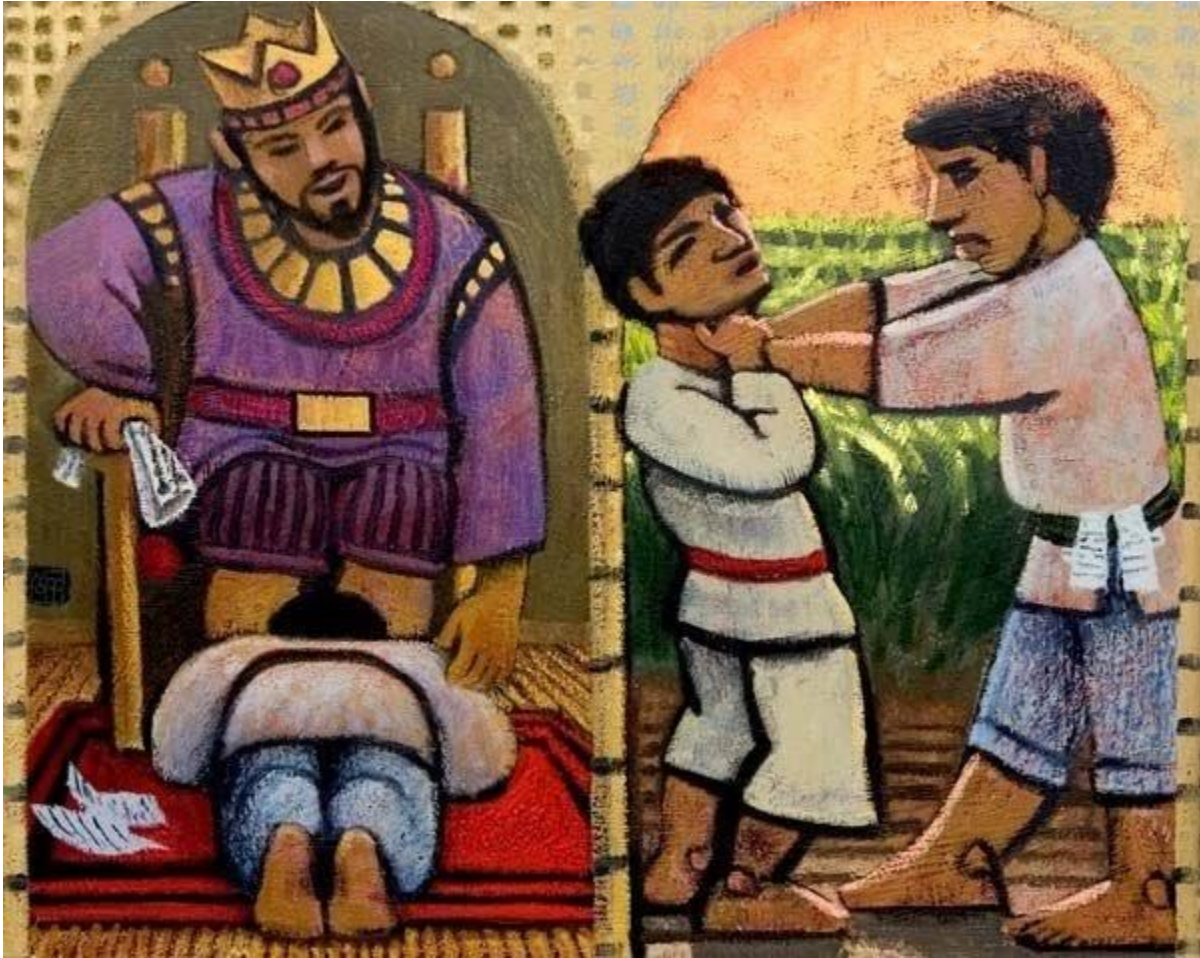


Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



"The Unmerciful Servant" – Maximino Cerezo Barredo

The Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Round Up Sunday

Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II

Proper 19 ~ September 13, 2026 at 10 AM



The Reverend Andrew David Kruger ~ Rector & Presider

Anthony J. Rafaniello ~ Director of Music & Organist

Casey Woodruff ~ Senior Warden & Thomas Kaercher ~ Junior Warden

*The Sanctuary Candle and the Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Bonnie Nelson from Scott Nelson*

Welcome

Andrew Kruger

Prelude

"Lift High the Cross" – arr. Larry Shackley

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

Gathering Hymn

Crucifer

Hymnal 473

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Acclamation

Enriching Our Worship 50

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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.**

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 233

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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

Exodus 14:19-31

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 114

In exitu Israel

Plainsong Psalter

All sing the Antiphon and Psalm.





