

# Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



"Water into Wine" – Hyatt Moore

## *The Second Sunday after Epiphany*

Rite II ~ Holy Eucharist

January 16, 2022 at 10 AM



The Reverend Andrew David Kruger, Presider

Anthony J. Rafaniello, Director of Music & Organist

John Beier, Senior Warden & Sydney O'Hagan, Junior Warden

# I. Gathering of God's People

Welcome

Andrew Kruger

Prelude

"Prelude on *Houston*" – Wayne Wold

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. Amen.**

## Collect for Purity

Book of Common Prayer 355

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Presider and People pray together.*

**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 215

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## II. Proclaiming and Receiving the Word of God

### First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

*Reader* A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### Psalm 36:5-10

*Dixit injustus*

The Plainsong Psalter

*Antiphon*



In your light, O God, we see light.



TONE I.1

- 5 Your love, O LORD, reaches tó the héavens, \*  
and your faith/fulness tō the clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice líke the gréat deep; \*  
you save both / man and béast, O LORD.
- 7 How priceless ís your lóve, O God! \*  
your people take refuge under the / shadow óf your wings.
- 8 They feast upon the abúndance óf your house; \*  
you give them drink from the ri/ver of yóür delights.
- 9 For with yóu is the wéll of life, \*  
and in / your light wē see light.
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to thóse who knów you, \*  
and your favor to those / who are trúe of heart.

[Ant.]

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Reader

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Church in Corinth.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

## Proclaiming Hymn

*Gonfalon Royal*

Hymnal 221

1 O Lord Most High, e - ter - nal King, by  
2 A - scend - ing to the Fa - ther's throne thou  
3 Be thou our joy, O Might - y Lord, as  
4 O ris - en Christ, a - scend - ed Lord, all

thee re - deemed thy praise we sing. The bonds of  
claim'st the king - dom as thine own; and an - gels  
thou wilt be our great re - ward; let all our  
praise to thee let earth ac - cord, who art, while

death are burst by thee, and grace has won the  
won - der when they see how changed is our hu -  
glo - ry be in thee both now and through e -  
end - less a - ges run, with Fa - ther and with

*After stanza 4*  
vic - to - ry.  
man - i - ty.  
ter - ni - ty.  
Spi - rit, One. Al - le - lu - ia!

## Holy Gospel

John 2:1-11

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

*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

**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 Intercessor moves to the lectern, then Presider says.*

Let us pray to the Lord, the bountiful giver of love and mercy.

*The Intercessor prays*

Give grace to the Church, to be a crown of glory and a sign to the world. Guide your people to discern the special gifts that you have given to each and to use them fully in your service.

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens: **and your faithfulness to the clouds.**

Grant that all skill and wisdom may be rightly used for the advancement of your Kingdom.  
Take away human pride, and give understanding that all gifts come from you.

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens: **and your faithfulness to the clouds.**

We pray that in our families we may so live that we know you are always among us. Bless all in our community who are recently married or soon to marry, that they may hold together in love and loyalty all their lives.

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens: **and your faithfulness to the clouds.**

Have mercy on those who suffer in unhappy marriages, on those who are separated or divorced. Bring healing and reconciliation where marriages are in danger, that love may be restored and promises fulfilled.

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens: **and your faithfulness to the clouds.**

As we pray for the departed, we remember with thanks all that they gave to the life of this world. Grant them joy in the everlasting marriage feast of heaven.

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens: **and your faithfulness to the clouds.**

*The Presider concludes with the collect; the Intercessor remains at the lectern till the sharing of the peace.*

God of grace and glory, your Son revealed your power in many signs: transform our everyday lives and make us worthy of our calling to serve the world in your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The 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.*



## IV. Celebrating at the Lord's Table

## Offertory Sentence

BCP 376

*Presider* Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

*Psalm 96:8*

*The People stand.*

## Offertory Hymn

Nyland

Wonder, Love &amp; Praise 778



1. We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,  
 2. We all are called for ser-vice to wit-ness in God's name.  
 3. We all be-hold one vi-sion, a stark re-al-i-ty;  
 4. Now let us be u-nit-ed and let our song be heard.

our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min-is-tries are dif-f'rent, our pur-pose is the same:  
 the stew-ard of sal-va-tion was nailed up-on a tree.  
 Now let us be a ves-sel for God's re-deem-ing Word.

