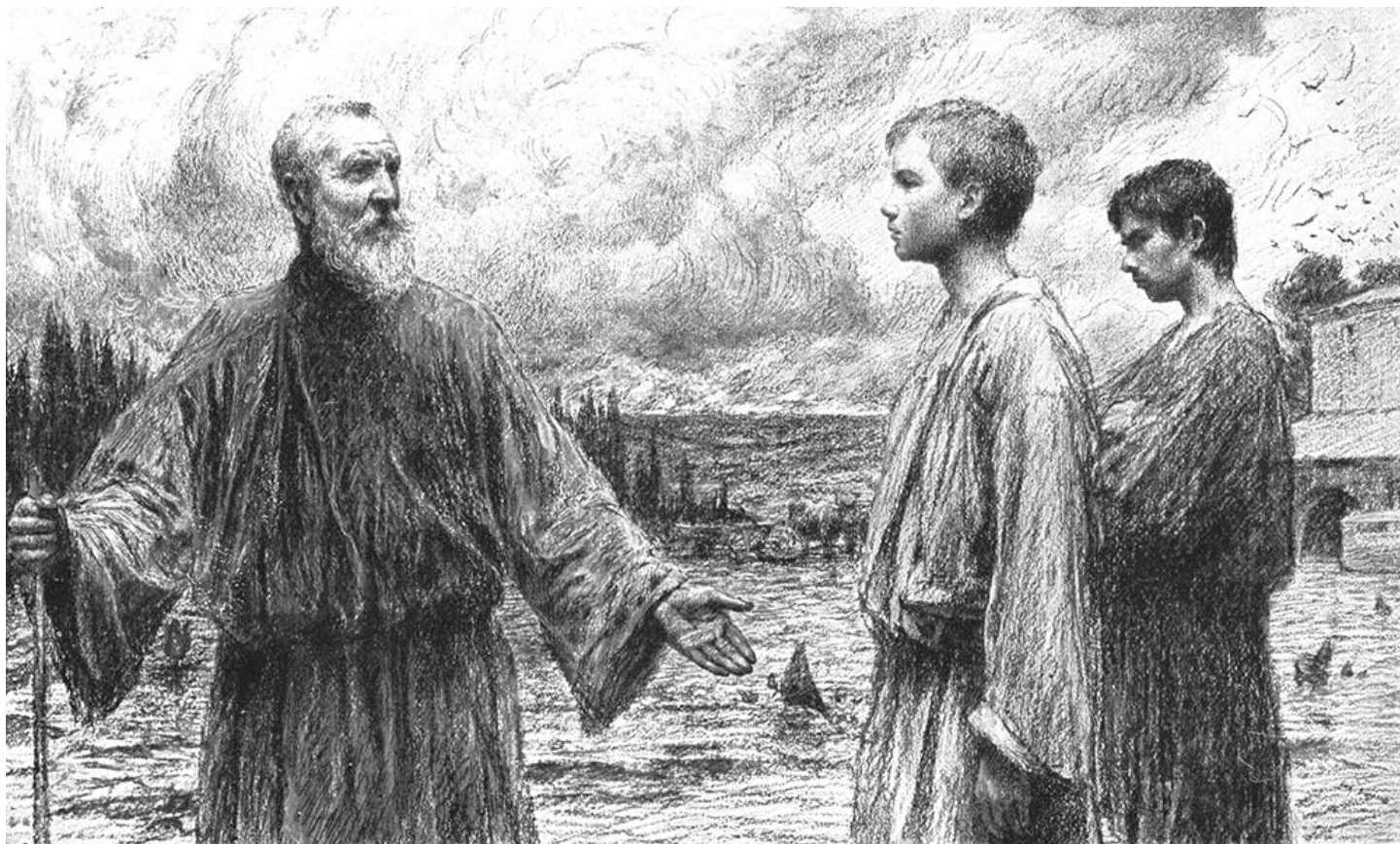


Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



"The Two Sons" – Eugène Burnand

The Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II

Proper 21 ~ September 27, 2026 at 10 AM



The Reverend Andrew David Kruger ~ Rector & Presider

Anthony J. Rafaniello ~ Director of Music & Organist

Casey Woodruff ~ Senior Warden & Kathleen M. Murray ~ Junior Warden

*The Sanctuary Candle and the Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Milt Kelly (Nate Kelly's Dad and Arwen's Grandpa) by the Morgan Kelly Family*

Handbell Prelude

"Song of Joy" – Arnold Sherman

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

Gathering Hymn

Abbot's Leigh

Wonder, Love & Praise 782

Handbell score for 'Gathering Hymn' in 3/4 time. The score is written for two staves, treble and bass, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a pair of staves. The first system includes four numbered verses. The subsequent systems contain the main body of the hymn lyrics. The score concludes with a final cadence in the bass staff.

