

Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



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Trinity Sunday — Feast of Title

Rite I Holy Eucharist

May 30, 2021 at 8 AM

*The Reverend Andrew David Kruger, Presider
Anthony Rafaniello, Director of Music and Organist
John Beier, Senior Warden & Sydney O'Hagan, Junior Warden*

*The Sanctuary Candle burns, and the Altar Flowers are given, for the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Charles Edward Post from the Beier family*

Welcome

Andy Kruger

The Presider processes, the bell is rung, and the people stand.

Acclamation

BCP 323

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

Collect for Purity

BCP 323

Let us pray together the collect for purity.

**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.**

Gloria

BCP 324

**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

BCP 176

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,
who hast given unto us thy servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity,
and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity:
We beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us
steadfast in this faith and worship,
and bring us at last to see thee in thy one and eternal glory,
O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

Afferte Domino

BCP 620

1. Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
2. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
3. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
4. The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
5. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
6. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
7. The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
8. The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
9. And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, “Glory!”
10. The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
11. The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-17

Reader A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand.

Gospel

John 3:1-17

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

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

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Homily

Andy Kruger

Nicene Creed

BCP 326

The People stand.

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

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

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

BCP 328

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, William our Bishop, and Andy 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 Kathleen the mayor of this town, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [*especially...*], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

BCP 331

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People kneel.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Absolution

BCP 332

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Comfortable Words

BCP 332

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

Peace

BCP 332

The People stand.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The people make a reverent bow to one another as an expression of peace. No physical contact is permitted.

Announcements

Andrew Kruger

Offertory Sentence

BCP 344

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty. For all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine.

Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. *1 Chronicles 29:11*

The Presider prepares the Holy Table, then the People stand

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.

For with thy co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, thou art one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of thee, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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.**

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.**

Protocol for the Reception of Communion Bread

- ✠ *The people, starting from the pews closest to the sanctuary, are invited by the usher to receive Communion.*
- ✠ *Each Communicant must first sanitize their hands before proceeding to the Presider with hands cupped, the non-dominant hand on top, to receive the Bread.*
- ✠ *The Presider gives the Bread to each person saying: 'The Body of Christ.' The recipient replies: 'Amen.'*
- ✠ *After receiving the Bread, the communicant moves a short distance toward the right or left crossing door, removes their mask and consumes the Bread.*
- ✠ *After consuming the Bread the communicant may place their gift in the retiring offertory bowls stationed at each crossing door.*
- ✠ *The communicant then departs through the crossing door.*

What you need to know today ...

Stamp Out Despair The Ministry for the Imprisoned thanks all who donated for their very generous response which enabled a donation of 59 books of stamps (valued at \$650). Thirteen “Dear Friend” notes to accompany the stamps were also received. Writing a note is challenging and not much guidance was provided. The goal is a note for each book of stamps, please consider writing one or more notes and send the notes to the parish office by today, Sunday, May 30. Here are some sample ideas:

- † *Dear Friend, I am thinking about you today and praying for you and your loved ones. Remember that God cares for you and that you are never alone. Peace and hope to you.*
- † *Dear Friend, May God be with you and give you comfort, peace and hope.*
- † *Dear Friend, I hope these postage stamps enable you to stay in touch with your loved ones at this difficult time. Know that you are not forgotten and are in our prayers.*

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 parish office with any questions as to the process. Please note, the deadline is 4 PM Wednesday before the Sunday being requested; remember that there can be multiple attributions each week. Upcoming:

May 30 In loving memory of Charles Edward Post from the Beier family

June 6 In loving memory of Charles Pecoraro, from his daughter Dianne Pecoraro, and grandchildren Sal and Danielle Brown

September 12 In loving memory of Joan Collins-Beres from her daughter, Cheryl Pantina

The Parish Office Marion Nechuta is in the office on Thursday afternoons to field phone calls only, no in-person contact is permitted. Marion may be contacted via the parish email or her cell (908-451-4498) during the rest of the week from 2:30 PM to 5 PM.

Holding a meeting under the TEDS tents? Please call Marion Nechuta (908-451-4498) or email the parish office to reserve a space.

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 (908-623-7046) is coordinating lifts, please contact her too make arrangements.

What you need to know this week ...

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 on the list is prayed for at Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. You are encouraged to add and update your prayer requests; [please click on this link](#). Please remember to move the person you are praying for to the “Thanksgiving for Healing” section if and when that becomes appropriate.

Women’s Bible Study Thursdays from 10 AM to 11:30 AM via Trinity’s online platform. Nancy Miller leaves the discussion on Catherine of Sienna and moves on to Mechthild (or Matilda) of Magdeburg (1207-1288), the first mystic to write in German, a Beguine, and a Christian medieval mystic, whose book *The Flowing Light of Divinity* is a compendium of visions, prayers, dialogs and mystical accounts.

