of your loving providence, that we may abound in your glory. **Amen.**

All animals are invited to the front of the church for a personal blessing.

Prayer in Memory of Pets We Have Lost

Dean: Dear God, we give thanks to you for the lives of those pets who have died and the love and companionship we shared. We will miss them, but in the midst of our sorrow we recognize the blessings they brought to us. Just as you are aware of every sparrow that falls, be with them even now. *(Please name your pets silently or aloud.)* In the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, who died for us. Lord, in your mercy . . . **Hear our prayer.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated

First Reading

Lector: Howard Ebersole

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (5:1-7)

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

The Word of the Lord.

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

Remain seated; sung by the choir

Psalm 80:7-14

Qui regis Israel

Jonathan Battishill



7 Restore us, O¹ God of¹ hosts; *

show the light of your¹ countenance, and¹ we shall be¹ saved.

- 8 You have brought a ¹vine out of ¹Egypt; *
you cast ¹out the ¹nations and ¹planted it.
- 9 You pre¹pared the ¹ground for it; *
it took ¹root and ¹filled the ¹land.
- 10 The mountains were ¹covered by its ¹shadow *
and the towering ¹cedar trees ¹by its ¹boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its ¹tendrils to the ¹Sea *
and its ¹branches ¹to the ¹River.
- 12 Why have you broken ¹down its ¹wall, *
so that all who pass ¹by pluck ¹off its ¹grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the ¹forest has ¹ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the ¹field have ¹grazed up ¹on it.
- †14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and ¹tend this ¹vine; *
preserve what ¹your right ¹hand has ¹planted.

Remain seated

Second Reading

Lector: Anna Shields

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi (3:4b-14)

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal # 483

**The Head that Once was Crowned
with Thorns**

Remain standing

The Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

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

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

**The Reverend Christopher Cox
Deacon**

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.

Prayers of the People Honoring God in Creation

The Lector and People pray responsively

Lector: John Gummere

Deacon: Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying, “Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.”

Lector: For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:

People: **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Lector: For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure, we pray:

***People:* Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Lector: For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray:

***People:* Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Lector: For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray:

***People:* Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Lector: For the creatures of the earth who do us harm and those whose place in your creation we do not understand or welcome, that we may see them as beloved creatures of God, we pray:

***People:* Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Lector: For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures, that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray:

***People:* Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Lector: For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber-harvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, we pray:

***People:* Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Lector: For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need, and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:

***People:* Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Lector: For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray:

***People:* Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Lector: For the creatures and the people of the earth whose lives and deaths have contributed to the fruitful abundance of this planet we pray:

People: **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Celebrant: Gracious God: Grant that your people may have in them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and guide us into harmony of relationship through loving-kindness and the wise use of all that you have given; for you are drawing all things into communion with you and with each other by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

From “Reports to the 78th General Convention, Supplemental Materials, Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, Liturgical Materials for Honoring God in Creation”

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People:

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

Holy Communion

Please remain seated while Ushers collect the offertory

Offertory Anthem

Christ is Our Cornerstone

Craig Courtney

The Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal # 518

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

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.

All stand, as able

The Great Thanksgiving:

Eucharistic Prayer A

Chalice bearers: Cn. Phil Lewis

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; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 receive Communion. Please follow the directions of the Clergy and Ushers. You may either stand or kneel when receiving communion. Children may receive the Bread and Wine according to the discretion of the parents. Cross your arms over your breast to receive a blessing if you do not wish to receive either Bread or Wine. If you wish to receive by intinction, leave the host (bread) on your palm. Because communion is complete in either form, reception of either bread or wine alone constitutes a full communion. If you need to receive Holy Communion in your pew, please notify one of the ushers.

Communion Hymn

LEVAS # 165

I Am Pressing on the Upward Way

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.**

Blessing

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn

Hymnal # 495

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!

Postlude

Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

We remember God's holy catholic church, including Sean, our Presiding Bishop and Primate; Sally, our Bishop; Terence, Acting Dean of this Cathedral; Noel, Peter, John, and Bruce, priest associates; Christopher and Kimme, our Deacons, along with all other ministers in this congregation, lay and ordained; Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and all Anglican Christians around the world, especially Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops, St. Francis' Church in Dunellen, and the Members and Ministry of the Animal Welfare Team.