A sin-gle, great com-mis-sion com-pels us from a-bove  
 to touch the lives of oth-ers by God's sur-pris-ing grace,  
 Yet res-ur-rect-ed Jus-tice gives rise that we may share  
 We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,

to plan and work to-geth-er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so peo-ple of all na-tions may feel God's warm em-brace.  
 free re-con-cil-i-a-tion and hope a-mid de-spair.  
 our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

## Eucharistic Prayer 2

Enriching Our Worship I

*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 you give yourself to us in marriage and intoxicate us with the wine of your love. You created everything: skies, mountains and seas, and filled the universe with your justice and faithful love. You chose for yourself a beloved people and in them the light of your salvation dawned for all nations.

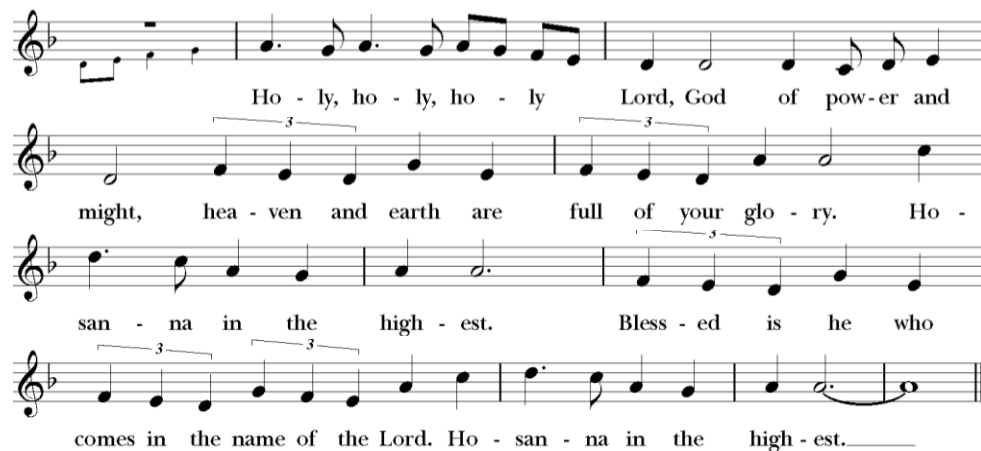
You sent your child, Jesus Christ, among us to gather all people under the warmth of your wings. Sharing with us our joys and sorrows, he brought forth new gifts in us when we thought we had run dry. When his hour had come, he was cursed and killed, but you raised him to life again and through him, filled us with the wine of your Spirit, equipping each one of us with gifts to be used in your service for the common good.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## **Sanctus**

*Robert Powell*

Hymnal S 129



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, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. 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.

**The Lord's Prayer**

BCP 364

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

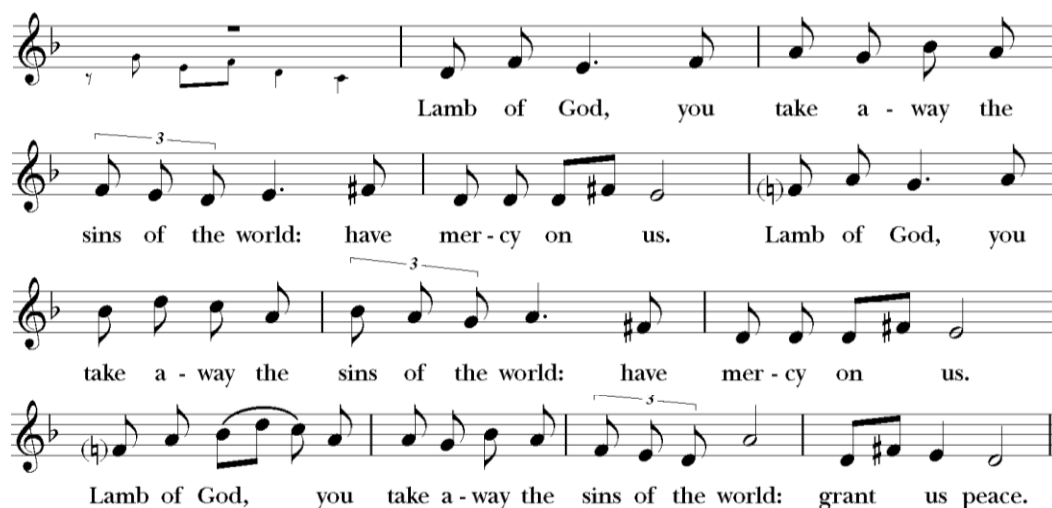
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*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread and a period of silence is kept.*

