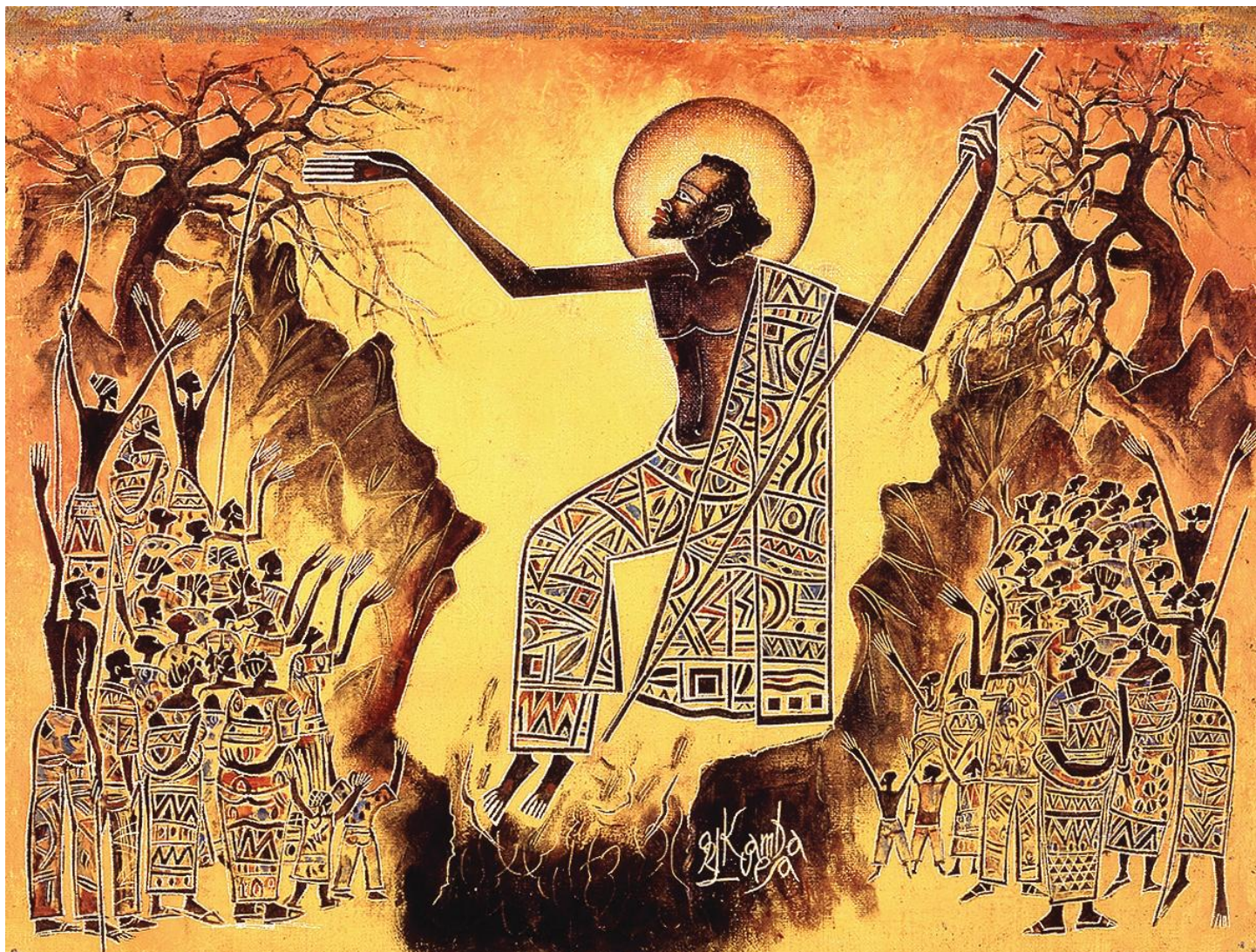


Trinity Episcopal Church  
Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



*La resurrection* – André Kamba Luesa

*Easter Day: The Resurrection of Our Lord*

Holy Eucharist - Rite II - April 5, 2026 at 10 AM



The Reverend Andrew David Kruger - Rector & Presider

Anthony J. Rafaniello - Director of Music & Organist

Cynthia Kolby - Flautist

Casey Woodruff - Senior Warden & Thomas Kaercher - Junior Warden

*The Easter flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of all those we love but see no longer*