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's
2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our
3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the noth - ing -
4. Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing,

cap - tives free, hope to heal the bro - ken - heart - ed,
great high priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture
ness of space, kin - dling life where all was emp - ty,
un - be - gun, bound - less grace and per - fect jus - tice,

peace to share love's li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of
to re - deem the last and least: let your cour - age and com -
turn - ing cha - os in - to grace: when we feel con - fused and
right - eous and for - giv - ing One: so en - fold us in you

glad - ness to the wound - ed and op - pressed; help us claim and
pas - sion shape and guide our min - is - tries; as our Sav - ior
fruit - less, dawn up - on our rest - less night; give us faith's im -
mer - cy that our wills and yours u - nite; through us may the

show God's fa - vor as a peo - ple called and blessed.
and our Shep - herd, lead us to the truth that frees.
ag - i - na - tion, hope's re - new - ing, love's de - light.
world be - hold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glorify to God for ever and ever.**

Collect for Purity

Book of Common Prayer 355

Presider Let us pray.

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.

Gloria

Robert Powell

Hymnal S 280

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.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Blessing of the Sunday School Children and Teachers

Andrew Kruger

Presider May God bless those who teach and those who learn,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The People sit. Children PreK-3 through Grade 4 gather in the crossing for the blessing.

II. Proclaiming and Receiving the Word of God

First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

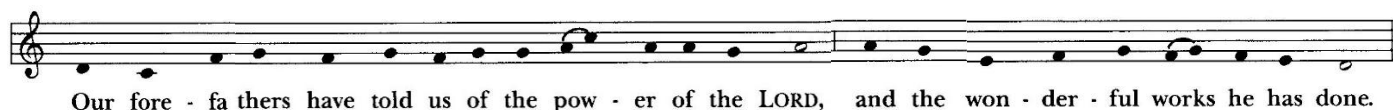
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Attendite, popule

Plainsong Psalter

All sing the Antiphon and Psalm.





TONE I.2

- 1 Hear mÿ teaching, Ó my péople; *
incline your ears to the / words of mÿ möuth.
- 2 I will open my móuth in a párale; *
I will declare the myster/ies of áncient tîmes.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our fórefathers háve told us, *
we will not / hide from théir childrën.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the pówer óf the LORD, *
and the wonderful / works he háä döne.

- 12 He worked marvels in the síght of their fórefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the / field of Zóäñ.
- 13 He split open the sea and lét them páss through; *
he made the waters / stand up líke wálls.
- 14 He led them wíth a clóud by day, *
and all the night through / with a glóww of fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks ín the wílderness *
and gave them drink as / from the gréat dēep.
- 16 He brought streams óut of thé cliff, *
and the waters gushed / out like rívrës. [Ant.]

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Proclaiming Hymn

Toplady

Hymnal 685

The People stand.

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
3 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

Presider

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?"

And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?"

They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

III. Responding to the Proclaimed Word of God

Homily

Andrew Kruger

Welcoming of Parents and Sponsors

Book of Occasional Services 172

The Presider invites forward the parents and sponsor of Austin Anthony Bain for baptism and addresses them.

Presider What do you seek for yourself and your child?

Answer Life in Christ.

Presider Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” Do you accept these commandments?

Answer I do.

Presider In baptism, you died with Christ to the forces of evil and rose to new life as members of his Body. Will you study the commitments of baptism, and strive to keep them in the companionship of this community?

Answer I will, with God’s help.

Presider Will you open your heart and mind to receive anew the Good News of Jesus Christ?

Answer I will, with God’s help.

Presider Will you be regular in attending public worship, to hear the Word of God and celebrate the mystery of Christ’s dying and rising?

Answer I will, with God’s help.

Presider Will you join us in our life of service to the powerless and the outcast?

Answer I will, with God’s help.

Presider Will you work for mercy and justice?

Answer I will, with God’s help.

The Presider then addresses the assembled People

Will you support these persons by your prayer and example, and help them to grow in the knowledge and love of God?

