

Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey

September 19, 2021 at 10 AM



"Christ Among the Children" – Emil Nolde

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist : Rite II

The Reverend Andrew D. Kruger, Presider
Anthony J. Rafaniello, Director of Music + Organist



The Sanctuary Candle burns, and the Alter flowers are given, for the Glory of God
and in memory of the birthday of her father Robert Collins, Sr. from Cheryl Pantina

Welcome

Andrew Kruger

Prelude

"Houston" – Wayne Wold

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

I. Gathering of God's People

Gathering Hymn

Houston

Hymnal 490

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Opening 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.

People **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 232

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

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.
People **Amen.**

Please be seated for the reading of the lessons.

II. Proclaiming and Receiving the Word of God

Tanakh

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

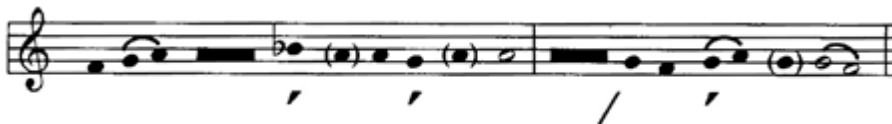
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 54

Deus, in nomine

Plainchant Psalter



TONE I.2

- 1 *Save mē, O Gód, by yóur Name; **
in your / might, defēd my cäuse.
- 2 —Héar my práyér, O God; *
give ear to the / words of mÿ möuth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the rúthless have sóught my life, *
those who have / no regárd for Gód.
- 4 Behold, Gód is my hélper; *
it is the Lord / who sustáins my life.
- 5 Render evil to thóse who spý on me; *
in your faithful/ness, deströy thēm.
- 6 I will offer you a fréewill sácrifice *
and praise your Name, O / LORD, for ít is göod.
- 7 For you have rescued me from évery tróuble, *
and my eye has seen the / ruin 'öf my föes.

Epistle

James 3:13—4:3,7-8a

Reader A reading from the letter of Saint James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Proclaiming Hymn

Kingsfold

Hymnal 480

The People stand.



1 When Je - sus left his Fa - ther's throne, he chose an hum - ble birth;
2 Sweet were his words and kind his look, when mo - thers round him pressed;
3 When Je - sus in - to Zi - on rode, the chil - dren sang a - round;



like us, un - hon - ored and un - known, he came to dwell on earth.
their in - fants in his arms he took, and on his bos - om blessed.
for joy they plucked the palms and strowed their gar - ments on the ground.



Like him may we be found be - low, in wis - dom's path of peace;
Safe from the world's al - lur - ing harms, be - neath his watch - ful eye,
Ho - san - na our glad voic - es raise, ho - san - na to our King!



like him in grace and know - ledge grow as years and strength in - crease.
thus in the cir - cle of his arms may we for ev - er lie.
Should we for - get our Sa - vior's praise, the stones them - selves would sing.

Presider ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus and the disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

III. Responding to the Proclaimed Word

Homily

Andrew Kruger

Nicene Creed

EOW 53

Presider Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
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

Raymond Chapman, alt.

The Presider says

Let us pray to the Father whose Son suffered betrayal and death for the salvation of the world.

The Intercessor prays

Cleanse the Church from temptation to worldly ambition and false triumphalism. In childlike simplicity, may your people follow you without fear, in loving one another.

God is our helper: **The Lord sustains our life.**

Bring peace to the world's troubled places, where war destroys both human life and the beauty of your creation. Make peaceful the minds of those who contend for power, that they may know the freedom of your service.

God is our helper: **The Lord sustains our life.**

Bless the children of our families and those in our community. Let their innocence teach us to avoid all that may destroy the harmony of living.

God is our helper: **The Lord sustains our life.**

Have mercy on the victims of war and violence. Those who have lost their loved ones and been driven from their homes. Grant them a place of refuge to rebuild their lives.

God is our helper: **The Lord sustains our life.**

Grant mercy to those who died unprepared and impenitent, by the love of Christ who served others even to death. Grant them the peace that they were denied in their last hour.

God is our helper: **The Lord sustains our life.**

The Presider concludes

Lord Jesus Christ, you turn the ways of the world upside down: pour your wisdom into our hearts, release us from selfish ambition, and empower us walk in your ways of mercy and peace. **Amen.**

Peace

BCP 360

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

A sign of peace is offered with a reverent bow.