Prelude

“Easter Hymn” – John W. Vandertuin

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

I. Gathering of God’s People

Gathering Hymn

Easter Hymn

Hymnal 207

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Presider ✕ Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
 People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit,  
 People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
 People **One God and Father of all.**

**Gloria**

*William Mathias*

Hymnal S 278

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 222

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## II. Proclaiming and Receiving the Word of God

### First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

*Reader* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles:

“I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.

“That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

“We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

“He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

*Confitemini Domino*

Plainsong Psalter

*All sing the Antiphon and Psalm.*



On this day the LORD has act - ed; We will re - joice and be glad in it, hal - le - lu - jah.



TONE VIII.1

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for hé is good; \*  
his mercy en/dures for éver.
- 2 †Let Israel nów proclaim, \*  
“His mercy en/dures for éver.”
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become / my salvátion.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and víctory \*  
in the tents / of the ríghteous:
- 16 “The right hand of the LORD has tríumphed! \*  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
the right hand of the / LORD has tríumphed!”
- 17 I shall not die, but líve, \*  
and declare the / works of thé LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sórely, \*  
but he did not hand me / over tó death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of ríghteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer / thanks to thé LORD.
- 20 “This is the gate of the LÓRD; \*  
he who is right/eous may énter.”
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you ánspered me \*  
and have become / my salvátion.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejécted \*  
has become / the chief córnerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD’s dóing, \*  
and it is mar/velous ín our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has ácted; \* [Ant.]  
we will rejoice / and be glád in it.

## Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

*Reader* A reading from Paul’s letter to the Colossians.

Since you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

The People stand.

## Paschal Troparion

Christos Anesti

Greek Orthodox

Chri - stos a - ne - sti ek ne - kron, tha - na - to  
7  
tha - na - ton pa - ti - sas ke tis  
12  
en tis mni - ma - si, zo - in cha - ri sa - me - nos.  
18  
Christ is ris - en from the dead, by death  
23  
tram - pling down up - on death and to  
28  
those in the tombs he has grant - ed life.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

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

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## III. Responding to the Proclaimed Word

## Blessing the Children

Andrew Kruger

*The Presider blesses the children, who then depart the church to participate in the Easter egg hunt.*

## **Homily**

Andrew Kruger

## **Affirmation of Baptismal Faith**

BCP 292 alt.

*The Presider moves to the font and the People stand.*

Friends in Christ, Baptism is not the rite of a moment but the commitment of a lifetime. In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with our Lord.

Therefore let us reaffirm our Baptismal Vows together with all those who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this month.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

## **Blessing the Water**

Common Worship alt.

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord:

*People* **God is worthy of all thanksgiving and praise.**

Blessèd are you, Sovereign God of all, to you be glory and praise for ever! You are our light and our salvation. From the deep waters of death you have raised your Son to life in triumph. Accept our sacrifice of praise, we pray, and sanctify these waters of your new creation, that we, with all who have been born anew by water and the Spirit, may be renewed in your image, walk by the light of faith, and serve you in newness of life; through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit we lift our voices of praise, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People*            **Blessèd be God for ever.**

*The Presider sprinkles the People with the aspergillum.*

## **Baptismal Chant**

“We Shall Draw Water” – Paul Inwood

We shall draw wa - ter joy - ful-ly, sing-ing joy - ful-ly, sing-ing joy-ful-ly;  
we shall draw wa - ter joy - ful-ly from the well - springs of sal - va - tion.