Compline Consider ending your day with the peaceful prayer office of Compline, Thursday nights at 8 PM on Trinity’s online platform.

CCC/IFHRC Scholarship The recipient of the Cranford Clergy Council/Interfaith Human Relations Committee (CCC/IFHRC) Scholarship must be a graduating senior from any public or private school and is a congregant of a Cranford House of Worship. The students must be active in their church or synagogue and must plan to continue their education by attending college or vocational school. This award is not based on academic or athletic achievement, but on how their faith has encouraged them to serve God and people through volunteerism in their House of Worship and Community. Applications must be completed and submitted by Noon on June 1.

Trinity Men’s Group meets on the first Saturday of the month from 8 AM to 9 AM online. All men of the parish are invited to explore the scriptures together. The group’s next meeting is this Saturday, June 5 and will be held under the TEDS tents.

What you need to know for the future ...

Outdoor In-Person Eucharist on Sunday, June 6 at 10 AM. The parish will bid farewell to Joe and Julia Bardzilowski during this service as they prepare for their move out of the area. There will be a fellowship hour after the service with an ice cream truck and other snacks. [Click here to sign up for the service.](#) Please note that this will be the only service offered on the day and due to the service being outdoors it will not be streamed online.

The Trinity Cranford ECW Scholarship Committee is now accepting requests from qualifying 2021 high school graduates who are active parishioners of Trinity, and accepted and attending (or planning to attend) an institute of higher learning in 2021. Email the office by June 11; an application will be sent. For questions, call Holly Ives (908-277-2821) or Marion Nechuta (908-451-4498).

The Food Collection for St. Joseph's Social Service continues, please drop off items to Marion Nechuta's home (310 W. Clay Ave., Roselle Park) by Friday, June 11. [Click here for more details.](#)

Second Quarterly Men's Group Hike We had so much fun on our men's group retreat/hike that we decided to make it a regular event. Our next hike is on Saturday, June 12 from 9:30 AM till 12 PM at Seeley's Pond in the Watchung Reservation. Participants are directed to Seeley's Pond parking lot, Berkeley Heights (entrance just off Diamond Hill Road). The hike is mostly flat and lasts for a little more than one hour. If you do not feel that the hike is right for you, please consider joining us for the fellowship and the prayer service before the hike commences. Please R.S.V.P. to Casey Woodruff (908-868-4915 or cwoodruff@jonbramnick.com).

Game Night Confirmation Class vs. Sunday School Sunday, June 13 from 5 PM to 6:30 PM under the tents. Games for all ages; which team will win the most? A link to register will be provided closer to the date.

Trinity Women's Group meets on the second Monday of the month from 7 PM to 8 PM online. All women of the parish are invited to explore the scriptures together. The next meeting is on Monday, June 14.

Sandwich Sunday is on June 20, sign up here to provide necessary items and contact Marion (908-451-4498) if you would like to assist with making the sandwiches on Saturday, June 19.

Contribute to St. John's Pantry, click here to view the suggested list of items. Please deliver to 310 West Clay Avenue, Roselle Park by the Saturday before Sandwich Sunday (Saturday, June 19).

Mystagogia As part of the *Year of Eucharist*, the 150th Liturgical Committee offered recorded teachings delving into the mysteries of the Eucharist. The class takes the form of an instructed Eucharist and the videos and discussion questions are available on Trinity's Website. Click [here](#) to view the Mystagogia classes on the Trinity website.

Lectionary & Liturgy

The liturgy today focuses our prayer and celebration on God who acts in history and is revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The first reading today is the account of Isaiah's vision of God enthroned with the heavenly host shouting, "Holy, Holy, Holy." This passage provides the great hymn of the Eucharistic liturgy, celebrating our life within the life of the Holy Trinity.

The second reading is from Paul's Epistle to the Romans. This passage explores the ways the Persons of the Trinity relate to us. It is the Holy Spirit working in us who enables us to pray and to be fellow children of God along with the Son.

The Gospel reading today is Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus, and the Evangelist's discussion of the meaning of Jesus' words. In explaining that salvation depends on being born again by water and the Spirit, Jesus reveals God's three-fold nature as an active one. God the Creator is the Giver of life and the Savior of humankind.

As the Church, the People of God come together to celebrate the Eucharist. Called together by God's Spirit, we encounter the Son in Word and Sacrament revealing the Father and leading us into the life and love of the Holy Trinity.

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Rector's Sabbath: Father Andy takes his Sabbath on Mondays