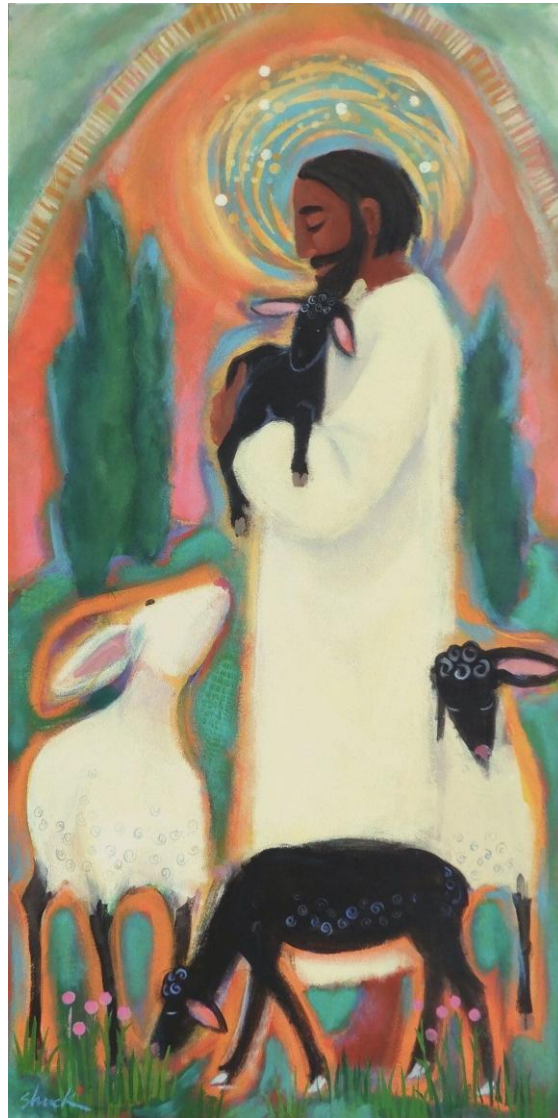


Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



"The Good Shepherd" – Vicki Shuck

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist - Rite II - April 26, 2026 at 10 AM



The Reverend Andrew David Kruger - Rector & Presider

Casey Woodruff - Senior Warden & Preacher

Anthony J. Rafaniello - Director of Music & Organist

Kathleen M. Murray - Junior Warden

*The Sanctuary Candle and Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in celebration of the 22nd wedding anniversary of Stephanie & James Willix*

Prelude

At the end of the prelude, the bells are rung and the People stand.

I. Gathering of God's People

Gathering Hymn

Sine nomine

Wonder, Love & Praise 775

1. Give thanks for life, the meas - ure of our days,
2. Give thanks for those who made their life a light
3. And for our own, our liv - ing and our dead,
4. Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain

mor - tal, we pass through beau - ty that de - cays, yet
caught from the Christ flame burst - ing through the night, who
thanks for the love by which our life is fed, a
ly - ing in dark - ness does its life re - tain, in

sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,
touched the truth, who burned for what is right, } Al -
love not changed by time or death or dread,
res - ur - rec - tion to grow green a - gain. }

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Easter Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer 355

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Collect for Purity

Book of Common Prayer 355

Presider Let us pray.

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

Gloria

William Mathias

Hymnal S 278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -

might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

BCP 225

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit. Children PreK-3 through Grade 4, gather in the crossing for the blessing.

Blessing of the Sunday School Children and Teachers

Andrew Kruger

Presider May God bless those who teach and those who learn,

✠ in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

II. Proclaiming and Receiving the Word of God

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

Dominus, regit me

Plainsong Psalter

All sing the Antiphon and Psalm.



Though I walk through the val - ley of the sha - dow of death, I shall fear no e - vil; for you are with me.



TONE VIII.1

- 1 *The LORD* is my shépherd; *
I / shall not bé in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pástures *
and leads me be/side still wáters.
- 3 He revives my sóul *
and guides me along right pathways / for his Náme's sake.
- 4a Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of déath,
I shall / fear no évil; *
- 4b for you are wíth me;
your rod and your / staff, they cómfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who tróuble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is / running óver.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of mý life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the / LORD for éver. [Ant.]

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

Reader A reading from the first letter of Peter.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand and sing.

Paschal Troparion

Christos Anesti

Greek Orthodox

Chri - stos a - ne - sti ek ne - kron, tha - na - to
tha - na - ton pa - ti - sas ke tis
en tis mni - ma - si, zo - in cha - ri sa - me - nos.
Christ is ris - en from the dead, by death
tram - pling down up - on death and to
those in the tombs he has grant - ed life.

Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

Presider ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

III. Responding to the Proclaimed Word

Homily

Casey Woodruff

Nicene Creed

EOW1 53

Silence is observed and then 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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, *
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

CW alt.

The Presider says

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

The Intercessor continues

That our risen Savior will fill us with the joy of the glorious and life-giving resurrection.

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter.

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

That God will grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love.

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

That those who lack food, work or shelter will be sustained and fulfilled.

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

That, by Christ's power, war and famine will cease through all the world.

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

That the light of Christ's presence will be revealed to the sick, the weak and the dying.

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

That all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day.

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

That the fire of the Holy Spirit will ignite us to bear faithful witness to the resurrection.

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

The Presider prays

Good Shepherd, you are the gate that secures the sheepfold: grant that all who hear your voice may know you who calls us each by name, and follow where you lead; for you live and reign in the Unity of the Blessed Trinity, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

Announcements

Andrew Kruger

IV. Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Offertory Sentence

1 Chronicles 29:11

The Presider says

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offering of bread and wine to the Holy Table.



*The Ushers pass the collection plates among the people.
Another option is to give to Trinity online –
scan the QR code and go directly to our Breeze link.*

Offertory Anthem

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”
 Traditional, arr. by Virgil Thomson ~ Text by Isaac Watts

My Shepherd will supply my need,
 Jehovah is his Name.
 In pastures fresh he makes me feed
 Beside the living stream.
 He brings my wand’ring spirit back
 When I forsake his ways,
 And leads me for his mercy’s sake,
 In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk thru the shades of death,
 Thy presence is my stay.
 One word of thy supporting breath
 Drives all my fears away.
 Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
 Doth still my table spread.
 My cup with blessings overflows,
 Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God
 Attend me all my days,
 O may Thy house be mine abode,
 And all my work be praise.
 There would I find a settled rest,
 While others go and come,
 No more a stranger or a guest,
 But like a child at home.

The ushers bring the collection plates to the ministers and the People stand.

Offertory Hymn

Paderborn

Hymnal 535

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
 2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!
 4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;
 and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.
 All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
 fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

Presentation of Gifts

An Anglican Prayer Book 1989

Presider

Source of all life, everything in heaven and on earth is yours:

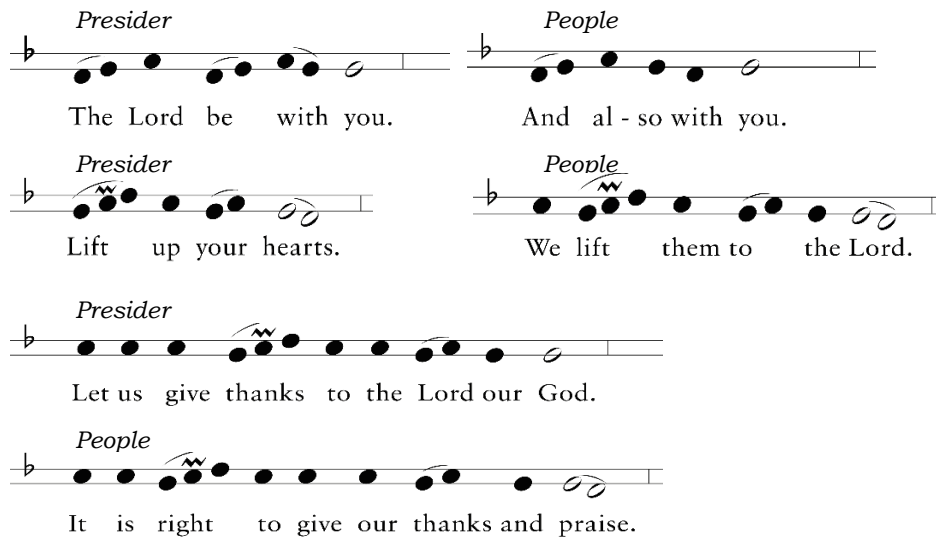
People

All things come from you, and of your own do we give you. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer for Pascha