People **We will.**

The Presider extends hands over the parents and sponsor and says

May God, our heavenly Father, grant you the power of the Holy Spirit to grow in faith and understanding that you may lead your children in the way of Christ. **Amen.**

The child is presented by name to the Presider, who, with the thumb, marks a cross on the forehead, saying

Austin, receive the sign of the Cross on your forehead and in your heart, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The parents then write their child's name in the book.

Prayers of the People

BOS 121

Presider Let us pray for this candidate, and all those preparing for Holy Baptism.

The Intercessor continues

That he may grow in knowledge and love of you, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For his parents, that they may make known to him the riches of your Word, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That in due season he may join us in works of justice and mercy, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For his sponsors, that in their lives they may show to this candidate a pattern of life in accordance with the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, that we may abound in love and persevere in prayer, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and the sorrowful, and for those in any need or trouble, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

The Presider says the following prayer with hands extended over the candidate.

Gracious and merciful God, protector of all who come to you, life of those who trust in you: We call upon you for these parents who desire for their child the grace of spiritual rebirth in the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Grant that Austin receives the blessing of new life, grows into the full stature of Christ, knows your abundant grace, and enters into your eternal joy, who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Peace

BCP 360

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Andrew Kruger

Ministry Minute

Casey Woodruff

IV. Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Offertory Sentence

Psalms 50:14

The Presider says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

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

“Come to Me, O Weary Traveler” – William P. Rowan

Words: Sylvia Dunstan (based on Matthew 11)

Come to me, O weary traveler;
Come to me with your distress;
Come to me, you heavy*burdened;
Come to me and find your rest.

Take my yoke and leave your troubles;
Take my yoke and come with me.
Take my yoke, I am beside you;
Take and learn humility.

Do not fear, my yoke is easy;
Do not fear, my burden's light;
Do not fear the path before you;
Do not run from me in fright.

Rest in me, O weary traveler;
Rest in me and do not fear.
Rest in me, my heart is gentle;
Rest and cast away your care.

Offertory Hymn

Repton

Hymnal 653

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



1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for -
5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy

1 give our fool - ish ways! Re - clothe us in our
5 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let

1 right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in
5 flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O

1 deep - er rev - erence, praise, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
5 still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm.

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 1

EOW 57

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 are at work among us, conforming our will and our work to your sacred purposes.

In the first of your mighty wonders, you divided the waters and brought forth a newborn earth. You rescued your people from slavery, and though their faith dried up in the desert, you split the rocks and quenched their thirst with waters welling up from ancient depths.

Your child Jesus, though one with you, was born as one of us and humbled himself, passing through the ancient waters of baptism and following the ways of righteousness even to the point of death on a cross. Therefore you raised him to life and exalted him above every other power. Now you embrace all who in action confess him as Lord, baptizing them in his name into the life of your Kingdom.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

Robert Powell

Hymnal S 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Presider Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

Great Amen

McNeil Robinson

Hymnal S 147



Lord’s Prayer

BCP 364

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

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

Agnus Dei

Robert Powell

Hymnal S 163

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us 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. You may choose to receive only the host. Wine is offered by way of a sip from the common cup. Gluten-free wafers are available by request to the priest.

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
 2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth;
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won - drous ban - quet found - ed - high o'er all the heavens he
 be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from
 vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.
 hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

Second Communion Hymn

Wondrous Love

Hymnal 439

Unison

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and
 won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll
 caused the Lord of bliss to lay a-side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy-ful be, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing
 soul, for my soul, to lay a-side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

Communion Meditation

Laudate Dominum

Taizé Community

Lau-da-te Do-mi-num, lau-da-te Do-mi-num
 Sing, praise and bless the Lord. Sing, praise and bless the Lord,
 om-nes gen-tes, al-le-lu-ia! al-le-lu-ia!
 peo-ples! Na-tions! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Post-communion Prayer

Common Worship

Presider Let us pray.

The People stand.

People **We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

Commission and Blessing

Nathan Nettleton alt.

Presider

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

Be filled with the same love

and look to the interests of others.

With reverence for God, work out your salvation.

And may God quench your thirst with love and consolation;

May Christ Jesus strengthen you and encourage you;

And may the Holy Spirit lead you on and make your joy complete. **Amen.**

V. Going out as God's People

Sending Hymn

Coronation

Hymnal 450



1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros-trate
2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar
3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of
3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

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

Postlude

“Postlude on *Coronation*” – Jason D. Payne

For Friends, Visitors and Newcomers

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

All are invited to Fellowship Hour in Sherlock Hall immediately after the service. An email blast is sent every Thursday by 2 PM with hyperlinks to sign-up sheets, methods to contribute to the parish or other charitable organizations, ways to contact individuals or receive information on events, etc. Please contact the parish office to receive it or alternative methods of communication.