1. Truly God is our salvation; we trust, we shall not fear.  
For the Lord is our strength, the Lord is our song; he became our savior.
2. Give thanks, O give thanks to the Lord; give praise to his holy name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to all of the nations; proclaim his greatness.
3. Sing a psalm, sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds.  
Make known his works to all of the earth; people of Zion, sing for joy,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

## **Prayers of the People**

CW

*The Presider says*

Jesus, our exalted Lord, has been given all authority.  
Let us seek his intercession that our prayers may be perfected by his prayer.

*The Intercessor continues*

Jesus Christ, great high priest, living for ever to intercede for us,  
pray for the Church, your broken body in the world. *Silence is kept.*  
Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, King of righteousness, enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high,  
pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule. *Silence is kept.*  
Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, Son of Man, drawing humanity into the life of God,  
pray for your sisters and brothers in need, distress, or sorrow. *Silence is kept.*  
Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation, bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection,  
surround with your saints and angels, those who have died trusting your promises. *Silence is kept.*  
Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things, ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe, pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in your service. *Silence is kept.*

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

*The Presider prays*

Lord God, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your love: grant that, as he was raised from the dead so we may walk in newness of life and seek those things which are above. **Amen.**

## Peace

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

*People* **And also with you.**

*The People greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*

## IV. Celebrating at the Lord's Table

### Offertory Sentence

1 Chronicles 29:11

*The Presider says*

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offering of bread and wine to the Holy Table.*



*The Ushers pass the collection plates among the people.  
Another option is to give to Trinity online –  
scan the QR code and go directly to our Breeze link.*

### Offertory Anthem

“For This Glorious Easter Morning” – Joel Raney  
Text by John Parker

For this glorious Easter morning, God of light, we bless thy name!  
Thou hast brought us out of darkness heaven's glories to proclaim!  
Satan's power from us driven by the Savior who is risen,  
Conquering King of all creation, praise the wonders of thy name!

Death and grave around us lying, by the hand of God are slain.  
Washed away in victory's triumph, never to preside again.  
Where was once a cruel oppression, Christ has made an intercession.  
Now the head of all who love him, Christ, in conquest, lives to reign.

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Honor, glory, adoration unto thee, almighty Lord!  
For the gift of thy salvation on thy people thou hast poured.  
Every creature, every nation, join to lift this grand ovation,  
Only God receives all honor, only Christ be so adored!  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise the everlasting Lord!

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

## Presentation of Gifts

An Anglican Prayer Book 1989

*Presider* Source of all life, everything in heaven and on earth is yours:  
*People* **All things come from you, and of your own do we give you. Amen.**

## Eucharistic Prayer D

BCP 372

<i>Presider</i>	<i>People</i>
	
The Lord be with you.	And al - so with you.
<i>Presider</i>	<i>People</i>
	
Lift up your hearts.	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Presider</i>	
	
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	
<i>People</i>	
	
It is right to give our thanks and praise.	

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

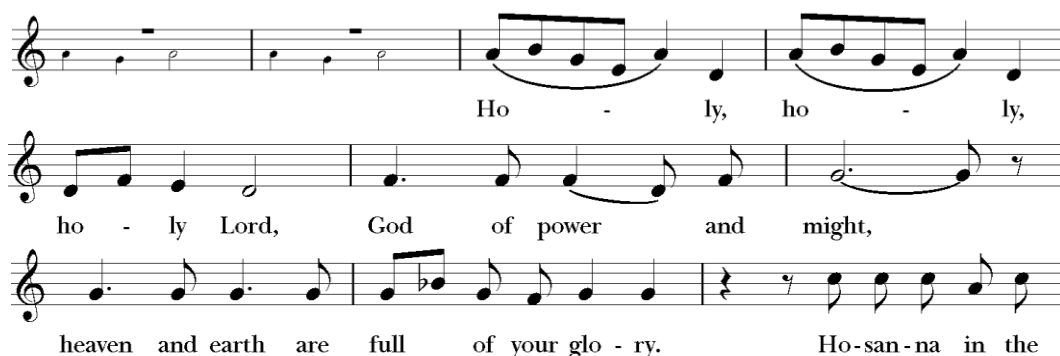
Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise.