Celebrating Sunday

Presider *People*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

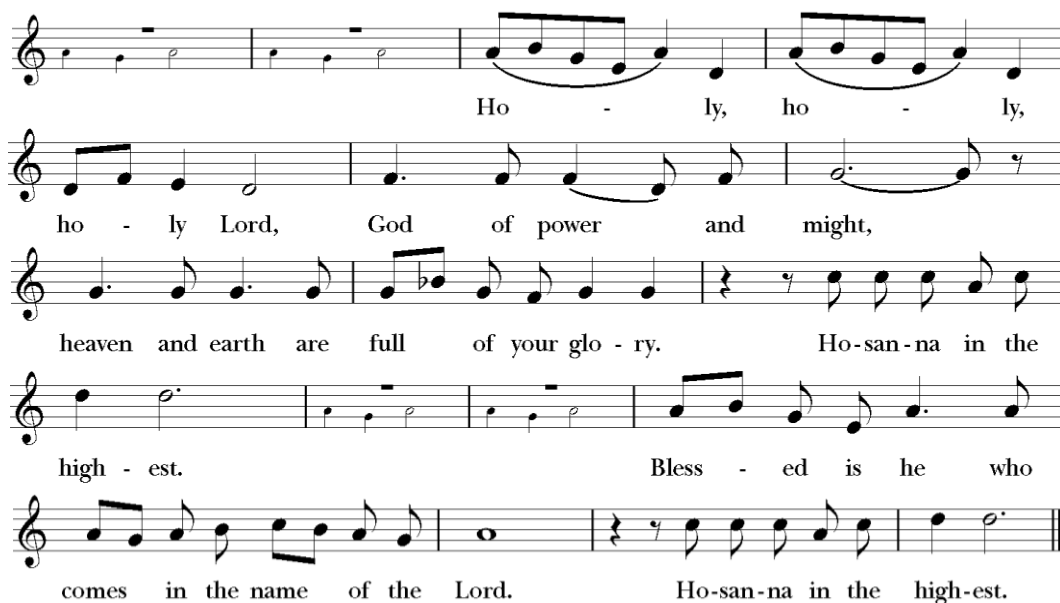
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S 128



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross we gain eternal life and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter, glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever.

The Risen Lord was recognized in the breaking of the bread, the fearful disciples received a blessing of peace, and the weary fishermen found a ready welcome on the lakeshore. To them all Christ renewed the pledge of his presence and the promise of new birth in the Spirit.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release when slaves walked free, at supper with his disciples, Jesus took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this to remember me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the Body and the Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

Great Amen

Mathias/Kruger



Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has 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 of the Bread

BCP 364

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S 165



on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy
 on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

Invitation

BCP 364

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

The ushers guide the people to receive Holy Communion. 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 request to the priest.

First Communion Hymn

St. Columba

Hymnal 645

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness

1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I

1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Second Communion Hymn

St Agnes

Hymnal 343

1 Shep-herd of souls, re-fresh and bless thy cho-sen
 2 We would not live by bread a-lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break-ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di-vine thy Bo-dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heav - en - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

Taizé Chant

Nada te Turbe

Taizé Community

Na - da te tur - be na - da te es - pan - te;
 No - thing can trou - ble, no - thing can frigh - ten;

quien a Dios tie - ne na - da le fal - ta. Na - da te tur - be,
 Those who seek God shall ne - ver go want - ing. No - thing can trou - ble,

na - da te es - pan - te: só - lo Dios bas - ta.
 no - thing can frigh - ten: God a - lone fills us.

Post Communion Prayer

CW

Presider Let us pray.

The People stand.

**Lord God our Father, through our Savior Jesus Christ
 you have assured us of eternal life
 and in baptism have made us one with him:
 deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life
 in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
 by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Blessing

CW

The Presider blesses the people

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you complete in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

Truro

Hymnal 182

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing, His cross stands
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

Dismissal

BCP 366

Presider

Alleluia. Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

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. All are invited to Fellowship Hour in Sherlock Hall immediately after the service. An email blast is sent every Thursday by 2 PM with hyperlinks to sign-up sheets, methods to contribute to the parish or other charitable organizations, ways to contact individuals or receive information. Please contact the parish office to receive it or alternative methods of communication.

Banns of Marriage

The Banns of Marriage are published between Axelle Bougouma and Adrian Untermyer. You are required to give your consent to their marriage; if you cannot, you are to speak now or else for ever hereafter hold your peace. The wedding date is Saturday, May 11 at 11 AM in the Church. This is the first time of asking.

What you need to know today...

Annual Spaghetti Dinner \$2,068 was collected; this was a huge success and the proceeds will go towards the parking lot project. Gratitude is expressed to all who supported this event.

Vestry Meeting Today at 10:30 AM in Witherington Hall, please pray for the leadership of our parish:

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in Trinity's Vestry for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach them in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide them to perceive what is right, and grant them both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fellowship Hour Today, in Sherlock Hall, immediately after this service; coffee, tea and snacks are provided.