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, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Iran, Haiti, and Sudan, the Anderson-Hedrick families, Esmine Kerr, Diana, Denny Dutcavage, Mark Miller, Tene Law, Gladys Knight, Juanita Raines, Tori Lee, the Henderson, Press, Pickens and Alson families, Bob H., Helene R., Annmarie Paisley, Lucy Adams, Nema, Carolyn Burke, Ralph Burke, and Dr. Yan Trokel.**

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

We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Howard C. Ebersole, Kyle Taylor, Michele Koenig, Tristan Ganges, Chris and Hilary Cox, The Very Rev. Terence Alexander Lee, Trisha Cooper, Paul Ogbonna, Euphenia Tejada, The Very Rev. Terence Alexander Lee & The Rev. Dr. Violet Lee.**

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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.

**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.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lectors for the 10:30 am Mass on 10/11 are:

Bobbie Powell, Brenda Whiteman, J. Gil Williams

Chalice Bearers: Virginia Harmer, Bobbie Powell

The Ushers/Greeters are:

Edward Greenfield (Greeter/Usher) & Margaret Nartey (alternate)

The Acolytes are:

Cyrus Ketter, Prince Dennis, Thomas Moore

We are back to our regular hospitality hour – If you would like to sign up to bring an item to share, please take a look at the list posted on the bulletin board across from Synod Hall. You don't need to bring something every week, even once per month would be welcomed. You can also sign up to help with set-up & clean-up. Each week, we will print a reminder list the same way we do with our altar servers.

We still need "hospitality bringers" for October 11, 2026.

LAST CHANCE to support the golf outing! – The Bishop George E. Councell Memorial Golf Outing is on Monday, October 12, 2026. We still need raffle and auction prizes, and you can also join us for fellowship and food at our dinner reception (featuring live entertainment this year!) Of course, donations of any amount are gratefully accepted! Our goal this year is \$75,000 and we have almost reached \$60,000 – can you help push our efforts over the finish line? **Please see Willie Coleman TODAY if you would like to be seated at dinner with other members of the Cathedral, and call the office on Monday if you would like to make a donation of funds or prizes.**

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

One of our neighbors that has mobility issues needs a ride to church. She lives at the Luther Towers on West State Street, so close to the Cathedral. If you think you can help out (it doesn't need to be every week) please call Patrice in the office.

Did you know that we host weekly Rosary Devotions? Our group meets via Zoom on Thursdays at 8:00 pm. You can also join via phone if you do not use Zoom. If you would like more information, and to receive a printed devotional to follow along, please speak with Cn. Paul Cooper or Erica Warner.

To help make everyone feel welcome at the Cathedral, we ask that everyone wear their nametags for worship and events at the Cathedral. Look for your nametag near the parking lot entrance. If there is not one with your name on it yet, please use a temporary nametag and sign up on the sheet provided; one will be made for you the following week.

The next Food Pantry distribution date is – Saturday, October 10th (2nd & 4th Saturdays this month) from 9-11:00 am. Each Thursday, we distribute hot dinners “to go” from 4:15–5:30pm at the Overbrook Avenue entrance as a satellite location for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen.

Vestry member Althia Muse and her family are once again participating in the “Paddle for Promise” event to benefit Urban Promise. Please consider donating using the QR code or web address below, or speak with Althia about how you can contribute!

Paddle for Promise 2026

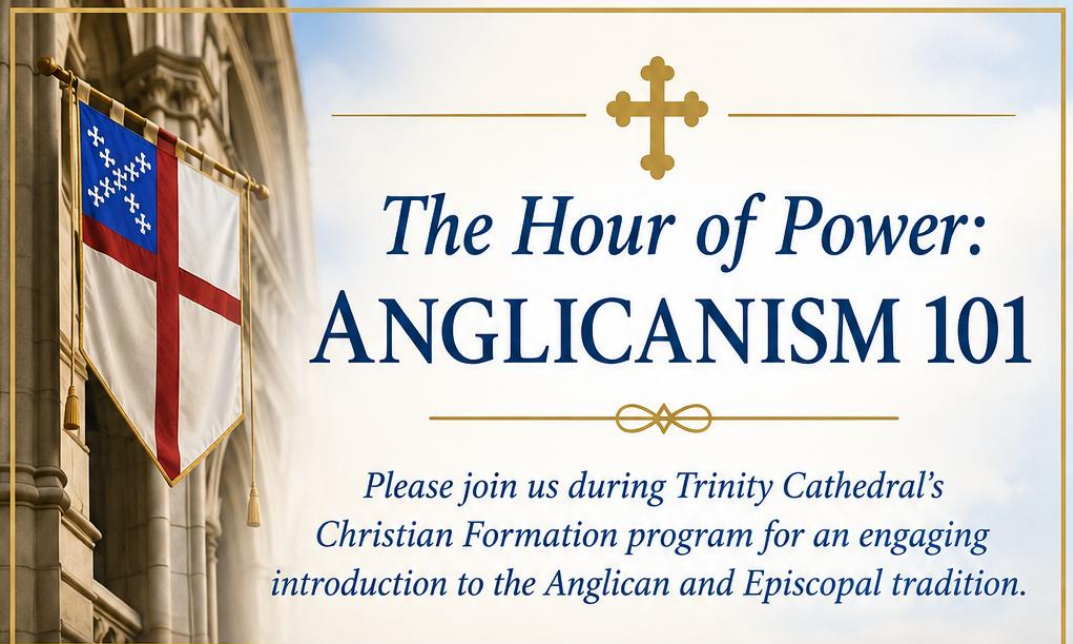


Donate to the Muse Family's 2026 Paddle for Promise Fundraising Campaign



Paddle for Promise is a fundraising paddle on the Delaware River where teams travel by voyageur canoe around Petty's Island to support youth outdoor programming. Funds raised directly support TrentonTrekks by providing equipment, transportation, and expanded outdoor opportunities for Trenton students.

<https://urbanpromisetrenton.app.neoncrm.com/fundraiser/p4p26-muse>



The Hour of Power:
ANGLICANISM 101

*Please join us during Trinity Cathedral's
Christian Formation program for an engaging
introduction to the Anglican and Episcopal tradition.*

This survey course explores what it means to be Anglican/Episcopalian. Participants will deepen their understanding of Episcopal identity while becoming familiar with the history, beliefs, and practices that shape our tradition.

 What to Expect	 Who Should Attend
• Group discussion • Selected readings • Videos • Guided experiences	The course is open to anyone interested in learning more about the Anglican/Episcopal tradition. It is also designed to help prepare participants for confirmation.

Come and See!

Classes every Sunday ~
9:15 AM in Synod Hall

Everyday climate action, made easy

Most people, like you, are concerned about climate change and want to help, but it can feel overwhelming and hard to know where to start. The good news is, little things can have a big impact.

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3. Food choices
4. What we throw away
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Sustain Island Home is a program created for the Episcopal Church to help us start taking steps to live a more climate-friendly lifestyle and see the impact for your home and your congregation. Together we can change climate change.

Through Sustain Island, your Church members can:

- **Learn** about climate solutions with easy-to-follow content and videos. Topics include Energy, Transportation, Food, Waste and Community Action.
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- **Follow your progress** and see your impact on carbon saving and dollars saved in your pocketbook.
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- **Connect** with congregation members to create a supportive community to share tips and stories and celebrate success.

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Contact Dcn. Christopher Cox at ChristopherECox@aol.com for more information

**Presentation at Trinity Cathedral
Sunday Morning October 4, 2026**



**Protect all that we love
in this Season of Creation**

**The Episcopal Church's
Sustain Island Home**
(<https://sustainislandhome.org/>)

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The 2008 Ecumenical Pilgrimage

ECUMENICAL PILGRIMAGE

to the

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

Doylestown, PA

by Members and Friends of the *Society of Mary*
in New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

- 10:00 a.m. or earlier (45 min. car trip from Trinity Cathedral) Leave church parking lots
- 11:00 a.m. Arrival at the Shrine and first devotional visit
- 11:30 Mass in the Shrine Church followed by Rosary Devotions
- 12:30 p.m. Bag lunch (your own) in the cafeteria
- 1:30 p.m. Closing Prayers in the Barn Chapel or Main Shrine Church

For the 30 years through 2010, members and friends of the *Society of Mary* made an annual ecumenical pilgrimage to the American Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa (pronounced "Chen'-sta-ho'-va") at Doylestown, Pennsylvania. We participated in other Marian ecumenical events in recent years and having been hindered by the pandemic after that, we revived the pilgrimage in 2016 and 2017 and again in 2021 and 2022. So, this will be our 35th pilgrimage. This event began in 1981 with the Society's ward at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Trenton, NJ, and was joined in later years by members Episcopal churches in Bucks County, PA; such as St. Luke's, Newtown; Incarnation, Yardley; and St. Philip's, New Hope; as well as members of Christ the King Orthodox Church, Tullytown; and some of our Catholic friends.

Most of us know about the original 642-year-old shrine at Jasna Gora ("Bright Mountain") in Poland. Millions of people visit these shrines each year to pay their respects to Blessed Mary and to worship her Divine Son with special devotion. A pilgrimage is an enjoyable holy outing, and, in this case as well as many others, Mary affords us a happy opportunity to come together with our friends in Jesus.