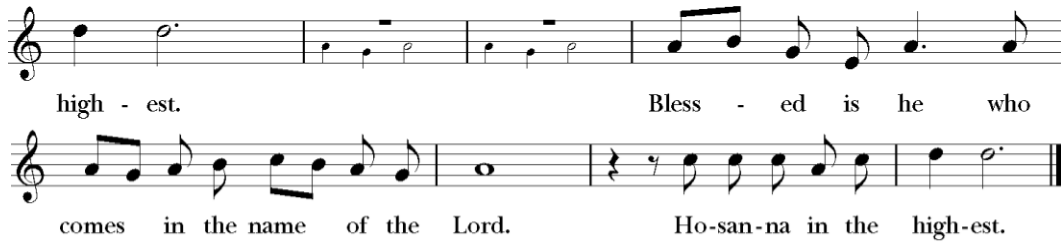
Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

## Sanctus

Hymnal S 128



Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the



We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures.

When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy.

To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup,

*Presider* we praise you and we bless you.

*People* **We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

### Great Amen

Mathias/Kruger



### Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Presider*

**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 of the Bread

BCP 364

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

### Agnus Dei

Hymnal S 165

A musical staff in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

### Invitation

BCP 364

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

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

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

First Communion Hymn

Alleluia No. 1

Hymnal 178

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the  
 ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give  
 Praise to his Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

*Repeat Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -  
 Now we shall live for ev - er.  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

Second Communion Hymn

Salzburg

Hymnal 174

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
 2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;  
 3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;  
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;  
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
 thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:  
 From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,  
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;  
 now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;  
 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.  
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.  
 thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.  
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

**Communion Meditation**

*In resurrectione tua*

Taizé Community

In re - sur - rec - ti - o - ne tu - a, Chri - ste,  
 The heav - ens and the earth re - joice, Lord Je - sus,

cœ - li et ter - ra lae - ten - tur. In re - sur - rec - ti - o - ne  
 raised from the dead, you are liv - ing. The heav - ens and the earth re -

tu - a, Chri - ste, cœ - li et ter - ra lae - ten - tur.  
 joice, Lord Je - sus, raised from the dead, you are liv - ing.

*Last time*

**Post Communion Anthem**

“Hallelujah Chorus” (from *Messiah*) – George Frideric Handel

*The People stand and are invited to sing along with the Choir. Please refer to the small music bulletin.*

**Post Communion Prayer**

CW

*Presider* Let us pray.

**God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing**

CW

*The Presider blesses the people.*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

*Ellacombe*

Hymnal 210

1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;  
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain  
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

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

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

**Postlude**

*Toccata* from the “Symphony for Organ No. 5” – Charles-Marie Widor

## 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. 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. Please contact the parish office to receive it or alternative methods of communication.

## Baptismal Anniversaries

When we think about birthdays, we immediately recall the date we were born and took our first breath in this world. But if we take a moment to reflect, we will realize that we have another “birthday” of even greater significance: the day we became members of the body of Christ – our Baptismal birthday. Through the waters of baptism, the Holy Spirit anoints us and sets our inner compass, to walk in a path that is pleasing to God, to do all good works that God has planned for us, and to “seek God’s face” [Psalm 27:8]. This is the path that ultimately leads us into abundant life both in this earthly existence, and in the world to come. Whether baptized as a child or an adult, we prayerfully grow in our understanding and appreciation of our baptismal identity, as individuals and as a community. Usually, on the first Sunday of every month, we acknowledge those who have a baptismal “birthday” during the month in question and share in their renewal of baptismal vows. This monthly recognition of our “birth from above” [John 3:3] allows us to develop a deeper appreciation for the essence of our baptism. Parishioners celebrating their Baptismal Anniversaries in April:

Elizabeth Broccoli	April 24	Richard Gregory	April 25	Jennifer Gardner	April 6
Sarah Burnett	April 19	Andrew Kowalski	April 20	William Gardner	April 24
Mary Dowling	April 16	Henry DeVelde	April 11	Aurora Isiolas	April 25
Tiffany Tangerra	April 1	Dave Roberts	April 4	Celeste Isiolas	April 17
Mary Lack	April	Anna Lack	April	Savannah Williams	April 26
Kyra Laursen	April 21	Kathleen Murray	April 22		

## What you need to know today...

**Children’s Choir** There is no rehearsal on Easter Sunday. Normally, rehearsal is at 11:30 AM in the church

**“Wells & Water Systems”** Outreach is collecting for the Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) project, ending April 12. The goal is to raise \$750 for a share of a well. More information is in the email blast. Please donate online or make out checks to Trinity Church with “Wells” in memo line.

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

**The Daily Offices** Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer are offered online from Monday to Thursday at 8:30 AM and 5 PM this week.

**Parish Office Hours** The office is closed this week; please leave messages on the phone and they will be answered. Office Manager Marion Nechuta is available Tuesday through Thursday from 12:30 to 3:30 PM. Please call before arriving; at other times she may still be contacted via parish email.

**Handbells and Choir Rehearsals** There are no rehearsals this week. Normal times are rehearsal for Handbells at 7 to 7:50 PM); the Adult Choir rehearses from 8 PM to 9 PM.

**Knitting Circle** Saturday, April 11 from 10 AM to 11 AM in Witherington Hall. Outreach has organized a knitting circle knitting hats and scarves for the Seamen's Church Institute. Beginners, immediate and expert knitters are invited to join. If interested, contact Marion Nechuta at marionnechuta@yahoo.com.

## What you need to know in the future...

**Enrollment for Baptism** Sunday, April 12 at the 10 AM service. Baptism will be offered on Pentecost Sunday, May 24. The Baptismal Preparation Class is on Saturday, April 25, from 9 AM to 11 AM in Witherington Hall.

**Trinity Women's Group** Monday, April 13 from 7 PM to 9 PM online; the group meets on the second Monday of the month.

**Trinity's Spring Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner** Friday, April 17 from 5 PM to 8 PM. (gluten-free available). Come for a delicious meal and fun evening. 50/50 and basket raffles available. Tickets for adults are \$20; children under 12 are \$5. To purchase tickets, see Cynthia Kolby after the 8 AM service, see Kathy Murray or Susan Nelson after the 10 AM service.

**Outdoor Workday** Saturday, April 18 (Rain date April 25) from 10 AM to 12 noon. A new landscape bed will be created along the front of Trinity Episcopal Day School (TEDS). To participate, please contact Paul Trader (paulsvny@yahoo.com or 845-499-6674).

**Garden Team** A group is being organized to help maintain the gardens and plants around Trinity. To join the team or learn more, contact Paul Trader (paulsvny@yahoo.com or 845-499-6674).

**Sandwich Sunday** Sunday, April 19; 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 items needed for the bags and the sandwiches
- Saturday, April 18 from 10 AM to 11 AM – assemble food bags in Sherlock Hall
- Sunday, April 19 – assemble sandwiches between services and after 10 AM service
- Sunday, April 19 after Fellowship Hour – transport the sandwiches and food packets to St John's and help serve food

**Anti-Racism Commission** The Diocese of New Jersey offers training several times each year. The next session is this spring, from April 21 through June 16, on Tuesday mornings from 9 AM to 11 AM. If interested, see this week's email blast.

**Trinity Senior Youth Mission Trip** Saturday, June 20 through Friday, June 26 for high schoolers and includes whitewater rafting and serving impoverished communities in West Virginia. Check this week's email blast for more information.