What you need to know today...

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

Sunday School Open to children 3½ years to Grade 4. After the blessing at the beginning of the service, the children go to class with their teachers and return to the worship service for the Eucharist.

Children's Choir Registration is open. Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings from 11:30 AM to 12 PM in the church and is recommended for novice readers in Grade 1 or older. Please register your child using the QR code here:



The Sacrament of Baptism Candidates will be enrolled today at the 10 AM Eucharist. Baptism will be offered on the Feast of All Saints (observed on Sunday, November 1).

Outreach Today is the last day for a collection for Disaster Relief for the ERD (Episcopal Relief & Development); donations by cash, check or breeze.

Financial Snapshot \$143,000 has been received versus \$157,000 pledged year to date. Thanks is given for the continued support of the congregation, if the financial situation has changed, or to adjust a pledge, please inform the financial secretary, Carol Beier.

Vestry Meeting Today at 11:30 AM in Witherington Hall, please pray for the leadership of our parish:

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in Trinity's Vestry for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach them in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide them to perceive what is right, and grant them both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trinity Episcopal Senior Youth (TESY) Today from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM in Witherington Chapel. The focus will be a discussion of loft renovation. All confirmed youth and 2026 confirmation candidates are invited.

TEDS Aftercare Aides Needed Trinity Episcopal Day School (TEDS) is currently seeking aftercare aides to help supervise children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Aides must be 18 years of age or older and available to work from approximately 3 PM or 3:30 PM until 6 PM. This is a paid position. Responsibilities include supervising children during the aftercare program and assisting them with homework. Anyone interested in learning more is encouraged to contact Nancy Ditzel at teds205@gmail.com.

What you need to know this week...

The Daily Offices Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer are offered online from Monday-Friday at 8:30 AM and 5 PM. Add and update prayer requests online at the church website. The list is prayed twice a day at Morning and Evening Prayer.

Parish Office Hours Office Manager Marion Nechuta is available from Tuesday to Thursday from 12 noon to 3:30 PM.

Handbell Choir Rehearsals This Wednesday, September 30 from 7 PM to 7:50 PM in the church.

Trinity Adult Choir This Wednesday, September 30 from 8 PM to 9 PM in the church.

Compline This Thursday at 8 PM online. A contemplative Office that emphasizes spiritual peace.

The Colgate Thirteen This Friday, October 2 at 7PM. Colgate University's premier a cappella group, and one of the nation's oldest collegiate all-male a cappella groups, will bring its classic sound to Trinity Church. The concert is open to the public, and a free-will offering will be collected to help cover the group's visit to Cranford.

Trinity Men's Group This Saturday, October 3 from 8 AM to 9 AM in Witherington Hall.

What you need to know in the future...

Blessing of the Animals Next Sunday, October 4 at both services. Bring your pets or photographs of your pets to both services.

Outreach Committee Next Sunday, October 4 at 11:30 AM, meeting in Witherington Hall.

Confirmation Class Next Sunday, October 4 from 5 PM to 7 PM in Witherington Hall.

Sing at St. John's The Trinity Choir has been invited to sing at the Feast of St. Francis service at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City on Sunday, October 4, with a rehearsal this Saturday, October 3. It will be an extraordinary experience to sing in one of the great cathedrals of the world, as part of one of its signature celebrations.

Outdoor Eucharist & Spiritual Hike Saturday, October 17 at 9 AM. See below for details.

Acolyte & Thurifer Training Sunday, October 18 immediately after the 10 AM Eucharist for all current and aspirant acolytes.

Family Game Night Saturday, October 24 from 5 PM to 8 PM in Sherlock Hall. All ages are welcome. Enjoy a light dinner, play an old favorite, learn a new game, or bring one to share.

St Mark's Gospel Saturday, November 28 from 10 AM to 12:30 PM in Witherington Chapel. The Gospel will be read from cover to cover.

Outdoor Eucharist and Spiritual Hike

Experience a unique encounter with the Eucharist celebrated in the splendor of God's creation. This popular semiannual event returns for the fourth time against the backdrop of stunning fall foliage, on Saturday, October 17 at 9 AM. Everyone will meet in front of the Trailside Nature Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. From there, it is a very short walk to a seating area where a special outdoor Eucharist liturgy will be celebrated. An easy one-hour hike will follow. Those who choose not to hike can sit quietly in the beauty of the Watchung Reservation after the service. This is a great activity for families and has always been a memorable event for everyone who attends. Please contact Senior Warden, Casey Woodruff (woodruff5073@gmail.com), to register or with any questions.