Directions by car: *From New Jersey: Coming via Trenton and along the Delaware River:* The shrine is located 30 miles from Trenton: Take NJ Route 29 north for 15 miles to Lambertville. Continue on Route 29 until you reach U.S. Route 202 just north of Lambertville; then go across the river to Pennsylvania and toward Doylestown via Route 202. After approximately 10 miles; turn right on PA Route 313 and go 3 miles to the traffic light at Ferry Road; turn left there and go 2 more miles to the shrine.

From Pennsylvania: Coming from the Philadelphia area along on Interstate Route I-95: One of the ways, (but not the shortest,) is to take Route I-95 north and across the Scudders Falls Bridge into New Jersey. Immediately after crossing this bridge, (which is 30 miles from central Philadelphia,) take the exit to NJ Route 29 north to Lambertville. From this point, it is 10 miles to Lambertville. Continue by following the directions above from Lambertville to the shrine.



STREET TRASH CLEANUP DAY

Help clean up our neighborhood—one block at a time!

Sunday October 11th • 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
RIVERSIDE AVENUE AREA

Join us for a community street trash collection event. Volunteers will spread out along nearby streets, sidewalks, and green spaces to collect litter and make our area cleaner, safer, and more welcoming.

Date	October 11 th , 2026
Time	12:30 pm start
Meet-Up Spot	Trinity Cathedral Overbrook entrance
Contact	Dcn. Christopher Cox 609-902-0427

What to Bring

- Reusable water bottle
- Comfortable shoes and weather-appropriate clothing
- Work gloves, if you have them
- A friend, family member, or neighbor

We'll Provide

- Trash bags
- Collection routes or cleanup zones
- Safety reminders and disposal guidance

Safety First

- Please do not pick up sharp objects, needles, chemicals, or hazardous materials. Report unsafe items to the event organizer

Sponsored by Trinity Cathedral's Creation Care Team

Trinity Cathedral African Festival 19th Annual Dinner & Gala Night



**Saturday, October 24, 2026
7:00 - 11:00 pm**

Adults: \$25

Children 12-18: \$10

Food & soft drinks included in ticket price

Enjoy African culture, music, food & fashion

**Trinity Cathedral
801 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08618
www.TrinityCathedralNJ.org**

Contact for tickets:

Gaw Jones: (609) 505-6424

Cathedral Office: (609) 392-3805 X100



Let's Help Our Brothers & Sisters

WARM UP!

Items Needed!

Bring your donations by Nov. 1st

Do you have any coats, sweaters, pants or hoodies that are just sitting in your closet waiting to warm up someone?

We are collecting **new** and **gently** worn **clean** coats, sweaters and hoodies. Adult, teen and children's sizes.

New sock donations welcomed too!

For more information call the Cathedral office and leave a message for Lucy



Thank You in advance for your donation of warmth!

Distribution Day = November 7th * 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Have a person on your holiday list who has everything?

Gift idea: Purchase a new item or two from the list above & give it in that person's name. In a note or card write: A gift of warmth has been given in your honor. A coat, socks, etc. has been donated the Trinity Cathedral Warm-up Project.



THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

<u>TODAY (10/4)</u>	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 22
8:00 am	Rite I Eucharist in All Saints Chapel (in-person only)
9:15 am	<u>Christian Formation class: Anglicanism 101 – SH – join us!</u>
9:30 am	Choir warm-up
10:30 am	Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)
	Blessing of the Animals for the Feast of St. Francis
	Hospitality Hour immediately following – SH
10:30a – 12:30p	All Saints Chapel in use
11:45 am	Choir rehearsal
 <u>Mon. (10/5)</u>	
6:30 pm	Golf Outing planning meeting, via Zoom
 <u>Tues. (10/6)</u>	
12:30 pm	Landscape Committee meeting – SH
 <u>Wed. (10/7)</u>	
	12:15 pm - Mid-week Eucharist – CHP
	(Note that we are moving the service to 12:15 pm for ease of scheduling)
 <u>Thurs. (10/8)</u>	
3:45 – 5:00 pm	TASK Meals – SH
6:00 pm	ECS-NJ Gala
8:00 pm	Rosary Devotions, via Zoom
 <u>Sun. (10/11)</u>	
	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 23
8:00 am	Rite I Eucharist in All Saints Chapel (in-person only)
9:15 am	<u>Christian Formation class: Anglicanism 101 – SH – join us!</u>
9:30 am	Choir warm-up
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**In the case of a pastoral emergency,
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and Acting Dean Lee can be reached at: (505) 340-5422**