Announcements

IV. Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Offertory Sentence

BCP 376

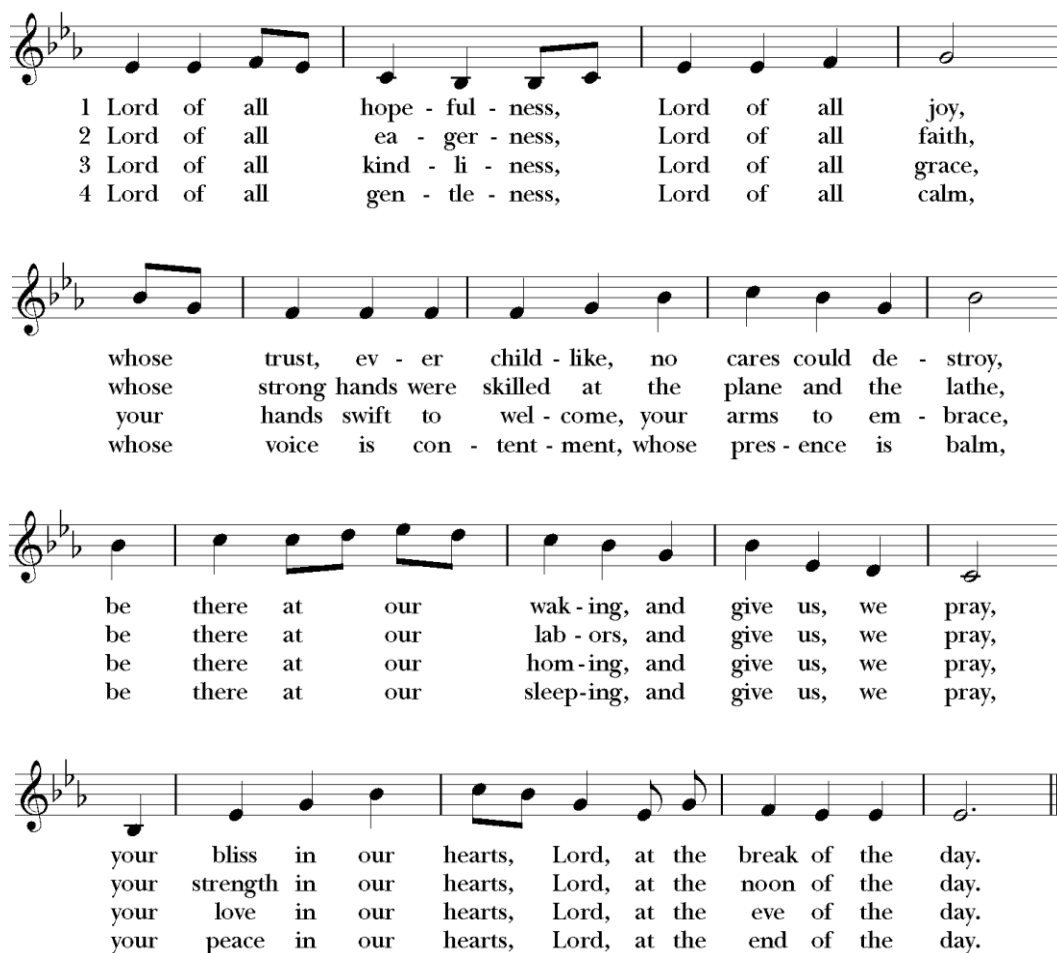
Presider I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Romans 12:1

Offertory Hymn

Slane

Hymnal 482



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Eucharistic Prayer 2

EOW 60

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, for your wisdom and humility are the source of true greatness and you draw near to all who draw near to you.

Like a woman planting a garden, you set out and tended the newborn earth, and like one who sets food before her family, you nourished us with the fruits of the earth and the wise teachings of your Word.

In every age you have revealed your wisdom to the humble and insignificant ones and hidden it from the arrogant and violent. In your Son, Jesus, you showed us that true greatness is known in servanthood, and that the way of wisdom is found in childlike simplicity. Betrayed into hostile hands and killed, he rose again and called us to follow him, putting aside selfish ambitions and walking in the ways of peace, mercy and humility.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you 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._____

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
we remember Christ, crucified and risen,

People **The One who was and is and is to come.**

We offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves as a living sacrifice.

People

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

EOW 69

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

Presider This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

People **Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

Invitation

BCP 364

Presider Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

The Gifts of God:

People **for the People of God.**

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.