Lectionary

After Jesus arrived in Jerusalem, several groups who opposed him challenged him. Today he is questioned by the official leaders, the chief priests and elders. They question his authority but he responds with a question that reveals their own weakness. Then in a parable, Jesus warns them that their privileged positions will not insure them a place in God's kingdom. As we continue the story of the Exodus, the people and God reach another crisis. God provided them with food but now they demand water or else they will turn back. Yet God loves them, rebels though they are, and acts to provide them water in the wilderness. We continue to read from Philippians. Paul encourages his friends to live in unity and care for one another. As the example of how they are to live, he quotes what was probably an early Christian hymn about Christ's self-giving love for us.

We gather week by week, a people called into God's family. God sets no barrier to us or to anyone; only we can erect a barrier between God and ourselves. God calls us in this holy meal to join in that family of God for whom Christ emptied himself and gave up his life for us. We rejoice and join with all creation and every tongue in confessing that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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Liturgy

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- † **Cover Art** – “The Two Sons” by Eugène Burnand (1850-1921) was a Swiss painter and illustrator.
- † **Handbell Prelude** – “Song of Joy” by Arnold Sherman (b. 1948) is a free-lance composer and co-founder of Red River Music. He is the founder and Director of the East Texas Handbell Ensemble.
- † **Gathering Hymn** – Words: Music: Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944) an American Episcopal priest, is curator of hymnological collections and adjunct professor of hymnology at Boston University School of Theology, and was executive director of the Hymn Society (1996-2009). He served on the committee that created the Hymnal 1982, and served in a variety of roles related to sacred music. Music: Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1992); composed in 1941 when he was working for the Religious Broadcasting Department of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and named for a village near Bristol, England.
- † **Gloria** – Words: Anonymous, 15th century medieval. Music: Robert Powell (1932-2025), American composer and organist.
- † **Proclaiming Hymn** – Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778), an English Anglican cleric and hymn writer. He was a major Calvinist opponent of John Wesley. Music: Thomas Hastings (1784-1872), “one of the first spokespersons for the cultivated tradition of American music.”
- † **Offertory Anthem** – Words: Sylvia Dunstan, based on Matthew 11. Music: William P. Rowan.
- † **Offertory Hymn** – Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892); notwithstanding the extensive use of portions of his own poems as hymns for congregational use, he modestly says concerning himself: “I am really not a hymn-writer, for the good reason that I know nothing of music. Only a very few of my pieces were written for singing. A good hymn is the best use to which poetry can be devoted, but I do not claim that I have succeeded in composing one.” However, that these pieces are characterized by rich poetic beauty, sweet tenderness, and deep sympathy with human kind. –[John Julian, *Dictionary of Hymnology* (1907)] Music: Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918); influenced as a composer principally by Bach and Brahms, Parry evolved a powerful diatonic style which itself greatly influenced future English composers such as Elgar and Vaughan Williams. His own full development as a composer was hampered by the immense amount of work he took on, but his energy and charisma, not to mention his abilities as a teacher and administrator, helped establish art music at the center of English cultural life.
- † **Proper Preface** – Nathan Nettleton is pastor to South Yarra Community Baptist Church, a small congregation located in an inner-city neighborhood of Melbourne, Australia; he also writes and teaches on Christian worship and Baptist identity. His website provides liturgical resources from which we have drawn this preface. –[© 2001 LaughingBird]
- † **First Communion Hymn** – Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); “an exhortation to the soul to arise and draw near to partake of the Heavenly Food and to meditate on the wonders of Heavenly Love; ending with a prayer for final reception at the Eternal Feast.” –[John Julian, *A Dictionary of Hymnology* 1906] A significant poet, he wrote 110 hymns, many published by his friend Johann Crüger in various editions of the *Praxis Pietatis melica*. “He holds a high rank and is distinguished for unfeigned and firm faith, deep earnestness, finished form, and noble, pithy, simplicity of expression.” Music: melody composed for this text by Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906. The tune name is the incipit of the original German text. Bach used this tune in his Cantata 180; he and many other composers have written organ preludes on the melody.
- † **Second Communion Hymn** – Although various sources have attributed this text to a number of different writers, it remains anonymous and basically untouched since it was first made popular by the Sacred Harp shape singers in 1844. Music: first set to this text in the second edition of *Southern Harmony*. Erik Routley describes this tune as “incomparably beautiful” –[*Psalter Hymnal Handbook*].
- † **Taizé** – Words: Psalm 117, Taizé Community, 1980: Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994) © 1978, 1980, 1981 Les Presses de Taizé, GIA.
- † **Sending Hymn** – Words: Edward Perronet (1726-1792); all accounts show him to be a sharp-tongued, difficult personality, who would rather pick a fight over theology than display brotherly love. He split with the Wesleys over administering the Sacraments and his violent attacks on the established church, saying, “I was born and I am like to die in the tottering communion of the Church of England; but I despise her nonsense.” – [Greg Scheer, 1997] Music: Oliver Holden (1765-1844) wrote the tune specifically for the text. Reared in a small rural community with a minimal formal education, he worked as a carpenter and was involved in community service in Charlestown, holding posts in the Anti-Slavery Society and in the Massachusetts House of Representatives.
- † **Postlude** Jason Payne (b. 1980) currently serves as organist for Smoke Rise Baptist Church in Stone Mountain, Georgia.

