

Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



"We Are One in Jesus the Lord" by Soichi Watanabe

The Third Sunday of Easter

Rite I Holy Eucharist

April 14, 2024 at 8 AM

The Reverend Andrew David Kruger, Rector & Presider

Casey Woodruff, Senior Warden & Preacher

Anthony Rafaniello, Director of Music

Thomas Kaercher, Junior Warden

Welcome

Casey Woodruff

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.**

Kyrie

BCP 324

Presider Kyrie eleison.

People **Christe eleison.**

Presider Kyrie eleison.

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.

**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 are seated.

First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 4

Cum invocarem

BCP 587

1. Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
**you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**
2. “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
**how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?”**
3. Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
4. Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
5. Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.

6. Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
7. You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
8. I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

Reader A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand.

Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

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

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

Jesus stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Homily

Casey Woodruff

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 Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Sally our Bishop, and Andrew our Priest, 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 Joseph, our President, Philip, our governor, and Brian, 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*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

Peace

BCP 332

The People stand.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Offertory Sentence

BCP 344

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 at this time. 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.

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



For Friends, Visitors and Newcomers

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church in Cranford, New Jersey. Thank you for joining us in worship. The bulletin is designed to make you feel at home and includes everything you need for the service (liturgy, hymns, rubrics, etc.). Please connect with us; introduce yourself to the ushers so they can make you feel more comfortable. Father Andy is in the narthex (entrance) at the end of the service; it is an opportunity to connect on a more personal level. All are invited to Fellowship Hour in Sherlock Hall immediately after the service. 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.

Lectionary & Liturgy

On this Third Sunday of Easter, the Gospel reading directs our attention to the Eucharist as our ongoing experience of the resurrection. On the first Easter afternoon Jesus met two of his followers, and as they walked to the village of Emmaus he explained the scriptures concerning his death and resurrection to them. At table with them he said the blessing and broke the bread and they recognized him. Today's Gospel reading carries that story to its conclusion. Those two disciples are in the midst of telling the others that Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread when he appears in their midst. He again explains the scriptures and shares food with them. Thus from the very beginning of the Church's life in the risen Lord, the meal has been the most common way Jesus' resurrection is revealed to his people.

Our reading from Acts today is an account of the manifestation of Christ's presence in and through his followers. Peter and John heal a cripple in the name of Jesus and then Peter proclaims the Gospel of the dying and rising of Jesus. The second reading this Sunday speaks of the forgiveness of sins we have as a result of our life in Christ. We are a people who through Baptism and Eucharist live in Christ's dying and rising. We meet him again and again in the Breaking of the Bread and acclaim him. "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!"

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What you need to know today...

Baptismal Enrollment Charlotte Grace Antus and Drew Joseph Ortiz are enrolled during today's 10 AM service in preparation for baptism on Pentecost Sunday, May 19.

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

Sunday School Children (PreK-3 through Grade 4) gather in the church at the beginning of the 10 AM service. Children and teachers receive a blessing after the collect of the day, depart for class, then return in time for Holy Communion. Younger children, supervised by their parents, are welcome in the nursery section of the narthex.

Holy Communion Preparation Class At the 10 AM service, after the blessing of the Sunday School, students should follow the teachers, Joyce Cielsak and Marion Nechuta. Depending on the day's lesson, students may return for communion or finish up in class.

Trinity Children's Choir Rehearsal today at 11:30 AM in the church.

Outreach Today, at 11:30 AM in Witherington Hall, all parishioners are invited to attend the committee meeting.

Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle Both are individually available for personal attribution, to remember loved ones, to honor others, to celebrate lives. Anyone can make a request; there is no fee. Email the office by 4 PM Wednesday each week; multiple attributions are allowed. Altar flowers cost the parish \$75 per week, and are a line item in the church budget. Donations towards that are gratefully appreciated and may be made anonymously via the collection plate or through the office.

What you need to know this week...

Parish Office Hours Office Manager Marion Nechuta is available Tuesday (12 noon–2:30 PM), Wednesday (1 PM–3:30 PM) and Thursday (12 noon–2:30 PM). Please call before arriving; at other times she may still be contacted via parish email or phone.

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

Trinity's Music Ministry This Wednesday, April 17 there is rehearsal for Handbell Choir (6:45–7:45 PM) and the Adult Choir (8–9 PM) in the church. Contact Music Director Anthony Rafaniello (anthonyrafaniello@gmail.com).

Women's Bible Study Usually on Thursday, 10 AM–11 AM online, except when the Fellowship Luncheon occurs. Nancy Miller – 1988 magna cum laude graduate of the Theological School of Drew University – has been leading this dedicated group since 2000.