The ushers guide the people to receive Holy Communion. Please place your pledge and/or gift in the plate provided on the way to receive communion.

Communion Hymn

Alexandra

Wonder, Love & Praise 788



1. As new-born stars were stirred to song when all things came to
 2. In psalms that raise the sing-er's sense to un - i - vers - al
 3. When God's re - deem-ing Word took flesh to make sal - va - tion
 4. But si - lence won no vic - t'ry there; a rest was all it



be, as Mir - i - am and Mos - es sang when
 truths, in pro - phet's dark-toned o - ra - cle or
 sure, un-heed - ing hearts at - tuned to strife re -
 scored be - fore glad al - le - lu - ias rose to



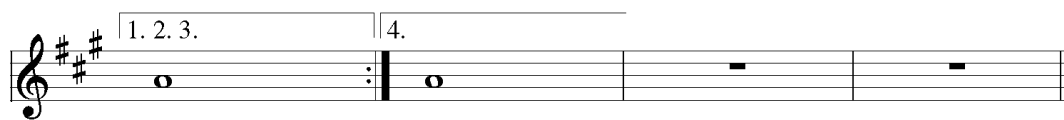
Is - rael was set free, so mu - sic bursts un - bid - den
 hymn of three brave youths: the song of faith and praise en -
 fused love's o - ver - ture. Yet to the end the song went
 greet the ri - sen Lord. The church still keeps that song a -



forth when God-filled hearts re - jice, to wak - en
 dured through those God called to be a cho - sen
 on: a sup - per's part - ing hymn, a psalm in -
 live, for death has lost its sting, and with the



awe and grat - i - tude and give mute faith a
 peo - ple bearing light for all the world to see.
 toned on dy - ing lips when sun and hope grew
 gift of life re - newed the heart will ev - er



voice.
 see.
 dim.

Communion Meditation

In the Lord

Taizé Community

The musical score is written for two voices, Treble and Bass, in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are in English and Spanish. The first system covers the first line of the song. The second system covers the second line, including a triplet of eighth notes in the Treble staff. The third system covers the third line, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are: In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -
El Se - ñor es mi for - ta - le - za, el Se - ñor es mi can -
joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your
ción. Él nos da la sal - va - ción. En él con -
voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.
fí - o, no te - me - ré. En él con - fí - o, no te - me - ré.

Commissioning Eucharistic Visitors

Book of Occasional Services 284, alt.

The People stand. The Eucharistic Visitors take their place around the Holy Table and receive a pyx.

Presider Though we are many, we are one body:
People **because we all share in the one bread.**

Presider In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those who are absent may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

Post-communion Prayer

Common Worship

Presider Let us pray.

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.**

Commissioning

Nathan Nettleton

Presider Go out, clothed in strength and dignity. Submit yourselves to God and resist the devil. Delight in the Lord's teaching, open your hands to the poor, and let your actions arise from the wisdom of God.

Blessing

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The Priest blesses the people, saying

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

V. Going out as God's People

Sending Hymn

Engelberg

Hymnal 477

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine, _____
2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought; _____
3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee, _____
4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou _____
5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord _____

1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine, _____
2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought; _____
3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free, _____
4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now, _____
5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord; _____

1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine. _____
2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought. _____
3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry. _____
4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow. _____
5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored. _____

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Dismissal

BCP 366

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

Postlude

Trumpet Tune" – Wilbur Held

What you need to know today ...

Scripture Readers Workshop Today at 11:15 AM in the church for current and prospective lectors.

Sunday School Today is the last day to Register children for Sunday School. Children are dismissed from church services after a special blessing and walk in groups to their age-specific classes which take place indoors in the TEDS classrooms. Teachers, aides, and students are fully masked in compliance with the current Diocesan guidelines. Parents are needed to help with classes; contact Beth Rees (beth.rees09@gmail.com) or Marion Nechuta (marionnechuta@yahoo.com).

Fellowship after Worship We have shared the Word, we have shared the Eucharist, after the service join us under the tent to share our thoughts, our hopes, our dreams, our journey together before walking into the mission fields to build the Kingdom.

Sandwich Sunday is today The Outreach Committee thanks everyone who donated and helped with this month's Sandwich Sunday for our sister parish, St. John's Episcopal in Elizabeth. This project is a success because of you.

