

# Trinity Episcopal Church

*Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey*



*“Christ at Emmaus” — Maurice Denis*

## *The Third Sunday of Easter*

Rite I Holy Eucharist

April 19, 2026 at 8 AM

*The Reverend Andrew David Kruger, Rector & Presider*

*Anthony Rafaniello, Director of Music*

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

*The Sanctuary Candle and the Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in celebration of Alan Force’s birthday in heaven by Marilyn Force*

## Welcome

Andrew Kruger

*The bell is rung and the People stand.*

## Acclamation

BCP 323

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. 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, whose blessed Son did manifest himself  
to his disciples in the breaking of bread:  
Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith,  
that we may behold him in all his redeeming work;  
through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

## First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

*Reader* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

*Dilexi, quoniam*

BCP 759

1. I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
**because he has inclined his ear to me  
whenever I called upon him.**
2. The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
**I came to grief and sorrow.**
3. Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: \*  
**“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”**
10. How shall I repay the Lord \*  
**for all the good things he has done for me?**
11. I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
**and call upon the Name of the Lord.**
12. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
**in the presence of all his people.**

13. Precious in the sight of the Lord \*

**is the death of his servants.**

14. O Lord, I am your servant; \*

**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.**

15. I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*

**and call upon the Name of the Lord.**

16. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*

**in the presence of all his people,**

17. In the courts of the Lord's house, \*

**in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

## **Second Reading**

1 Peter 1:17-23

*Reader* A reading from the first letter of Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The People stand.*

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Now on that same day two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*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, 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.**

## Announcements

Andrew Kruger

## Offertory Sentence

BCP 344

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory,  
and the victory, and the majesty.

For all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine.

Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.

*1 Chronicles 29:11*



*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. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life. 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.**

*The People remain standing.*

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 339

*Presider* Let us pray.

*The People stand, and all pray together*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

BCP 339

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.*

## **Dismissal**

BCP 340

*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.

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.

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

**Sandwich Sunday** Today; assemble sandwiches between services and after 10 AM service. After Fellowship Hour, transport the sandwiches and food packets to St John's and help serve food. Contact Marion Nechuta (marionnechuta@yahoo.com or 908-451-4498) for more information. There are several ways to participate in this ministry (links to sign up are in the email blast).

**Fellowship Hour** In Sherlock Hall, immediately after each service; coffee, tea and snacks are provided.

**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.

### **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 22; rehearsal for Handbells is 7 to 7:50 PM and Adult Choir is 8-9 PM.

## 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).

**Anti-Racism Commission** The Diocese of New Jersey offers training several times each year. The next session is this spring, from April 21 through June 16, on Tuesday mornings from 9 AM to 11 AM. If interested, see this week's email blast.

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

**Spiritual Hike with Outdoor Eucharist** 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** Saturday, May 2 from 5 PM to 6 PM. Join the Trinity family for some healthy competition and light snacks. All ages welcome.



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