April Fellowship Luncheon Thursday, April 18 from 12:30 to 2 PM in Witherington Hall. Join parishioner and horticulturist Paul Trader for a presentation on pruning trees, shrubs and perennials; volunteers willing to do periodic pruning are especially encouraged to attend. An \$8 donation is requested. For questions or to sign up to bring food, please contact Susan Olszewski (908-757-9561).

Thursday Compline This Thursday at 8 PM online.

Bowl for Scholarships Thursday, April 18 from 6 PM to 8 PM at Jersey Lanes for \$20. Proceeds to benefit the Rev. Servio R. Moscoso Foundation which is dedicated to raising funds to help Hispanic high school seniors continue their education.. Contact the office manager, Marion Nechuta, to sign up and for more information.

12 Step Programs Trinity is host to 3 recovery groups: Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) has an Open Speaker Meeting every Tuesday night at 7 PM (since 1956); DAA (Drug Addicts Anonymous) has a meeting on Thursday nights at 8 PM; and there is an AA Women's Open Step Meeting every Friday at 12 noon.

What you need to know in the future...

United Together Sunday, April 21 is the final day that Outreach is collecting for this organization which helps the people of Ukraine with humanitarian needs. The weekly email blast has the link to the list of items needed. Contact the parish office for more details.

Intergenerational Eucharist April 21 is the third Sunday of the month, and at the 10 AM service the younger baptized members of our parish remain in church rather than going to Sunday school and exercise their gifts by participating in various lay roles in the liturgy.

Eucharistic Minister Training Next Sunday, April 21 after the 8 AM and 10 AM services for all current and aspirant LEM's.

Sandwich Sunday Next week, April 21; 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):

- Sign up to supply food items for St. John's food pantry (please deliver to the parish by Saturday, April 20)
- Sign up to supply items needed for the bags and the sandwiches
- Saturday, April 20 from 10 AM to 11:30 AM – assemble food bags in Sherlock Hall

- Sunday, April 21 between services (9 AM-10 AM) and after the 10 AM service – assemble sandwiches
- Sunday, April 21 after Fellowship Hour – Transport the sandwiches and food packets to St John’s

Episcopal Church Women’s Student Service Award Applications are open to all High School Seniors who attend churches in the Diocese of New Jersey. Applications are due by Tuesday, April 30. The information is in the weekly email blast.

Baptism on Pentecost Sunday, May 19 Baptismal candidates are enrolled today during this service.

“Daniel” Saturday, September 28 at 3 PM at Sight & Sound, Lancaster PA. Tickets are \$95 each and due July 1. See Bonnie Gentesse.

Four Candidates Named for Presiding Bishop



From left, Nebraska Bishop J. Scott Barker, Pennsylvania Bishop Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez, Northwestern Pennsylvania Bishop Sean Rowe, who also serves as bishop provisional of the Diocese of Western New York, and Atlanta Bishop Robert Wright.

[ENS Episcopal News Service] The Episcopal Church has announced four nominees to succeed Michael B. Curry as presiding bishop: The Bishops of Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Northwestern Pennsylvania, and Atlanta. The new primate will be chosen by fellow bishops at this summer's General Convention. The nominees are:

Scott Barker, 60, has led the Omaha-based Diocese of Nebraska since 2011. The diocese's 53 worshipping communities span the full state, where Barker was born and raised. A graduate of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, Barker was ordained to the priesthood in 1992 and served for 10 years in Omaha and 10 more years in the Diocese of New York before returning to Nebraska as bishop.

Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez, 59, has led the Philadelphia-based Diocese of Pennsylvania since 2016. It is one of six dioceses in the state. A native of New Mexico, Gutiérrez earned a diocesan certificate in Anglican studies through Trinity School for Ministry and has a master's degree in theological studies from St. Norbert College. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2008 in Albuquerque-based Diocese of the Rio Grande and served as canon to the ordinary, chief operating officer, and chief of staff before elected Bishop of Pennsylvania.

Sean Rowe, 49, has led the Erie-based Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania since 2007, and he also serves as bishop provisional of the Diocese of Western New York through a partnership the dioceses established in 2019. He previously served as bishop provisional of the Diocese of Bethlehem from 2014 to 2018. Originally from western Pennsylvania, Rowe is a Virginia Theological Seminary graduate and was ordained to the priesthood in 2000 in Northwestern Pennsylvania, where he served in congregational ministry until his election as bishop. He serves as parliamentarian of the House of Bishops and Executive Council.

Robert Wright, 60, has led the Diocese of Atlanta since 2012. The diocese, based in Georgia's capital city, has 120 worshipping communities across the northern half of the state. A Navy veteran and graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary, Wright was ordained to the priesthood in 1999 in the Diocese of New York. At the time of his election as bishop, he had served the previous 10 years as rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Atlanta. Since 2020, he also has hosted a podcast on faith and life called *For People*.