**Agnus Dei**

Robert Powell

Hymnal S 163

**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 will guide the people to receive Holy Communion. Please place your pledge and/or gift in the plate provided on the way to receive communion. Alternatively, give online by scanning the code to the right.*



## Communion Hymn

Morestead

Hymn 317

1 This is the hour of ban-quet and of song;  
2 Too soon we rise; we go our sev-eral ways;  
3 Feast af-ter feast thus comes and pass-es by,  
this is the heaven-ly ta-ble spread for me;  
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,  
yet, pass-ing, points to the glad feast a-bove,  
here let me feast, and feast-ing, still pro-long  
the Bread and Wine con-sumed: yet all our days  
giv-ing us fore-taste of the fes-tal joy,  
the brief, bright hour of fel-low-ship with thee.  
thou still art here with us—our Shield and Sun.  
the Lamb's great mar-riage feast of bliss and love.

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

## Commissioning Eucharistic Visitors

Book of Occasional Services 284, alt.

*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

Celebrating Sunday

*Presider* Let us pray.

Father of lights, from whom comes every good and perfect gift: strengthened by the nourishment of this sacrament keep us in the light of Christ, to shine in your world, that all may believe in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Collect

1872 – 2022

*Presider and People say together.*

**O threefold God of otherness and intimacy: as we celebrate our anniversary, draw us into ever-deeper friendship with you, propelling us into solidarity with the whole human family; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Presider 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 Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## V. Going out as God's People

### Sending Hymn

*St Denio*

Hymnal 423

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

## Commissioning

Nathan Nettleton

Go now, with your trust in Christ who has quenched your thirst with the wine of God's love. Do not be silent about God's faithful love, but shelter in the warmth of God's wings and keep your hearts honest.

## Dismissal

BCP 366

*Presider* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Postlude

Improvisation on *St. Denio*

### *2022 Annual Parish Meeting*

**Notice is hereby given that according to the State Law governing the Episcopal Church, and the Constitution of the Parish, the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on January 23, 2022 at 12 PM**

**Due to the state of the current COVID-19 surge, it will be held online.**

**There will be only one 10 AM worship in-person worship service preceding the meeting.**

Election of new vestry members, convention and convocation delegates will be conducted.

A review of the 2021 Annual Report will be presented.

Last year's report is available on our website or by request.

Please note that each voting member will need to join the meeting on a separate device  
in order for votes to be counted individually.

[Click here](#) to view the Supplemental Special Rules of Order for Virtual Attendance at Parish Annual Meeting.

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

**Sandwich Sunday is Today** Sandwiches were made yesterday and will be delivered this afternoon to our sister parish, St. John's Episcopal in Elizabeth. Assistance may be offered by contacting Marion Nechuta (908-451-4498 or marionnechuta@yahoo.com). Items needed are on this [sign-up](#) sheet.

**Masks are required** A minimum KN 95 mask mandate is in effect for all services for the foreseeable future. Equivalent masks like the KF 94 or double masking with a cloth mask are permissible as long as the mask covers both nose and mouth adequately.

**Fellowship after Worship** Due to the rising rates of infection, The Rector and Wardens have decided to close fellowship hour for the month of January. Obviously, the Annual Parish Meeting will now be online instead of in-person as initially planned. It will be reassessed near the end of January with the hope of this ministry starting back up in February.