## The Season of Easter

'Easter' is an ambiguous and unfortunate term. The ambiguity resides in the double meaning: Firstly, the season of eight Sundays comprising 50 days; secondly, the opening day of this period. I suspect it is partly because we are exhausted after Lent and Holy Week that we gravitate toward the second meaning which allows us to collapse and have a 'low' week after the first Sunday of Easter.

The celebration of the Easter victory of Jesus continues for a day longer than a week of weeks – 7 x 7 days + 1 more day, to indicate just how beyond imagining is this great, extravagant and lavish gift. We have kept the Lenten fast, hailed the One who comes in the name of the Lord, entered the silence of contemplation, shared in a dedication to servanthood, observed the loving sacrifice that costs no less than everything, and heard the Risen Savior call us each by name.

The Resurrection of our Lord is far too explosive to be contained within the celebration of one day. We would do well to embrace the fuller 50-day celebration. Let the celebration begin! All Fifty Great Days of it!

– Andrew Kruger

## Lectionary & Liturgy

“The resurrection of Jesus changes the face of death for all His people. Death is no longer a prison, but a passage into God’s presence. If Easter says anything to us today, it says this: You can put truth in a grave, but it won’t stay there. You can nail it to a cross, wrap it in winding sheets and shut it up in a tomb, but it will rise!” – *Clarence W. Hall*

This is the Feast of the Lord’s Resurrection. Today the Church completes its three great days of celebrating redemption. Since Maundy Thursday we have been involved in an extended liturgy which will be brought to its conclusion today. This is the celebration of the Passover of Christ from death to life. It is also the celebration of our own Passover in Holy Baptism in which “we were buried with Christ in his death and raised with him.”

Throughout the fifty days of Easter, the first reading on Sundays is from the Acts of the Apostles. These weekly readings from Acts describe the life of the first Christians and their proclamation of Christ’s resurrection. So today we hear a portion of the sermon Peter preached to Cornelius, the first Gentile Christian. The passage from I Corinthians contains Paul’s witness to Jesus’ resurrection as it was told him by the other apostles. He concludes with his own experience of Jesus’ appearance to him.

The Gospel reading describes the women coming to the tomb and finding it empty. A young man clad in a white robe – a baptismal symbol – tells them that Christ is risen and sends them to tell the disciples. As we rejoice in our new life in the risen Christ on this day, he comes among us and is made known to us in the Breaking of the Bread. We, like Mary and the other women, are sent forth to tell others of his resurrection.

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- † **Gathering Hymn** – Words: Latin, 14<sup>th</sup> cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708. Music: adapt. and harm. *The Compleat Psalmodist*, 1749.
- † **Common Worship** – A family of volumes which, together with the Book of Common Prayer, make up the official liturgical resource of the Church of England. It represents the most recent stage of development of the Liturgical Movement.
- † **Service Music** – William Mathias (1934-1992) © 1976 Oxford University Press. “Music was an ever-present force for my father. I was aware from a very early age that the creative process was something always present for him – even when he was doing something else – and that it was a force which he could turn in any desired direction or channel at a given time. Hence his ability to compose a wide variety of orchestral, choral, instrumental or chamber music, as well as music for the church and for young people.” –[daughter Rhiannon Mathias]
- † **Collect of the Day** – The 1549 Book provided it for use prior to Matins on Easter Day in a form consisting of the second and third anthems of what is now the Pascha nostrum, a versicle and response, and this prayer. This collect does not appear in the Prayer Book again until the 1892 revision. Its content makes it a fitting transition from the time of meditation upon the passion to the celebration of the resurrection. –[*Notes on the American Prayer Book* by Marion Hatchett]
- † **Acts of the Apostles** This book with its description of the life of early Christian community, characterized by an intense awareness of the risen Lord’s presence and the apostolic preaching of the Resurrection, has had an important place in the church’s liturgy. In recent years, the liturgical revisions among Anglicans, Roman Catholics, and Lutherans have placed it again in the Easter liturgy.
- † **Plainsong Psalter** – Plainsong dates from the earliest centuries of Christianity. It has one melody traditionally sung without musical accompaniment, and based on the psalms. Editor James Litton is an American musician, who directed the American Boychoir from 1985 to 2001, and widely recognized as one of the leading choral conductors. He has been a member of the Standing Commission on Church Music, participated in the preparation and publication of the Hymnal 1982, and a Fellow of the Royal School of Church Music, one of 7 Americans to receive this honor.