Children's Choir The choir rehearses at 11:30 AM in the church.

What you need to know this week...

The Daily Offices Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer are offered online from Monday to Thursday at 8:30 AM and 5 PM 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.

Handbells and Choir Rehearsals This Wednesday, April 29; rehearsal for Handbells is 7 to 7:50 PM and Adult Choir is 8-9 PM.

Trinity Men's Group This Saturday, May 2 at 8 AM in Witherington Hall.

Spiritual Hike with Outdoor Eucharist This Saturday, May 2 at 10 AM. This was so popular the first two times that it will now be a semiannual event. Experience a unique encounter with the Eucharist celebrated in the splendor of God's creation. Meet in front of the Trailside Nature Center (452 New Providence Road, Mountainside). From there, it is a very short walk to a seating area where a special outdoor Eucharist liturgy will be celebrated. An easy one-hour hike will follow. Those who choose not to hike can sit quietly in the beauty of the Watchung Reservation after the service. This is a great activity for families and promises to be a memorable event. Please contact Senior Warden, Casey Woodruff (woodruff5073@gmail.com), to register or with any questions.

Family Game Night This Saturday, May 2 from 5 PM to 8:30 PM. Join the Trinity family for some healthy competition and light snacks. All ages welcome.

What you need to know in the future...

Garden Team A group is being organized to help maintain the gardens and plants around Trinity. To join the team or learn more, contact Paul Trader (paulsvny@yahoo.com or 845-499-6674).

Outreach Committee Meeting Sunday, May 3 at 11:30 AM in Witherington Hall.

Confirmation Class Sunday, May 3 from 5 PM to 7 PM in Witherington Hall.

Trinity Knitting Circle Saturday, May 9, from 10 to 11 AM in Witherington Hall.

Trinity Women's Group Monday, May 11 from 7 PM to 8 PM online.

Ascension Day A Rite II said service will be offered on Thursday, May 14, at 12 PM at Trinity to observe the Feast of Ascension.

Lectionary & Liturgy

This Sunday is traditionally called Good Shepherd Sunday. The gospel reading each year is a portion of Jesus' discourse on his relationship to us in the image of a shepherd. Shepherds in his day were so close to their flock that the sheep were each known to the shepherd and they knew and responded to his voice. So we each in baptism have been named by our Lord and have become part of his life. Today's reading from Acts describes the life of the infant church. Central to its life was the apostles' teaching and fellowship, the breaking of the bread, and the prayers. This small but growing community saw itself as a family sharing everything in common. Even their most characteristic act of worship, the Eucharist, was, like Jewish Sabbath and Passover worship, something that took place in homes. The reading from 1 Peter continues this early sermon on the life of the baptized. Suffering and trials are still part of the new Christian's life. By bearing them patiently our lives are conformed more closely with the dying and rising of Jesus. He is our Shepherd and will never lose any of us. We gather in the Eucharist as a household, a flock, not a group of individuals who simply happen to be in the same place at the same time. We are made into this fellowship by the living presence of Christ in our lives, giving us a unity that transcends all individual differences.

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- † **Cover Art** – “The Good Shepherd” by Vicki Shuck of Bend, Oregon. “I have always been enamored with pictures – both looking at them and making them. I loved the paint-by-number sets when I was just little, then making paper dolls and all the clothes for myself and my friends, art lessons from Sr. Philomena and finally majoring in painting and drawing in college. I have had the privilege of a life immersed in the creative processes of painting and drawing whether it is in my own work, teaching it or illustrating for commercial purposes. Though it is sometimes a difficult path, I wouldn't trade it for the world. Through the work I offer here I hope to celebrate life and the Creator of it all.”
- † **Gathering Hymn** – Words: Shirley Erena Murray (b. 1931) Her upbringing was Methodist, but she became a Presbyterian when she married the Reverend John Stewart Murray, who was a moderator of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand. Shirley began her career as a teacher of languages, but she became more active in Amnesty International, and for eight years she served the Labor Party Research Unit of Parliament. Her involvement in these organizations has enriched her writing of hymns, which address human rights, women's concerns, justice, peace, the integrity of creation, and the unity of the church. Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams composed it for this text and published it in the English Hymnal in 1906. The tune's title means “without name” and follows the Renaissance tradition of naming certain compositions “Sine Nomine” if they were not settings for preexisting tunes.
- † **Service Music** – William Mathias (1934-1992) –[© 1976 Oxford University Press]. “Music was an ever-present force for my father. I was aware from a very early age that the creative process was something always present for him – even when he was doing something else – and that it was a force which he could turn in any desired direction or channel at a given time. Hence his ability to compose a wide variety of orchestral, choral, instrumental or chamber music, as well as music for the church and for young people.” –[daughter Rhiannon Mathias]
- † **Collect of the Day** – In many ancient baptistries Jesus was the Good Shepherd, which became associated with the Sundays in the Easter season. This new collect, drafted by the Rev. Dr. Massey H. Shepherd, Jr., draws out several aspects of the theme for this day, especially John 10 and Ezekiel 34. –[Notes on the American Prayer Book by Marion Hatchett]