**Trinity Church on Instagram** Anthony Rafaniello has started posting regularly on Instagram. Catch up on all the latest by following Trinity on Instagram at [@trinity\\_cranford\\_1872](#).

**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. Alternatively you may pledge online using the following link [trinitychurchcranford.breezechms.com/give/online](http://trinitychurchcranford.breezechms.com/give/online). Click [here](#) to view a guide to online giving.

**Free air filters** The church has 4 new Honeywell FPR 10 air filters (20 x 25 x 1 inch) to give away, check your home furnace to see if you can use them. Text or call John Zebrowski at 908-358-4254 to arrange transfer.

## What you need to know this week ...

**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** Monday, January 17 at 10 AM, the Diocese commemorates his life and legacy via Zoom and simultaneously livestreamed to the Diocesan YouTube channel.

**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Cranford Day of Service** Monday, January 17, volunteer your time and talent in honor of MLK from 3 PM to 4:30 PM at First Presbyterian Church of Cranford.

**The Parish Office** is closed for the time being due to the pandemic. Marion Nechuta may still be contacted via parish email or phone.

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

**Handbell Choir Rehearsal** is postponed until Wednesday, February 2 from 6:45 PM to 7:45 PM in the church.

**Adult Choir Rehearsal** is postponed until Wednesday, February 2 from 8 PM to 9 PM in the church.

**Women's Bible Study** Thursday mornings from 10 AM until 11:30 AM on Trinity's online platform. Nancy Miller begins a study of the Gospel according to John. The first of the four New Testament Gospels and, with Mark and Luke, one of the three so-called Synoptic Gospels, his is the only one that does not have his own 'year' – his writings are woven throughout the others.

**Compline** Consider ending your day with the peaceful prayer office of Compline, a contemplative Office that emphasizes spiritual peace. Compline is the final church service of the day. Thursday nights at 8 PM online.

**The Animal Project for Episcopal Relief and Development** Until the end of January, the parish is accepting contributions to this project which provides animals to families and villages. In addition to raising funds to support programs that help people improve their lives, the project also helps parishioners learn about the importance of outreach and partnership. Please make checks payable to Trinity Church; write *Animal Project* in the memo line.

**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 ...

**"Shred for a Bed"** Support the Elizabeth Coalition's project on Saturday, January 29, from 10 AM till 1 PM at the Calvary Lutheran Church parking lot (69 Myrtle Street, Cranford).

**Baptism at Easter** Baptismal candidates will be enrolled on Sunday, February 27 in preparation for baptism at the Paschal Vigil on Saturday, April 16. Please contact Marion Nechuta for Baptismal application forms.

**Mardi Gras** The first celebration of our 150<sup>th</sup> year is Sunday, February 27. After the sole service at 10 AM, come celebrate Mardi Gras with beads, masks and breakfast provided at no cost. "Let the Good Times Roll" before the Lenten season begins. Take a chance at the 7 deadly sins basket raffles, a 50/50 and games. See you on Fat Sunday!

**Lenten Course 2022** The Epistle of 1 Peter is the focus of the whole Anglican Communion. The Archbishop of Canterbury commissioned theologians from across the Communion to develop a commentary on 1 Peter which forms the biblical focus for this summer's Lambeth Conference. This is an opportunity to study this text before it. Beginning on March 10, the course consists of five consecutive Thursday evening sessions between 7 and 8 PM concluding on April 7. Sign up for the class via the email blast and receive a copy of the commentary here.



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## Lectionary & Liturgy

The feast of the Epiphany directed our attention to the ways in which Christ is manifest in the Gospels, and by extension, how he is manifest in our lives. The theme of showing forth is continued in the Sundays after the Epiphany. The Old Testament used the marriage relationship and the marriage feast as symbols or archetypes of God's relationship to the chosen people and of the ultimate consummation of that relationship in the establishment of the Kingdom. Today's passage from Isaiah is based on that image. God's gifts of grace to us are also the focus of today's reading from I Corinthians. This reading is the first in a series from this Epistle exploring the kinds of gifts we received when we were baptized by water and the Holy Spirit, and the results of God's gifts in our lives.