- † **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.
- † **Affirmation of Baptismal Vows** – Erasmus proposed a ritual in 1522 for adolescents to renew their baptismal vows; his suggestion was censored, and his book placed on the Index in 1559. As a liturgical rite, the Renewal emerged from the Reformation – it was first recorded in the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer* as part of the confirmation rite. The ritual is conducted in both the Protestant and revised Catholic liturgies on similar lines. The Bishop or priest faces the people, conducts a "dialogue" in the vernacular with the whole congregation.
- † **Celebrating Common Prayer** – Daily Office book for Anglicans, with Church of England texts, based on *Common Worship*.
- † **Baptismal Chant** – Words: Isaiah 12:2-6. Music © 1986, 1988 Paul Inwood (b. 1946), published by OCP Publications.
- † **Prayers of the People** – It is important to notice that it is not the leader of those prayers who does the praying. That person – whether ordained or not – simply announces the theme, and all of us, the baptized royal priesthood, pray in the power of the Spirit to the Father.
- † **Peace** – This is the greeting of the risen Christ. It is his invariable salutation in his resurrection appearances. We greet one another with his peace. We are not merely being friendly, nor are we attempting to show our friends that we like them. We, the Body of Christ, by virtue of our Baptism are bringing our risen Lord's presence to each other.
- † **Offertory Anthem** – Joel Raney (b. 1956) is a composer and arranger of sacred music whose works are played in churches across the United States. He has also composed soundtracks for over 2,000 television and radio commercials, and scores for short films. He began playing the piano before he could read. His love of gospel music began in a rural Baptist church in Alabama.
- † **First Communion Hymn** – Words: Donald Fishel (b. 1950); Luke 24:46-48; Romans 6:2-4; Colossians 1:15-16. Brought up a Methodist, he turned to Roman Catholicism in 1969. Music: Betty Pulkingham, Charles Mallory and George Mims; arrangement © 1979, Celebration Music.
- † **Second Communion Hymn** – Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868). Music: melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. J.S. Bach. Hintze traveled widely as a youth, including trips to Sweden and Lithuania. In 1659 he settled in Berlin; he is known mainly for his editing of the later editions of Johann Crüger's *Praxis Pietatis Melica*, to which he contributed some sixty-five of his original tunes.
- † **Post-Communion Anthem** – *Messiah* is an English-language oratorio composed in 1741 by George Frideric Handel, with scriptural text from the King James Bible, and Coverdale Psalter (the version in the BCP 1662). First performed in Dublin in 1742 and London 1743 to a modest public reception, it gained in popularity, eventually becoming one of the best-known and most frequently performed choral works in Western music.
- † **Sending Hymn** – Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.) called "the last but one of the Fathers of the Greek Church, and the greatest of her poets" by translator John Mason Neale (1818-1866). This hymn is one of the oldest hymns still sung. Music: an anonymous tune with German Roman Catholic origins published in *Gesangbuch der Herzogl Hofkapelle*, Württemberg, 1784.
- † **Postlude** – The Symphony for Organ No. 5 in F minor, Op. 42, No. 1, was composed by Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937) in 1879, with numerous revisions published by the composer in later years. The fifth movement is his most famous piece. Its fame in part comes from its frequent use as recessional music at festive Christmas and wedding ceremonies. The melody of Widor's Toccata is based upon an arrangement of rapid staccato arpeggios which form phrases.

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