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Through baptism, each of us is called to share in God's mission; these ministries are some of the ways we do that together at Trinity

Ministry/Committee	How We Serve	Contact Person & Number
Trinity Men's Group	Deepen faith through Scripture, prayer, and fellowship with other men of the parish.	Terry Nechuta 908-956-5848
Trinity Women's Group	Deepen faith through Scripture, prayer, and fellowship with other women of the parish.	Carol Beier 908-578-3473
Stephen Ministry	Accompany others through difficult seasons with Christ-centered, confidential care and compassionate listening.	Andy Kruger 609-933-5227
Episcopal Church Women (ECW)	Build fellowship among the women of Trinity while supporting the life, ministry, and outreach of the parish.	Holly Ives 908-277-2821 Doreen Taylor 908-313-8829
Sunday School Class	Help form the next generation in the faith and life of the Church.	Kate DiFonzo 973-896-4805 Jennifer Cammarota 908-499-6325
Confirmation Class	Help young people explore the Christian faith, ask difficult questions, and discern what it means to follow Christ.	John Beier 908-578-9799 Marion Nechuta 908-451-4498
Outreach	Serve Christ in our neighbors and help Trinity respond to the needs of the wider community.	Marion Nechuta 908-451-4498 Helen Shteynberg 908-803-0310
Choir & Handbells	Offer musical gifts in the service of prayer, praise, and the worship of the whole congregation.	Anthony Rafaniello 860-205-7143
Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs)	Proclaim God's Word and share in the ministry of Christ's Table.	Bonnie Gentesse 908-377-4344 Kavita Medanki 347-226-8103
Ushers	Extend Christ's welcome to all who gather for worship and fellowship at Trinity.	Heather Burnett 973-495-2535 David Burnett 908-591-2331
Acolytes & Thurifers	Serve at the altar and help lead the congregation in the beauty and reverence of our common worship.	Andy Kruger 609-933-5227
Altar Guild	Prepare the holy things and sacred spaces through which the parish gathers to worship God.	Carol Beier 908-578-3473
Building and Grounds	Steward the buildings and grounds entrusted to us for worship, fellowship, formation, and mission.	Kathy Murray 908-377-1865
Stewardship Committee	Help Trinity grow in gratitude and generosity so that our resources may serve God's purposes in the parish and beyond.	Kathy Murray 908-377-1865 Casey Woodruff 908-868-4915
Counters	Exercise faithful stewardship by ensuring that the gifts entrusted to Trinity are handled accurately and responsibly.	Marion Nechuta 908-451-4498
Fellowship Luncheon	Strengthen the bonds of Christian community through shared meals, conversation, learning, and hospitality.	Susan Olszewski 908-591-5370 Susan Nelson 908-397-3944
Fellowship Coffee Hour	Extend the fellowship of the Eucharistic community through hospitality, conversation, and welcome.	Marion Nechuta 908-451-4498 Holly Ives 908-277-2821 Susan Olszewski 908-591-5370
Ministry of the Imprisoned	Support those who are incarcerated, recognizing and serving Christ in those too easily forgotten.	Casey Woodruff 908-868-4915
Trinity Episcopal Senior Youth (TESY)	Grow in faith, friendship, and service alongside other young people of the parish.	Kate Annarelli 727-482-1314 Casey Woodruff 908-868-4915
TEDS	Strengthen the shared ministry of church and school as we nurture children in faith, confidence & curiosity.	Nancy Ditzel 908-295-6204