Today's Gospel carries the third of the three classical themes of Epiphany: Jesus' first miracle, changing water into wine at the marriage feast in Cana of Galilee. At the marriage feast, Jesus produced around 150 gallons of wine (God is lavish, even profligate, in giving grace) and it is much better wine than the host at the dinner had been serving (God's grace far surpasses what we can do for ourselves).

We are a people transformed by our relationship to God and given the grace and illumination of the Holy Spirit. The marriage images in the first and third readings describe the intimate and total nature of God's relationship to us which results of the gift of the Holy Spirit given us in baptism.

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- † **Cover art** – “Water into Wine” © 2022 Hyatt Moore Oil over Acrylic on Canvas. An occasional painter, he began in earnest in 1996, first focusing on international peoples, then to full time occupation in 2004, with an ever-broadening array of subjects and approaches.
- † **Prelude** – Wayne L. Wold (b. 1954) retired in 2020 after 30 years at Hood College in Frederick, MD, where he served as Chair of the Music Department and Professor of Music. He continues at Hood College as College Organist and Instructor of Organ, Harpsichord, and Composition. He is a parish musician and since 2013 is Director of Music Ministry at First Lutheran Church of Ellicott City, MD.
- † **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 was 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.
- † **Opening Acclamation** (et al.) – *Enriching Our Worship* is a collection of supplemental liturgical materials representing the recovery of ancient biblical and patristic images, including the identification of Christ with Wisdom and language for God that does not use familiar masculine terms. The liturgical texts reflect the influence of the prayer experience of women, and a desire to honor that experience while remaining faithful to the liturgical prayer as received by the Church.
- † **Collect for Purity** – The name traditionally given to the collect prayed near the beginning of the Eucharist in most Anglican rites. It appears in Latin in the 11th-century missal and was part of the preparation prayers of priests before Mass. Thomas Cranmer translated the prayer into English and from there it has entered almost every Anglican prayer book in the world.
- † **Gloria** – Words: Anonymous, 15th cent. medieval. Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932,) an American composer and organist “whose output bridges denominational boundaries and serves the larger Church. He has made ecumenical sharing a reality – and always with a genteel touch.” [GIA] His conservative, neo-Romantic style stems from his approach to composition. “I write for choirs of 25 because that’s what most are. Most are not of cathedral ability or size. My pieces are practical and useful for specific occasions.” –[© Church Publishing]
- † **Collect of the Day** – New to this edition of the BCP, this collect is based upon one in the Book of Common Worship of the Church of South India. Like many of the post-Epiphany collects, this relates to the Gospel of the day. –[*Notes on the American Prayer Book* by Marion Hatchett]
- † **Proclaiming Hymn** – Words: Medieval Latin, 9<sup>th</sup> century, translated by John Mason Neale (1818-1866); this is his translation of ‘Aeterne Rex altissime’ – the anonymous Latin hymn for Ascensiontide. Music: Percy Carter Buck (1871-1947), director of music at Harrow School, wrote it for “The royal banners forward go” (gonfalon is an ancient Anglo-Norman word meaning banner).
- † **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’ (*filius*) restores the text of the Creed to the original wording agreed upon at the Fourth Ecumenical Council of Constantinople (381 CE). The addition of that phrase was a later development implemented only in the Western Church and without the approval of a General Council.
- † **Prayers of the People** – Adapted from Raymond Chapman, author of books of prayer and devotion, and greatly loved parish priest; adapted from *Leading Intercessions: Prayers for Sundays, Holy Days and Festivals and for Special Services Years A, B & C* –[Hymns Ancient and Modern].
- † **Offertory Hymn** – Words: Rusty Edwards. Music: folk melody named for a province in Finland, first published with a hymn text in an appendix to the 1909 edition of the Finnish *Suomen Evankelis Luterilaisen Kirken Koraalikirja*.
- † **Communion Hymn** – Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889). Music: Sidney Watson (1903-1991)..
- † **Sending Hymn** – Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908). Music: Welsh hymn adapted in 1839 by John Roberts (1822-1877).