- † **Paschal Troparion** – At the funeral of Pope Francis, the patriarchs, archbishops, and metropolitans of the Eastern Catholic Churches stood beside his coffin. After thrice chanting the Paschal troparion and chanting prayers, one of the patriarchs censed the coffin. This ritual was also performed at the funeral of Pope John Paul II.
- † **Nicene Creed** – Contains “all the expansive language texts currently authorized.” It is almost identical to the BCP version. The omission of the words ‘and the Son’ (*filioque*) restores the text of the Creed to the original wording agreed upon at the Fourth Ecumenical Council of Constantinople (381 CE). The addition was a later development implemented in the Western Church and without approval of a General Council.
- † **Offertory Anthem** – Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); one of his less frequently used hymns is a rendition of Psalm 23. “Happy will be that reader whose mind is disposed, by his verses or his prose, to imitate him in all but his non-conformity, to copy his benevolence to men, and his reverence to God.” Music: an American folk melody that first appeared in *Southern Harmony* in 1835, becoming popular in this choral setting by American composer Virgil Thomson.
- † **Offertory Hymn** – Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) from the Methodist pamphlet *Hymns for Times of Trouble and Persecution* (1744). “An 18th century cry of the soul against oppression and persecution not unlike the 20th century outcry against injustice in the African American freedom song, ‘We Shall Overcome.’ It is a call to courage, to stand and be counted, in a time of adversity” –[Wesley scholar S.T. Kimbrough, 1996] Music: melody from *Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch*, 1765; harmony Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947) an English choir director, composer and organist at Westminster Abbey (1919–1927) who was so concerned at the sad state of choral music in the churches throughout the country that he left his post in 1927 to found the School of English Church Music (now the RSCM), in the hope of rectifying the problem.
- † **First Communion Hymn** – Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. of Psalm 23. “His hymns have an undertone of plaintiveness, and leave a dreamy sadness upon the spirit of the singer. Poetical figures, far-fetched illustrations, and difficult compound words, he entirely eschewed. If a subject presented itself to his mind with striking contrasts of lights and shadows, he almost invariably sought shelter in the shadows.” –[John Julian, *Dictionary of Hymnology*, 1903] Music: Irish melody; its first appearance in a hymnal, and apparently its first known appearance in print, was in the Irish Church Hymnal (1864), where it was called a “Hymn of the Ancient Irish Church”.
- † **Second Communion Hymn** – Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), British poet and hymn writer, author of some 400 hymns. Music: John B Dykes (1823-1876), well-known British organist and Anglican priest and composer of 300 hymn tunes, named the tune after a young Roman Christian woman who was martyred in AD 304 during the reign of Diocletian. St. Agnes was sentenced to death for refusing to marry a nobleman to whom she said, “I am already engaged to Christ, to Him alone I keep my troth.” This Communion hymn was first published in *A Collection of Hymns* (Philadelphia) in 1823.v
- † **Taizé Chant** – Words: St. Teresa of Jesus, Taizé Community. Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994) –[Words & Music © 1986, 1991 Les Presses de Taize, GIA Publications.
- † **Sending Hymn** – Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936) –[© 1975 Hope Publishing] “It was written for Easter Sunday, two weeks after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I could not let Easter go by without speaking of this tragic event which was on all our minds. I tried to express an Easter hope out of that terrible event, in words which could be more widely applied, and wrote ‘Christ is alive!’ because our available hymns spoke of Easter as a glorious event long ago, far away, and high above. The hymn tries to see God’s love winning over tragedy and suffering in the world. There is tension and tragedy in these words, not just Easter rejoicing.” A joyful celebration of Christ’s resurrection and of his personal rule in a human world in which pain, war, and injustice abound. Christ’s transcendent and immanent reign is empowered by the Holy Spirit and will ultimately bring about a new creation. –[*Psalter Hymnal Handbook*, 1988] Music: melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II*, 1789; harmony Lowell Mason (1792-1872).
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