Parish Pledges The parish leadership is so grateful for your faithfulness. Please continue to mail pledges – labeled “To Financial Secretary” – to Trinity Church, 205 North Avenue East, Cranford, NJ 07016.

Transportation to Church on Sunday Do you need a lift to Church, or would you like to offer a lift to Church? Cheryl Pantina is coordinating transportation, please contact her to make arrangements (908-623-7046).

Haiti Today is the last day to donate to Episcopal Relief & Development's Haiti Fund; please make out your check to “Trinity Cranford” and list “ERD Haiti Fund” in the memo line. Please pray for our siblings in Haiti and all those affected after a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the country on Saturday, August 14.

What you need to know this week ...

Parish Office hours Marion Nechuta is in the office from 10 AM to 12:30 PM, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It is advisable to call ahead before arriving. Marion may also be contacted via the parish email or phone.

The Daily Offices Morning and Evening Prayer are held online Monday through Friday at 8:30 AM and 5 PM respectively.

Intercessory Prayer List Each person is prayed for at Morning and Evening Prayer. [Click on this link](#) to add and update prayer requests. Remember to move that person to “Thanksgiving for Healing” if and when that becomes appropriate.

Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle Each week both are available for personal attribution, to remember loved ones, to honor others, to celebrate lives. Email the office for the process. The deadline is 4 PM Wednesday each week; multiple attributions are allowed.

Compline Consider ending your day with the peaceful prayer office of Compline, Thursday nights at 8 PM online.

Handbell Choir Rehearsal This Wednesday, September 22 from 6:45-7:45 PM in the church and continuing weekly.

Adult Choir Rehearsal This Wednesday, September 22, from 8-9 PM in the church and continuing weekly. Sunday call time for warm-up and rehearsal is 9:30 AM; the choir sings at the 10 AM service.

12 Step Programs Trinity is host to 3 recovery groups: Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Open Speaker Meeting every Tuesday night at 8 PM (hybrid); DAA (Drug Addicts Anonymous), Thursday nights at 8 PM; and AA Women's Open Step Meeting every Friday at 12 noon.

What you need to know for the future ...

Visit the Trinity Table at the Cranford Day Celebration on September 25; [click here](#) for more information.

The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi with the Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 3 at both services; the 8 AM service will be indoors and, weather permitting, the 10 AM service will be held outdoors.

Northern Convocation Meeting Thursday, October 7 at 7 PM online. ID and password will be available closer to the date.

ECW Women of Honor 2021 October 16, 2021 at 10 AM. Every 3 years, the ECW of the Diocese of NJ has held a luncheon to honor a woman from each parish who exemplifies the qualities of ECW ministry. This year, Trinity's nominee is Bonnie Gentese. Restrictions have resulted in a change to an online program; details will be made known shortly.

Parish Spiritual Conference Saturday, October 23 from 9 AM to 12 noon in Sherlock Hall. Fr Andy will lead a morning of spiritual conversations and exercises on the themes of Baptism, Bible, Eucharist and Prayer. The materials are based on Rowan Williams' short and simple, but also deeply profound little book, *Being Christian*. It is strongly advised that participants obtain the book and read it beforehand. The conference includes refreshments outside, under the TEDS tent. [Sign up to attend the conference here.](#)

Baptism Trinity will keep the feast of All Saints – one of the four Sundays the BCP sets aside for baptism – on Sunday, October 31 this year. Parents who desire the sacrament of baptism for their child/ren may download an [application form here](#). Complete and return the form to Marion at the parish office no later than Sunday, October 9. Arrangements are being made to stream the service to a large screen under the TEDS tent where most of the congregation will be accommodated. In this way our vulnerable infant candidates for baptism, who are not able to mask, will be relatively safe inside the church building. All adult candidates and at least one parent of infant candidates are required to participate in the Parish Spiritual Conference (see above) and the Baptismal Rehearsal (Saturday, October 30 from 10 AM to 11 AM) as part of preparation for the sacrament.

'David' at Sight & Sound Theater On Saturday, March 26, 2022, the 150th Events Committee is organizing a parish trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Tickets are \$86 per adult, \$40 per child. Contact Bonnie Gentese (908-377-4344) for information.

Pentecost Octave & Trinity Sunday 2022

There are many and varied services and events planned for Trinity's 150th Anniversary year in 2022. During the season of Epiphany (January and February 2022) I will endeavor to bless every home in the parish and deliver a special 150th anniversary calendar to each parishioner. At the heart of our celebrations will be the Pentecost Octave which culminates in Trinity Sunday (Sunday, June 5 through Sunday, June 12).