The announcement immediately sparked social media chatter complaining that there were no female or LGBT candidates. Other posters pointed out that the 20-person nominating committee included three female bishops, and Curry's predecessor, Katharine Jefferts Schori, in 2006 became the first woman elected to lead a province of the Anglican Communion. The 2015 General Convention also considered a four-person, all-male slate. The bishops overwhelmingly chose Curry, making him the first Black presiding bishop and the first to be elected on a single ballot.

The 28th presiding bishop will be elected this summer at General Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. The House of Bishops will vote in executive session on Wednesday, June 26, immediately after a morning Eucharist. Later in the day, the House of Deputies will vote on whether to confirm the election. The canons are silent on what would happen if the deputies were to exercise their veto. In 2015, the deputies confirmed Curry's election by vote of 800 to 12. The new presiding bishop's nine-year term begins November 1.

The April 2 announcement initiates a petition process on April 3-15. The presiding bishop campaign, to the extent there is one, will bear no resemblance to the bitter presidential contest that continues to unfold. The nominees will not give news interviews, and even in private it would be considered extremely bad form for one nominee to criticize another. Each nominee recorded a brief video, available at generalconvention.org, "discussing a biblical image or metaphor that resonates with this moment in the life of the church and the role of the presiding bishop."

All of the nominees are comfortably young enough to serve a nine-year term before reaching the church's mandatory retirement age of 72. Rowe is a decade younger than the other candidates, yet also has the longest tenure as a bishop. Barker has the longest tenure as a priest. The nominating committee was co-chaired by Bishop of Alaska Mark Lattime and Steve Nishibayashi, a longtime lay leader in the Diocese of Los Angeles and former member of the Executive Council.

"Hymn Sing" ~ from the Music Director

For quite a while I wanted to host a hymn festival. I have enjoyed attending hymn festivals and hymn sings over the years and have experienced the joy in singing our favorite hymns together. Our hymnal is full of beautiful poetic texts and tunes in praise of and in prayer to God, and our Episcopal tradition prides itself on its rich tradition and treasury of hymnody. The Hymnal 1982 contains works that span the past two millennia and range from introspective and devotional, to vigorous and regal. This is an opportunity to explore them together in an Easter Hymn Festival on May 19 at 4 PM.

This is a fun musical event for everyone to participate in singing some of our favorite hymns and enjoy making music together. This is a fundraiser which benefits both Trinity Episcopal Church and the James Lenney Memorial Choral Scholarship, which is awarded to a Cranford High School senior each year. A beloved resident of Cranford, Jim Lenney was Trinity's Choirmaster and Organist for 30 years, as well as the Choral Director at Cranford High School. There are two ways to participate in the hymn sing and donate:

- Beforehand, an entire hymn can be sponsored for the Easter Hymn Festival. Any hymn from the Hymnal 1982 can be requested at the cost of its hymn number. For example, hymn #460 (*Hyfyrdol*) can be sponsored for \$460 and all verses will be sung, with a short improvisation at the introduction or conclusion. (Please choose only hymns from #174 onward, as this is an Easter

Hymn Festival. It is far too early for Christmas Carols.) It is simple to sponsor an entire hymn, whether as an individual, a family, or a group of parishioners joining together. Please email the church office at trinitycranford@gmail.com. These sponsored selections will be due by Sunday, May 5.

- Admission to the Easter Hymn Festival is a suggested donation of \$15 and tickets will go on sale beginning Sunday, April 21. Each ticket will include a slip to request a hymn from the Hymnal 1982. These hymns will be pulled at random during the hymn festival. Whatever hymn is listed on the slip that is drawn will be sung. However, only the first and last verses of these hymns will be sung, so that we can get to as many of the hymns as time will allow.

A light reception will follow the hymn festival. This is going to be an enjoyable event for those who enjoy hymn singing, so invite your friends to join us. Again, to sponsor an entire hymn, please email the parish office. Contact me with questions or to assist with the hymn festival. I hope you will join the whole parish on May 19 at 4 PM, as we raise our voices together in song.

Anthony J. Rafaniello, Music Director

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“We Are One in Jesus the Lord” (2009) by Soichi Watanabe (b. 1949). He was drawn to God as an undergraduate student during a home Bible study; “the richness of the biblical world overwhelmed me and at the same time tortured me. I really heard a voice telling me to accept the salvation of Jesus on the cross and to follow him. My works are my own humble responses to God’s calling in my life. The images are often given to me through the words of God at worship services on Sundays and during my daily devotion. I have the earnest hope that I will go on painting to praise the Lord.”



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