TONUS PEREGRINUS

- 1 Whēn Israel / came out of Ēgypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people / of stränge spēech,
- 2 Judah became / God's sanctuáry *
and Israel his / domínion.
- 3 The sea / beheld it ánd fled; *
Jordan turned / and wént bäck.
- 4 The / mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills / like yóung shěep.
- 5 What ailed you, / O sea, that yóu fled? *
O Jordan, that / you túrned bäck?
- 6 You moun/tains, that you skípped like rams? *
you little hills / like yóung shěep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at / the presence óf the Lord, *
at the presence of the God / of Jáçöb,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into / a pool of wáter *
and flint-stone into / a flówing spring. [Ant.]

Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand.

1 "For - give our sins as we for - give" you
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and

taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can
 un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and
 truth we dim - ly knew, how small the debts men
 bid re - sent - ment cease; then, re - con - ciled to

grant us grace to live the words we say.
 will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 owe to us, how great our debt to you.
 God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Presider

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

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Presider

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

III. Responding to the Proclaimed Word of God

Homily

Andrew Kruger

Nicene Creed

EOW 53

**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.**

Litany of Thanksgiving

Presider

Let us give thanks for the many and varied ways in which we participate in God's mission here at Trinity.

Trinity Episcopal Day School (TEDS): Nancy Ditzel prays

God of tenderness: We give you thanks for the students, parents, teachers, administrators, and board of TEDS; hold them in your care, that our day school may nurture children in faith, confidence, and curiosity. The Lord is gracious: **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Men's Group: Terry Nechuta prays

God, you speak to us and through us: Thank you for our monthly gathering of discussion, fellowship, encouragement, and prayer. The Lord is gracious: **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Trinity Women's Group: Carol Beier prays

Living God, you have spoken through faithful women throughout the ages: Thank you for the fellowship of the Trinity Women's Group, and deepen our faith through Scripture, prayer, and friendship. The Lord is gracious: **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Stephen Ministers: Bonnie Gentesse prays

Compassionate God: We give you thanks for those you equip as Stephen Ministers, who walk alongside those in need of care and a listening ear. The Lord is gracious: **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Episcopal Church Women: Doreen Taylor prays

O God, you care for us like a mother cares for her children: Thank you for the way in which the ECW cares for the church. The Lord is gracious: **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Sunday School: Marion Nechuta prays

God of wisdom: We give you thanks for those who teach and those who learn; deepen their faith and lead them together into the truth of Christ. The Lord is gracious: **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Confirmation Class: John Beier prays

God of all truth: We give you thanks for those preparing to affirm their baptismal promises; deepen their faith, renew in them the grace of baptism, and strengthen them to follow Christ. The Lord is gracious: **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Youth: Sarah Burnett prays

God of nearness: We give you thanks for the young people of this parish; show them, and all of us, the path of life, even in this uncertain and confusing world. The Lord is gracious: **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Outreach: Helen Shteynberg prays

Almighty and most merciful God: Thank you for inviting us to participate in your mission of healing our world. The Lord is gracious: **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Choir, Children's Choir & Handbells: Anthony Rafaniello prays

God our Father: We give you thanks for the gift of music and for all who offer it in your praise; let what we sing with our lips find a home in our hearts, and what lives in our hearts show forth in our lives. The Lord is gracious: **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers: Kavita Medanki prays

God of Word and Sacrament: Thank you for those who proclaim your Word and share in the ministry of Christ's Table. The Lord is gracious: **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Ushers: Heather Burnett prays

O God, you made humanity in your own image: We give you thanks for those who welcome others, for when we offer hospitality to visitors, we welcome you. The Lord is gracious: **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Acolytes: Arwen Morgan Kelly prays

God of beauty and holiness: Thank you for our acolytes andthurifers, whose service at the altar enhances the beauty and reverence of our worship. The Lord is gracious: **God’s mercy endures for ever.**

Altar Guild: Kathleen Murray prays

Everliving God: Thank you for those who faithfully prepare your Holy Table with love, so that we may draw near with reverence. The Lord is gracious: **God’s mercy endures for ever.**

Building and Grounds: Denise Alvarez prays

O God, you are our sure foundation: Thank you for the buildings and grounds entrusted to our care; help us preserve them as places of worship, fellowship, formation, and service.
The Lord is gracious: **God’s mercy endures for ever.**

Stewardship Committee: Dave Roberts prays

Bountiful God: Thank you for all who call us to gratitude and generosity; teach us to use what you have entrusted to us for the work of your kingdom. The Lord is gracious: **God’s mercy endures for ever.**

Ministry to the Imprisoned: Casey Woodruff prays

God of judgment and mercy: We give you thanks for those who support the incarcerated and their families, for what we do for them, we do for your Son, Jesus Christ.
The Lord is gracious: **God’s mercy endures for ever.**

Counters: Stephanie Willix prays

God of integrity: Thank you for those who faithfully ensure that our gifts are accurately recorded.
The Lord is gracious: **God’s mercy endures for ever.**

Fellowship Hour & Fellowship Luncheon: Susan Olszewski prays

Lord God, your Son loved to share meals: We give you thanks for the fellowship we enjoy around the table; help us to follow his example in welcoming one another with joy and generosity.
The Lord is gracious: **God’s mercy endures for ever.**

The Presider concludes

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness you call and equip us to participate in your mission. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that our faith may bear abundant fruit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

BCP 360

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

Announcements

Andrew Kruger

IV. Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Offertory Sentence

Psalm 50:14

Presider Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

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

“With a Voice of Singing” – Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands.
O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious.
With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Offertory Hymn

St. Anne

Hymnal 680

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

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

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 A

BCP 361

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, with every knee bowed and every tongue giving you praise, for in you is extravagant mercy and salvation from all that would destroy us.

In the first of your mighty wonders, you created the earth, dividing the watery chaos and bringing forth dry land. In the days of Moses you divided the sea again and delivered your people from their oppressors, leading them by fire and cloud to the land of freedom.

In your child, Jesus the Christ, your reign of love and mercy has embraced all who live and even in our weaknesses you uphold us. He was killed but lived again so that he might be Lord of both the living and the dead. Now whether we live or die we belong to you and in gratitude we share your love and mercy with all.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

Robert Powell

Hymnal S 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
 might, hea - ven 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._____

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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."

Presider Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

Great Amen

McNeil Robinson

Hymnal S 147



Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

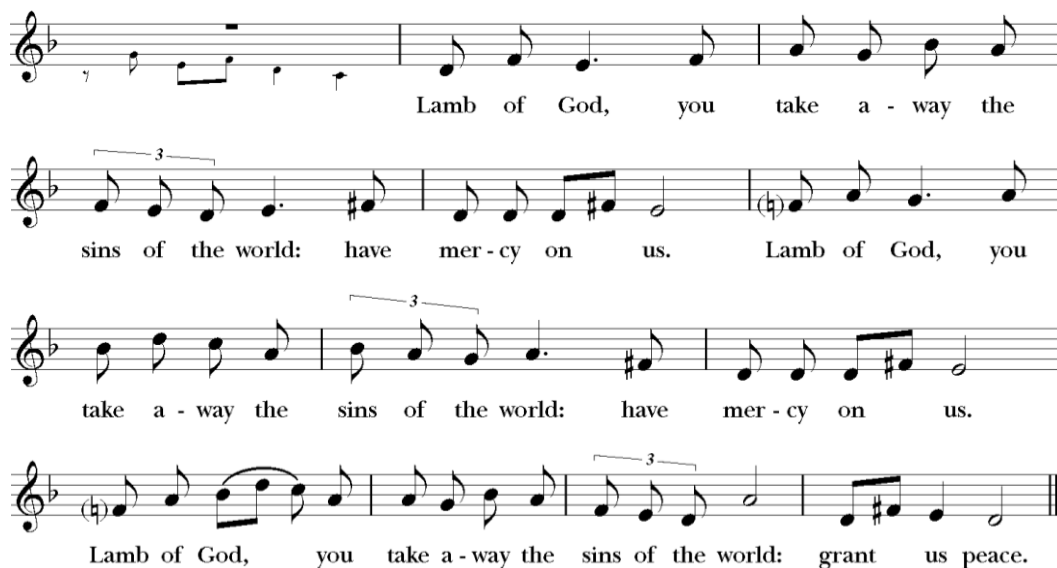
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The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei

Robert Powell

Hymnal S 163



Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Invitation

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

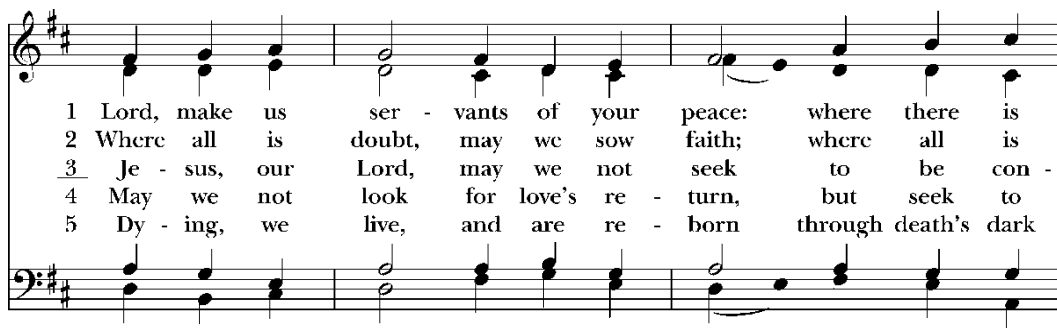
The ushers guide the people to receive Holy Communion. All who hunger for God, including children, are cordially invited to share the Gifts of God offered at this table. Whoever you are, wherever you are in your life's journey, you are welcome here.

All persons may, but no person must, receive communion in both kinds to receive the full spiritual benefits of communion. You may choose to receive only the host. Wine is offered by way of a sip from the common cup. Gluten-free wafers are available by request to the priest.

First Communion Hymn

Dickinson College

Hymnal 593



1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

Second Communion Hymn

Repton

Hymnal 653

1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for -
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -
 3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O
 4 Drop thy still dew of qui - et - ness, till
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy

1 give our fool - ish ways! Re - clothe us in our
 2 side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing
 3 calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to
 4 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the
 5 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let

1 right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in
 2 of the Lord, let us, like them, with - out a word, rise
 3 share with thee the si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in -
 4 strain and stress, and let our or - dered lives con - fess the
 5 flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O

1 deep - er rev - erence, praise, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 2 up and fol - low thee, rise up and fol - low thee.
 3 ter - pret - ed by love! in - ter - pret - ed by love!
 4 beau - ty of thy peace, the beau - ty of thy peace.
 5 still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm.

Communion Meditation

The Kingdom of God

Taizé Community

The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and
El rei - no de Dios es rei - no de paz, jus -

joy in the Ho - ly Spir - it. Come, Lord, and
ti - cia y a - le - grí - a. Ven, Dios, y

Last time
o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom.
a - bre en mí las puer - tas del rei - no.
Last time

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) in 4/4 time, key of D major. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system has two staves with lyrics in English and Spanish. The second system also has two staves with lyrics. The third system has two staves, with the first staff ending with a repeat sign and the second staff ending with a repeat sign. The lyrics are: 'The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and', 'El rei - no de Dios es rei - no de paz, jus -', 'joy in the Ho - ly Spir - it. Come, Lord, and', 'ti - cia y a - le - grí - a. Ven, Dios, y', 'o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom.', 'a - bre en mí las puer - tas del rei - no.', and 'Last time'.

Post-communion Prayer

Common Worship

Presider Let us pray.

The People stand.

People **We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

Commission and Blessing

Nathan Nettleton alt.

Presider Whatever you do, do it in honor of the Lord
giving thanks to God.
Show forgiveness to one another
as in Christ you have received forgiveness.

And may God provide an escape from all that threatens you;
May Christ Jesus shower mercy on you and through you;
And may the Holy Spirit uphold you as you stand in Christ.

V. Going out as God's People

Sending Hymn

Lauda anima

Hymnal 410

1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing;
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Dismissal

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Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People follow the Ministers directly into Sherlock Hall.

Postlude

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” – arr. Stephen Burtonwood

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. 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 on events, etc. Please contact the parish office to receive it or alternative methods of communication.

What you need to know today...

Round Up Sunday Trinity's annual after-summer welcome-back service. Come for worship, fellowship and food. Prayerfully consider what ministry God is calling you into, and find out how to get involved. All are welcome, all are loved, no exceptions. BBQ and Fellowship Hour in Sherlock Hall, immediately after this service.

Pledge Giving Wondering how things are going with pledge-giving this year? Summer schedules can sometimes make it easy for payments to fall behind. Today, during Round Up Sunday, financial secretary Carol Beier is available to meet privately (in the Archive Room) with anyone who wants to check their pledge status, review their giving record or discuss any other concerns or questions. Just stop by for a quick, confidential chat.

Sunday School Today is the first day of class and open to children 3½ years to Grade 4. After the blessing at the beginning of the service, the children go to class with their teachers and return to the worship service for the Eucharist.

Outreach Today to September 27, there is a collection for Disaster Relief for the ERD (Episcopal Relief & Development); donations by cash, check or breeze.

What you need to know this week...

The Daily Offices Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer are offered online from Monday-Friday at 8:30 AM and 5 PM. Add and update prayer requests online at the church website. The list is prayed twice a day at Morning and Evening Prayer.

Parish Office Hours Office Manager Marion Nechuta is available from Tuesday to Thursday from 12 noon to 3:30 PM.

Trinity Women's Group Tomorrow, Monday, September 14 at 7 PM online.

Handbell Choir Rehearsals This Wednesday, September 16 from 7 PM to 7:50 PM in the church.

Trinity Adult Choir This Wednesday, September 16 from 8 PM to 9 PM in the church.

Anti-Racism Training September 16, 23, 30 and October 7, 14, and with a follow-up session on November 11 from 7 PM-9 PM. Provided by the The Diocesan Anti-Racism Commission; \$100 per person. Registration link in the email blast.

Fellowship Luncheon Thursday, September 17 from 12:30 to 2 PM in Witherington Hall. Speaker is parishioner Scott Nelson, who recently served with the Peace Corps in Vietnam. On the menu is quiche with sides & desserts. All are welcome. Please call Susan Olszewski (908-757-9561) or Susan Nelson (908-397-3944) for questions or to volunteer help.

Compline This Thursday at 8 PM online.

What you need to know in the future...

The Sacrament of Baptism Holy Baptism will be offered on Sunday, November 1 on the Feast of All Saints. Candidates will be enrolled on Sunday, September 27 at the 10 AM Eucharist. Application forms are available from Marion Nechuta, and must be submitted by Sunday, September 20.

Children's Choir Registration is open. Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings from 11:30 AM to 12 PM in the church the choir sings at each month's Intergenerational Service. Children's Choir is recommended for novice readers in Grade 1 or older. Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, September 20. Please register your child using the QR code here:



Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 4 at both services. Bring your pets or a photograph of your pets to both services.

Outreach Committee Sunday, October 4 at 11:30 AM, meeting in Witherington Hall.

Confirmation Class Sunday, October 4 from 5 PM to 7 PM in Witherington Hall.

Sing at St. John's The Trinity Choir has been invited to sing at the Feast of St. Francis service at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City on Sunday, October 4, with a rehearsal on Saturday, October 3. It will be an extraordinary experience to sing in one of the great cathedrals of the world, as part of one of its signature celebrations. Thanks are given to all who contributed to the expenses; the goal was greatly exceeded.

Acolyte & Thurifer Training Sunday, October 18 immediately after the 10 AM Eucharist for all current and aspirant acolytes.

Lectionary & Liturgy

The first reading brings us to the most important event in the story of God and the people of Israel. God saved them from the Egyptian army at the sea. The people were led to safety and freedom. Jesus spoke of his own death and resurrection as his Exodus. We join him in that Exodus as God leads us to salvation through the waters of baptism. In our final reading from Romans, Paul calls on Christians to refrain from judging one another. The differences between the ways various ones of us follow Christ are to be accepted. Our responsibility is to love God and each other. We continue to read from the section of Matthew's Gospel, which deals with God's forgiveness and our role in extending His forgiveness to all people. Peter asks Jesus how many times he is to forgive someone who wrongs him. In a parable, Jesus explains that God's forgiveness of us lays on us the obligations to forgive our brothers and sisters unconditionally. We are a community marked by faith and obedience to God's Word. Our life reflects our relationship with God and our relationships with each other. We are to be a community marked by acceptance of all and by forgiveness. Not a gathering of perfected saints – we are, rather, a gathering of sinners who have known God's love and forgiveness and who in turn extend that love and forgiveness to all people.

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- † **Cover Art** – “The Unmerciful Servant” by Fr. Maximino Cerezo Barredo (1932-2026), Claretian missionary, became one of the most representative theological artists of liberation theology. His murals visually expressed what many theologians wrote in books: that God walks with the poor, that Christ suffers with the oppressed, and that the resurrection begins in the midst of struggle. “My weapons, my trenches were not those of a guerrilla fighter. I used the message of the Word, color and painting. And so, I sought to rescue the people from their oppression.”
- † **Prelude** – Larry Shackley (b. 1956) is a full-time composer and editor from Columbia, SC. Composer of over thirty scores for films, videotapes, and radio dramas, Mr. Shackley is also an active studio musician, arranger, and orchestrator. Featured in the piano folio [Lift High the Cross: Piano Solos for Holy Week] published by the Hope Publishing Company.
- † **Gathering Hymn** – Words: Joachim Neander (1630-1680), a Calvinist schoolmaster. –[© Church Pension Fund] Music: melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863. “A magnificent hymn of praise to God, perhaps the finest creation of its author, and of the first rank in its class.” –[John Julian, *A Dictionary of Hymnology*] The most common translation is by Catherine Winkworth, published in 1863. Although hymnologist Lionel Adey praises other translations by her, he critiques her changes to the sense of Neander's text as an example of “muscular Christianity tinged with Philistinism.”
- † **Gloria** – Words: Anonymous, 15th century medieval. Music: Robert Powell (1932-2025), American composer and organist.
- † **Collect of the Day** – The Latin might be more literally translated “Direct our hearts, O Lord, we beseech you, by the working of your mercy, for without you we are not able to please you.” The 1549 translation is: “God, forasmuch as without thee, we are not able to please thee: Grant that the working of thy mercy may in all things direct and rule our hearts; Through Jesus Christ our Lord.” In 1662 it was revised to the present form which specifically mentions the Holy Spirit. –[*Notes on the American Prayer Book* by Marion Hatchett]
- † **Tonus peregrinus** – A psalm tone used in Gregorian chant; also known as the wandering tone, or the ninth tone. An ancient Jewish melody that existed before the modal system was expanded beyond the eighth mode, it was the recitation formula of *B'tset Yisrael* (Psalm 114) sung in the Jewish synagogues of the Middle Ages and fitting since it describes Israel's ‘wandering’ flight from Egypt. In addition, it does not fit in the original modes, because a verse recited in this has a different tenor note in the first half of the verse from the second. It is this diversion from a single note which gives it the name, literally “wanders.” –[Mattias Lundberg *Tonus Peregrinus: The History of a Psalm-tone and its use in Polyphonic Music*, Ashgate Publishing, 2012.]
- † **Proclaiming Hymn** – Words: Rosamond E. Herklots (1905-1987), wrote these words in 1966 after digging out weeds in her garden and thinking how bitterness, hatred, and resentment are like poisonous weeds growing in the Christian garden of life. Trained as a teacher at Leeds University, Herklots taught school briefly but from 1930 to 1980 worked as a medical secretary for a London neurologist. She had written poetry since childhood, and after encouragement by members of the Hymn Society of Great Britain and Ireland and by Oxford University Press she wrote about a hundred hymns. Some were published initially in various British hymnals and supplements, and some were contest-winners sung on BBC-TV. Music: from the *Supplement to Southern Harmony*, 1820
- † *** Nicene Creed** – Designed to contain “all the expansive language texts currently authorized.” It is almost identical to the version in the BCP. 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 of that phrase was a later development implemented only in the Western Church and without the approval of a General Council.
- † **Offertory Anthem** – Martin Edward Fallas Shaw (1875–1958) was an English composer and conductor. He studied under Charles Villiers Stanford at the Royal College of Music, together with a generation of composers that included Gustav Holst, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and John Ireland. He then embarked upon a career as a theatrical producer, composer and conductor, the early years of which he described as “a long period of

starving along.” Under the influence of his wife, and faced with the need to support his family, church music gradually became the focus of his life and work. His over 300 published works include songs, hymns, carols, oratorios, several instrumental works, a congregational mass setting (the Anglican Folk Mass), and four operas including a ballad opera. He was the only composer T.S. Eliot ever allowed to set his words to music.

† **Offertory Hymn** – Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) para. Psalm 90:1-5. Considered one of his finest paraphrases, it expresses a strong note of assurance, promise, and hope in the Lord as recorded in the first part of Psalm 90, even though the entire psalm has a recurring theme of lament. Written in 9 stanzas around 1714 and first published in his *Psalms of David* (1719). The first line, originally “Our God, our ...” was changed to “O God, our ...” by John Wesley in his *Collection of Psalms and Hymns* (1738). Music: melody att. William Croft (1678-1727).

† **Proper Preface** – Nathan Nettleton is pastor to South Yarra Community Baptist Church, a small congregation located in an inner-city neighborhood of Melbourne, Australia; he also writes and teaches on Christian worship and Baptist identity. His website provides liturgical resources from which we have drawn this preface. –[© 2001 LaughingBird]

† **First Communion Hymn** – Words: James Quinn, SJ –[© 1969 Geoffrey Chapman, a division of Cassell Ltd.] A Scottish Jesuit priest, theologian and hymnodist, he was one of the leading 20th century hymnwriters in use by Christian denominations throughout the world. Quinn was especially known for promoting ecumenism following the Second Vatican Council. Based on a prayer widely but erroneously attributed to Francis of Assisi, the prayer in its present form cannot be traced back further than 1912, when it was printed in Paris in French. The prayer has been known in the United States since 1927 when its first known translation in English appeared in January of that year in the Quaker magazine *Friends' Intelligencer*, where it was attributed to St. Francis of Assisi. Music: Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr. (1923-1979) –[© 1962, Theodore Presser Co.] His great-grandfather was Dr. Thomas Hastings, noted hymnwriter of the 19th century; his father was co-founder of the Bristol-Myers Company. Hastings spent 15 years in the family business, but from 1962-69, he served as president of Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ. In 1972, the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada made him a fellow of the society.

† **Second Communion Hymn** – Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892); notwithstanding the extensive use of portions of his own poems as hymns for congregational use, he modestly says concerning himself: “I am really not a hymn-writer, for the good reason that I know nothing of music. Only a very few of my pieces were written for singing. A good hymn is the best use to which poetry can be devoted, but I do not claim that I have succeeded in composing one.” However, that these pieces are characterized by rich poetic beauty, sweet tenderness, and deep sympathy with human kind. –[John Julian, *Dictionary of Hymnology* (1907)] Music: Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918); influenced as a composer principally by Bach and Brahms, Parry evolved a powerful diatonic style which itself greatly influenced future English composers such as Elgar and Vaughan Williams. His own full development as a composer was hampered by the immense amount of work he took on, but his energy and charisma, not to mention his abilities as a teacher and administrator, helped establish music at the center of English cultural life.

† **Taizé** – Words & Music: © 2001, 2011 Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications.

† **Sending Hymn** – Words: setting of Psalm 103 by Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847). In 1816, Lyte experienced an evangelical conversion. In attendance on a dying priest, the latter convinced Lyte that both had earlier been mistaken in not having taken the epistles of St Paul “in their plain and literal sense.” Lyte began to study the Bible “and preach in another manner”, following the example of four or five local clergy whom he had previously laughed at and considered “enthusiastic rhapsodists.” “Though scriptural and evangelical in his emphases, he always writes good literature and is rarely deserted by an exquisite lyric gift.” –[Erik Routley] Music: John Goss (1800-1880) “It is at once the most beautiful and dignified hymn tune which has lately come under our notice” –[*Musical Times*, 1869] and “has been praised as one of the finest, if not the finest of the Victorian hymn tunes, and certainly one of the most satisfying for congregations.” –[Paul Westermeyer].

† **Postlude** – Stephen Burtonwood (b. 1961) has served in a musical capacity in a variety of Methodist and Anglican churches; from *Hymns from the British Isles*.

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Through baptism, each of us is called to share in God's mission; these ministries are some of the ways we do that together at Trinity

Ministry/Committee	How We Serve	Contact Person & Number
Trinity Men's Group	Deepen faith through Scripture, prayer, and fellowship with other men of the parish.	Terry Nechuta 908-956-5848
Trinity Women's Group	Deepen faith through Scripture, prayer, and fellowship with other women of the parish.	Carol Beier 908-578-3473
Stephen Ministry	Accompany others through difficult seasons with Christ-centered, confidential care and compassionate listening.	Andy Kruger 609-933-5227
Episcopal Church Women (ECW)	Build fellowship among the women of Trinity while supporting the life, ministry, and outreach of the parish.	Holly Ives 908-277-2821 Doreen Taylor 908-313-8829
Sunday School Class	Help form the next generation in the faith and life of the Church.	Kate DiFonzo 973-896-4805 Jennifer Cammarota 908-499-6325
Confirmation Class	Help young people explore the Christian faith, ask difficult questions, and discern what it means to follow Christ.	John Beier 908-578-9799 Marion Nechuta 908-451-4498
Outreach	Serve Christ in our neighbors and help Trinity respond to the needs of the wider community.	Marion Nechuta 908-451-4498 Helen Shteynberg 908-803-0310
Choir & Handbells	Offer musical gifts in the service of prayer, praise, and the worship of the whole congregation.	Anthony Rafaniello 860-205-7143
Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs)	Proclaim God's Word and share in the ministry of Christ's Table.	Bonnie Gentesse 908-377-4344 Kavita Medanki 347-226-8103
Ushers	Extend Christ's welcome to all who gather for worship and fellowship at Trinity.	Heather Burnett 973-495-2535 David Burnett 908-591-2331
Acolytes & Thurifers	Serve at the altar and help lead the congregation in the beauty and reverence of our common worship.	Andy Kruger 609-933-5227
Altar Guild	Prepare the holy things and sacred spaces through which the parish gathers to worship God.	Carol Beier 908-578-3473
Building and Grounds	Steward the buildings and grounds entrusted to us for worship, fellowship, formation, and mission.	Kathy Murray 908-377-1865
Stewardship Committee	Help Trinity grow in gratitude and generosity so that our resources may serve God's purposes in the parish and beyond.	Kathy Murray 908-377-1865 Casey Woodruff 908-868-4915
Counters	Exercise faithful stewardship by ensuring that the gifts entrusted to Trinity are handled accurately and responsibly.	Marion Nechuta 908-451-4498
Fellowship Luncheon	Strengthen the bonds of Christian community through shared meals, conversation, learning, and hospitality.	Susan Olszewski 908-591-5370 Susan Nelson 908-397-3944
Fellowship Coffee Hour	Extend the fellowship of the Eucharistic community through hospitality, conversation, and welcome.	Marion Nechuta 908-451-4498 Holly Ives 908-277-2821 Susan Olszewski 908-591-5370
Ministry of the Imprisoned	Support those who are incarcerated, recognizing and serving Christ in those too easily forgotten.	Casey Woodruff 908-868-4915
Trinity Episcopal Senior Youth (TESY)	Grow in faith, friendship, and service alongside other young people of the parish.	Kate Annarelli 727-482-1314 Casey Woodruff 908-868-4915
TEDS	Strengthen the shared ministry of church and school as we nurture children in faith, confidence & curiosity.	Nancy Ditzel 908-295-6204