A liturgical octave is an eight-day period specifically set aside for the continuing celebration of a feast: in our case the Feast of Pentecost. By the high middle ages this practice had become a regular and significant feature of corporate worship in the western church. In 2022 we will observe the Pentecost Octave with a week, and a day, of evensong services beginning on Pentecost Sunday and concluding on Trinity Sunday.

Former priests, seminarians, or significant people in the life and history of Trinity Church will be invited to preach a short homily each evening. Anointing with the oil of chrism, for the renewal of God's people, will be offered at these services as an outward and visible sign of the Holy Spirit's activity in our lives. On Trinity Sunday, the last day of the octave and our Feast of Title, we will welcome Bishop Stokes to preside at the 10 AM Holy Eucharist. If ever there is a day that should not be missed, it is this one! Please carve out that time in your calendars and watch this space...

Lectionary & Liturgy

Proper 20 – Year B When the Church gathers to worship, it acts out its allegiance to God and its service to the world. In the action of the liturgy we express our service to each other. That liturgical action is the pattern for our daily living as God’s friends and as fellow servants with Christ to all people. The liturgy, then, is extended beyond the doors of the church building into all of life.

In the first reading, the prophet speaks of the opposition he faces from those who reject his message. They plot his death and he describes their plots in ways that reminded the first Christians of the rejection of Jesus that led to his death.

Again we read from the Epistle of James. After describing the characteristics of those who are at peace with God, the author states that strife, jealousy, and estrangement are the products of allying ourselves with the world rather than with God.

In today’s Gospel reading Jesus again predicts his death and resurrection. The disciples fail to understand and dispute among themselves which of them is the most important. Jesus tells them that the highest status in his kingdom is reserved for those who serve. This is a call to pattern our lives on his life in self-giving love.

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- † **Cover art** – “Christus und die Kinder (Christ among the Children)” by Emil Nolde (born Hans Emil Hansen; 1867–1956). “I had to be artistically free, not to have God before me as a steel-hard Assyrian ruler, but God in me, hot and holy as the love of Christ.” A relationship with God that was tender, non-judgmental and uncomplicated. Painted in 1910, “here the tender figure of the Savior, draped in a blue mantle, looms up protectively as an overpowering diagonal form, separating the bright children from the dark purple of the disciples” –[Peter Selz, 1963]. © Nolde Stiftung Seebüll, Germany
- † **Prelude** – Wayne L. Wold (b. 1954) is Director of Music Ministry, First Lutheran Church, Ellicott City, MD, and Adjunct Assoc. Prof. of Music, Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA. An active composer, author, performer, church musician, and clinician, he retired in 2020 after 30 years at Hood College, MD, where he was Professor, College Organist, and Chair of the Music Department.
- † **Gathering Hymn** – Words & Music: Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934) © 1970, 1975, Celebration, Aliquippa, PA. “On one, hand it may be sung as a prayer for illumination. On the other hand, it may be sung as a song of dedication. The worshiper commits to live in the light of Christ.” Currently Organist and Music Director at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Austin, TX, this is her best-known hymn, written in the summer of 1966 when she was a part of the charismatic group at the Church of the Redeemer, Episcopal in Houston, the town after which she named the tune.
- † **Collect of the Day** – Reflecting the tumultuous times of the barbarian invasions; Colossians 3:2 is the biblical reference, and it is included in the BCP for the first time. –[*Notes on the American Prayer Book* by Marion Hatchett]
- † **Proclaiming Hymn** – Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854). “The secrets of his power were manifold. His poetic genius was of a high order; his ear for rhythm was exceedingly accurate and refined. His knowledge of Holy Scripture was most extensive; his religious views were broad and charitable. His devotional spirit was of the holiest type; with the faith of a strong man he united the beauty and simplicity of a child. Richly poetic without exuberance, dogmatic without uncharitableness, tender without sentimentality, elaborate without diffusiveness, richly musical without apparent effort, he has bequeathed to the Church of Christ wealth which could only have come from a true genius and a sanctified! heart. –[John Julian, *Dictionary of Hymnology* (1907)] Music: English folk melody thought by some scholars to date back to the Middle Ages; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) who introduced it as a hymn tune in *The English Hymnal*, 1906. © By permission of Oxford University Press.
- † **Gospel** – The Christian gospel, for Augustine, wasn’t just the answer to an intellectual question (though it was that); it was more like a shelter in a storm, a port for a wayward soul, nourishment for a prodigal who was hungering, whose own heart had become, he said, “a famished land.” It was, he said, like someone had finally shown him his home country, even though he had never been there before.
- † *** Nicene Creed** – This version is 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 was a later development implemented only in the Western Church and without approval of a General Council.

