

# Trinity Episcopal Church

*Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey*



*“The Transfiguration of Jesus” Anonymous, 1497*

## *Transfiguration Sunday*

Rite I Holy Eucharist

February 15, 2026 at 8 AM

*The Reverend Andrew David Kruger, Rector & Presider*

*Anthony Joel Rafaniello, Director of Music*

*Casey Woodruff, Senior Warden & Kathleen M. Murray, Junior Warden*

*The Sanctuary Candles and Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God*

*And in loving memory of Emily Sorvillo Vitale*

## Welcome

Andrew Kruger

*The bell is rung and the People stand.*

## Acclamation

BCP 323

*Presider* Alleluia. Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen, Alleluia.**

## Collect for Purity

BCP 323

*Presider* Let us pray.

*People* **Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love thee,  
and worthily magnify thy holy Name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Great Commandment

BCP 324

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

## Kyrie

BCP 324

*Presider* Kyrie eleison.

*People* **Christe eleison.**

*Presider* Kyrie eleison.

Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

**Collect of the Day**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son  
didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount:  
Grant unto us that we,  
 beholding by faith the light of his countenance,  
may be strengthened to bear our cross,  
and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*The People sit.*

## First Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 2

*Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

BCP 586

1. Why are the nations in an uproar? \*  
**Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?**
2. Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,  
and the princes plot together, \*  
**against the LORD and against his Anointed?**
3. “Let us break their yoke,” they say; \*  
**“let us cast off their bonds from us.”**
4. He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; \*  
**the Lord has them in derision.**
5. Then he speaks to them in his wrath, \*  
**and his rage fills them with terror.**
6. “I myself have set my king \*  
**upon my holy hill of Zion.”**

7. Let me announce the decree of the LORD: \*  
**he said to me, “You are my Son;  
this day have I begotten you.**
8. Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance \*  
**and the ends of the earth for your possession.**
9. You shall crush them with an iron rod \*  
**and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”**
10. And now, you kings, be wise; \*  
**be warned, you rulers of the earth.**
11. Submit to the LORD with fear, \*  
**and with trembling bow before him;**
12. Lest he be angry and you perish; \*  
**for his wrath is quickly kindled.**
13. Happy are they all \*  
**who take refuge in him!**

## Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

*Reader* A reading from Peter's second letter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The People stand.*

## Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

*Presider*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.  
*People*        **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Six days after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

*Presider*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## Homily

Andrew Kruger

## Nicene Creed

BCP 326

*The People stand.*

**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**

BCP 328

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Sally our Bishop, and Andrew our Rector, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Donald, our President, Rebecca Michelle (Mikie), our governor, and Kathleen, the mayor of this town, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear *[especially...]*, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

BCP 331

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*The People kneel.*

**Most merciful God,**  
**we confess that we have sinned against thee**  
**in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,**  
**and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved thee with our whole heart;**  
**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**  
**For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,**  
**have mercy on us and forgive us;**  
**that we may delight in thy will,**

**and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name.  
Amen.**

## **Absolution**

BCP 332

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Comfortable Words**

BCP 332

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

## **Peace**

BCP 332

*The People stand.*

*Presider*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*        **And with thy spirit.**

## **Offertory Sentence**

BCP 344

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*



*The Ushers pass the collection plates among the People.  
Alternatively, you may give to Trinity online:  
scan the QR code and go directly to our Breeze link.*

## The Presentation of Gifts

1 Chronicles 29:14b

*Presider* All things come of thee, O Lord:  
*People* **And of thine own have we given thee.**

## Eucharistic Prayer II

BCP 340

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption.

He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

## Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

## Breaking the Bread

BCP 337

*The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is observed, then the Presider says*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## Prayer of Humble Access

BCP 337

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table,  
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in thy manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs  
    under thy Table.  
But thou art the same Lord whose property  
    is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him,  
and he in us. Amen.**

## Invitation

BCP 338

*Presider*      The Gifts of God:  
*People*      **For the People of God.**

## Holy Communion

*The ushers guide the people to receive Holy Communion. All who hunger for God, including children, are cordially invited to share the Gifts of God offered at this table. Whoever you are, wherever you are in your life's journey, you are welcome here.*

*All persons may, but no person must, receive communion in both kinds to receive the full spiritual benefits of communion. Wine is offered by way of a sip from the common cup. You may choose to receive only the host.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available by simple request to the priest.*

## Post Communion Prayer

BCP 384

*Presider*      Let us pray.  
  
*People*      **O Lord Jesus Christ, who in a wonderful Sacrament  
hast left unto us a memorial of thy passion:  
Grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries  
of thy Body and Blood,  
that we may ever perceive within ourselves  
the fruit of thy redemption;  
who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Blessing

BCP 339

*The Presider pronounces the blessing*

And now may the peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The ministers recess.*

*Presider* Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



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### **For Friends, Visitors and Newcomers**

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church in Cranford, New Jersey. Thank you for joining us in worship. The bulletin is designed to make you feel at home; and includes everything you need for the service (liturgy, hymns, rubrics, etc.). Please connect with us; introduce yourself to the ushers so they can make you feel more comfortable. Father Andy is in the narthex (entrance) at the end of the service; it is an opportunity to connect on a more personal level. All are invited to Fellowship Hour in Sherlock Hall, immediately after the service. Every Thursday by 2 PM, an email blast is sent with hyperlinks to sign-up sheets, methods to contribute to the parish or other charitable organizations, ways to contact individuals or receive information on events, etc. Please contact the parish office to receive it or alternative methods of communication.

### **What you need to know today...**

**Intergenerational Service** On the third Sunday of the month Trinity holds an intergenerational service at the 10 AM Eucharist. In place of going to Sunday school during the service, our younger baptized members have the opportunity to exercise their gifts alongside those who have been baptized for many years.

**Annual Mardi Gras Celebration** Today after both services; at the 10 AM service, it will be replete with feasting, 50/50 raffle, baskets of the "7 deadly sins" and fun. Thank you to Justin Bain and John Beier for offering to be the parish chefs.

**Trinity Episcopal Senior Youth (TESY)** Today from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM in Witherington Hall. All confirmed youth, ages 13-18, are welcome.

**Seamen's Church Institute** Today through March 1, Outreach is collecting for SCI's annual "Christmas at Sea" program. Check this week's email blast for items needed which can be placed in the box for Seamen's in the conference room. Thank you.

**Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle** There are no altar flowers during Lent; however, the sanctuary candle is available for personal attribution, to remember loved ones, to honor others, to celebrate lives. The deadline is 4 PM Wednesday each week; multiple attributions are allowed.

### **What you need to know this week...**

**Parish Office Hours** Office Manager Marion Nechuta is available Tuesday through Thursday from 12:30 to 3:30 PM. Please call before arriving; at other times she may still be contacted via parish email.

**Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer** Monday to Friday at 8:30 AM and 5 PM, respectively, online.

**Handbells and Choir Rehearsals** Ash Wednesday, February 18; no rehearsal for Handbells (normally 7 to 7:50 PM) due to the worship service) and Adult Choir (normally 8-9 PM) will rehearse before the 7:30 PM service.

**Ash Wednesday** February 18, there will be a 7 AM and 12 noon Rite I Service, and a 7:30 PM Rite II Service with choir.

**Fellowship Luncheon** Thursday, February 19 from 12:30 PM to 2 PM in Witherington Hall. Ray Lord will speak of the Prison Ministry, of which he and his wife Estelle are very involved. Meal is stuffed peppers with sides and desserts. Call Susan Olszewski (908-757-9561) or Susan Nelson (908-397-3944) for more information.

**Compline** This Thursday at 8 PM online.

### **What you need to know in the future...**

**Sandwich Sunday** Sunday, February 22; contact Marion Nechuta ([marionnechuta@yahoo.com](mailto:marionnechuta@yahoo.com) or 908-451-4498) or Helen Shteynberg for information. There are several ways to participate in this ministry (links to sign up are in the email blast):

- Sign up to supply items needed for the bags and the sandwiches
- Saturday, February 21 from 10 AM to 11 AM - assemble food bags in Sherlock Hall
- Sunday, February 22 after Fellowship Hour - transport sandwiches & food packets to St John's and help serve food

**Trinity Episcopal Senior Youth (TESY)** Saturday, March 14 from 10 AM to 12 Noon. TESY is hosting a cleanup of the Sherlock Hall loft; pizza and refreshments will be provided. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. To sign up, email Katie Annarelli ([kathleen.m.annarelli@outlook.com](mailto:kathleen.m.annarelli@outlook.com)).

## 2026 Lenten Course: The Eight Passions of the Soul

This Lent and Holy Week, the congregation will explore the 8 passions of the soul as they were taught by St John Cassian, who died around 435 AD. He was a disciple of St. John Chrysostom and in his writing and teaching he shared much of the spiritual wisdom of the Christian East with his Western brothers and sisters. The focus is on his treatise to Bishop Kastor, titled 'On the Eight Vices' taken from *The Institutes, Books V-XII*. Cassian's writing teaches us how to develop our self-knowledge and awareness, so that we can relate to the world without selfish illusions.

The course begins on Thursday, February 26 at 7:30 PM and continues every Thursday in Lent and includes services on the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week; 8 sessions in all. Each session (listed below) will begin in the church with evensong and conclude in Witherington Hall with a simple soup supper and an opportunity for further discussion. An excellent book to read in conjunction with taking the course is Rowan William's "Passions of the Soul."



NB: Please sign up to volunteer to read at evensong; assist with setup and takedown; offer to make soup; and indicate the intention to attend so that it can be catered appropriately. The link is on the weekly email blast or you may use the QR code (left). Here are the session dates and themes:

- Thursday, February 26: Gluttony
- Thursday, March 5: Unchastity
- Thursday, March 12: Avarice
- Thursday, March 19: Anger
- Thursday, March 26: Dejection
- Monday, March 30: Listlessness
- Tuesday, March 31: Self-esteem
- Wednesday, April 1: Pride



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