- † **Prayers of the People** – Adapted from “Leading Intercessions: Prayers for Sundays, Holy Days and Festivals and for Special Services Years A, B & C” –[Hymns Ancient and Modern, Ltd.] by Raymond Chapman, author of many books of prayer and devotion.
- † **Offertory Hymn** – Words: Jan Struther, pen name of Joyce Maxtone Graham Plazcek (1901-1953), best remembered for her World War II novel and film, *Mrs. Miniver*. Prepared at the request of Percy Dearmer, who noted this “is indeed a lovely example of the fitting together of thought, words, and music.” By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927. It was the opening hymn at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on 19 May 2018.
- † **Preface** – Written by the Rev. Nathan Nettleton for LaughingBird Liturgical Resources as “a gift to the wider Church from the South Yarra Community Baptist Church in Melbourne, Australia.”
- † **Communion Hymn** – Words: Carl P. Daw (b. 1944) © 1997 Hope Publishing Co. Music: John Karl Hirten (b. 1956) © 1995 San Francisco Chapter, American Guild of Organists. He is Director of Parish Music at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Belvedere, a position he has held since 1995.
- † **Communion Meditation** – Words: Taizé Community © 1978, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent. Music: Jacques Berthier © 1978 Les Presses de Taizé. Used with permission.
- † **Sending Hymn** – Words: Francis Bland Tucker (1895-1984), first published in *The Hymnal 1940* when he was rector of St. John’s, Georgetown, Washington, D.C. It is based on Philippians 2:5-11. “There is no better 20th-century writing in either of our countries than is to be found in Tucker.” –[British hymnologist Erik Routley] Tucker offered some insight: “I never thought of writing a hymn until in 1937 I was put on the Commission to propose a new hymnal. This Commission produced *The Hymnal 1940*. Each of us assigned a different hymnal to study, and to present a hymn from it to be considered I found passages quoted from early Christian writings that had hymnic qualities, though written in prose. Among these were the Eucharistic prayers in the *Didache* (*The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles*, probably written c. 110) and the *Epistle to Diognetus* (c. 190). I paraphrased these.” Raymond Glover, writing in 1994, remarked, “The test of time and the verdict of critics of hymnology mark this text as one of the finest works of F. Bland Tucker.” Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924). “The tune name commemorates the site of a famous Benedictine abbey in Switzerland. Stanford might have visited it in 1873 when he returned to Cambridge from Bonn by way of Switzerland and Paris.” –[Carl Daw]

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150th Anniversary : 1872 – 2022

Triune God, you come to your people in dreams and visions:
quicken our imagination by your Holy Spirit, that we will be inspired to honor our past, live out our baptism today,
and serve future generations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrating 149 Years of God’s Faithfulness

Practical Ways to Sign Up and Serve God

Ministry/Committee	Reason to Join	Contact Person & Number
Trinity Men's Group	Come and enjoy fellowship and discussion around the Word	Terry Nechuta 908-956-5848
Women's Bible Study	Come and experience friendship with God and one another	Nancy Miller 908-276-2211
Trinity Women's Group	Read, discuss and inwardly digest the scriptures in fellowship with other women	Carol Beier 908-578-3473
Stephen Ministry	Consider inviting a Stephen Minister to walk with you on your journey	Fr Andy Kruger 609-933-5227
Episcopal Church Women (ECW)	Fellowship with other women from Trinity and support various church functions and causes	Holly Ives 908-277-2821 Marion Nechuta 908-451-4498
Sunday School Class	Planting the seeds of Faith in the lives of our young people	Beth Rees 917-836-1997 Marion Nechuta 908-451-4498
Confirmation Class	A safe space for the young people of our parish to ask & explore the hard questions of the Faith	Marion Nechuta 908-451-4498 John Beier 908-578-9799
Outreach	We are Christ's hands and feet; and eyes and ears	Marion Nechuta 908-451-4498
Choir & Handbells	"Those who sing, pray twice." – St. Augustine	Anthony Rafaniello 860-205-7143
Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs)	Administer the Chalice of life & bring the Scriptures to life	Bonnie Gentesse 908-377-4344
Ushers	The front line of welcoming at Trinity	Linda Kurdilla 908-230-4951
Acolytes	Lift High the Cross & Shine the Light of Christ	Fr Andy Kruger 609-933-5227 Stacey Cooney 908-565-1719
Altar Guild	Come and work behind the scenes for our great good, and for God's greater glory	Carol Beier 908-578-3473
Building and Grounds	Help maintain the beauty and functionality of our inheritance	Sydney O'Hagan 774-218-3461 John Zebrowski 908-358-4254
Stewardship Committee	Supporting Trinity financially is both the privilege and the cost of discipleship	Peter Waldron 908-917-0298 Linda Kurdilla 908-230-4951
Communications Committee	Sign up to help us better communicate God's love using the latest technology	Tom Kaercher 908-591-0962
Ministry for the Imprisoned	By serving those who are incarcerated we serve Christ himself.	Casey Woodruff 908-868-4915
150 th Anniversary	Honoring our past ... Living our Baptism today ... Serving future generations	Dave Burnett 908-591-2331 Fr Andy Kruger 609-933-5227
Greening Committee	Join us as we explore what it means to be good stewards of God's creation.	Tom Kaercher 908-591-0962 Vicki Goralski 210-774-5024
Counters	Ensure accurately recorded giving	Marion Nechuta 908-451-4498
Fellowship Luncheon	Join us for Feasting and Fellowship and interesting speakers	Susan Olszewski 908-591-5370 Bonnie Gentesse 908-377-4344
Fellowship Coffee Hour	Our Sunday worship is incomplete without true fellowship	Marion Nechuta 908-451-4498 Holly Ives 908-277-2821

Notice of Special Parish Meeting
Sunday, September 26 after the 10 AM Eucharist
Regarding the Election of the 13th Bishop of New Jersey

On Sunday, September 26, at a special parish meeting after the 10 AM Eucharist, Trinity Episcopal Church, Cranford, will meet to elect six people to attend a special Convocation Meeting.

The six people who are elected will attend the special convocation meeting on Sunday, October 24.

At this meeting one clergy person and one lay person from the pool of representatives will be elected to be on the Bishop Search and Nomination Committee.

Nominations may be submitted via this link.

The 13th Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey

- On September 2, Bishop Stokes called for the election of the 13th Bishop of New Jersey, announcing his intent to retire in June 2023. The Standing Committee has general oversight responsibility for the election process and is working on retaining a consultant to advise them and the wider diocesan community.
- Ms. Valaida Guerrero, member of St. Andrew's, New Providence and a Trustee of the Diocese, will serve as the Chair of the Episcopal Search and Nomination Committee for the election, in accordance with Diocesan Canon 9, Section 3(c).
- On September 26, each congregation will meet to nominate six people to attend a special Convocation Meeting. Congregations will report the names of their representatives to the dean of their convocation. On October 24, Convocations will hold a special meeting to elect from the parish representatives 1 clergy and 1 lay person for the Bishop Search and Nomination Committee.
- June 24, 2023—Consecration of the 13th Bishop of New Jersey

Redacted from Bishop Stokes letter to the Diocese

For everything there is a season ... Ecclesiastes 3:1

I am writing to let you know that, following prayer and consultation with family, trusted friends and trusted advisors, I have determined that the time has come for me to call for the election of the 13th Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey and to notify you of my intention to resign and retire as Bishop in June 2023. At that time, God-willing, I will be 66 years old and will have served the diocese for almost ten years. My intention is not to call for a bishop co-adjutor, but to call for the election of the next diocesan bishop. Prayer, discernment and a recognition of the changing needs and demands of The Episcopal Church and the Diocese of New Jersey indicate it is time for me to “step aside” and a new generation to step forward.

I have notified The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, our Presiding Bishop, of my intentions and he wants me to assure you of his love and support of our diocese as we enter this time of transition. I cannot express the profound gratitude I feel for the sacred honor and privilege I have had in serving as your bishop. By God's grace, we still have nearly two years to walk together in this work. I look forward to journeying with you and trust that the Holy Spirit will continue to lead, sustain and guide us through it all. May God bless you and those you love.

The Right Reverend William H. Stokes
12th Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey