

# Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



*"Widow's Mite" by Uko Williams*

## **The Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

Rite I Holy Eucharist

November 7, 2021 at 8 AM

*The Reverend Andrew David Kruger, Presider*

*Anthony Rafaniello, Director of Music and Organist*

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

## Welcome

Andrew Kruger

*At the end of the silence, the bells are rung and the People stand for the procession of the Cross.*

## Acclamation

BCP 323

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

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

## Collect for Purity

BCP 323

Let us pray together the collect for purity.

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Great Commandment

BCP 324

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

## Kyrie

BCP 324

*Presider* Kyrie eleison.

*People* **Christe eleison.**

*Presider* Kyrie eleison.

## Collect of the Day

BCP 184

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested  
that he might destroy the works of the devil  
and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:  
Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope,  
we may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory,  
we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost,  
he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end.

**Amen.**

*The People are seated.*

## **First Reading**

1 Kings 17:8-16

*Reader* A reading from the First Book of Kings.

The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

1. Hallelujah!  
Praise the Lord, O my soul! \*  
**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
2. Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*  
**for there is no help in them.**
3. When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*  
**and in that day their thoughts perish.**
4. Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
**whose hope is in the Lord their God;**
5. Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
**who keeps his promise for ever;**
6. Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
**and food to those who hunger.**
7. The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
**the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**
8. The Lord loves the righteous;  
the Lord cares for the stranger; \*  
**he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**
9. The Lord shall reign for ever, \*  
**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!**

**Second Reading**

Hebrews 9:24-28

*Reader*      A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

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

*The People stand.*

## **Gospel**

Mark 12:38-44

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

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

As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny.

Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

*Presider*        The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Homily**

Andrew Kruger

*The People stand.*

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

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

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

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

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

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

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

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

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

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

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, William our Bishop, and Andy our Priest, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Joseph our President, Philip our governor and Kathleen the mayor of this town, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

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

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

## **Confession of Sin**

BCP 331

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*The People kneel.*

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

## **Absolution**

BCP 332

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

## **Comfortable Words**

BCP 332

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

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden,  
and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

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

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

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

## **Peace**

BCP 332

*The People stand.*

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

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*The people make a reverent bow to one another as an expression of peace.*

## **Announcements**

Andrew Kruger

## **Offertory Sentence**

BCP 343

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

*Psalm 96:8*

*The Presider prepares the Holy Table, then the People stand*

## **Eucharistic Prayer II**

BCP 340

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

BCP 336

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## Breaking the Bread

BCP 337

*The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is observed, then the Presider says*

*Presider* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## Prayer of Humble Access

BCP 337

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## Invitation

BCP 338

*Presider* The Gifts of God:

*People* **For the People of God.**

## Holy Communion

*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 guide the people to receive Holy Communion. Please place your pledge and/or gift in the plate provided on the way to receive communion.*

## Commissioning Eucharistic Visitors

BOS 284, alt.

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

*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

BCP 339

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## Blessing

BCP 339

And now may the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The ministers recess*

## Dismissal

BCP 340

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

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

## What you need to know today...

**Trinity's new Baptismal Font** is in place and was used for the first time this past Sunday. Read Brandon Frumolt's reflection on the creation of the base of the font [here](#).

**Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle** Each week both are available for personal attribution, to remember loved ones, to honor others, to celebrate lives. Email the office for the process. The deadline is 4 PM Wednesday each week; multiple attributions are allowed.

**Fellowship after Worship** We have shared the Word, we have shared the Eucharist, after the service join us to share our thoughts, our hopes, our dreams, our journey together before walking into the mission fields to build the Kingdom. Fellowship Hour has returned to Sherlock Hall after both the 8 AM and 10 AM services, please contact Marion Nechuta (908-451-4498) if you are willing to host or help.

**Confirmation Class** Today from 5:30 PM to 7 PM in Witherington Hall.

**NexTrex Plastic Film Recycling Challenge** The goal is to collect 500 pounds of approved plastic film in six months; a Trex bench will be awarded to the parish if that is attained. [Click here](#) to see the details. The Trinity Greening Committee registered Trinity Church as a participant; to facilitate the collection of approved plastic items, white plastic bins have been placed around the campus in the coming weeks. [Click here to watch a video clip](#) or contact Tom Kaercher of the Greening Committee at 908-757-9561.

**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.

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

**Parish Office hours** Marion Nechuta is in the office from 10 AM to 12:30 PM on Tuesday and Wednesday, and 1 PM to 3:30 PM on Thursday. It is advisable to call ahead before arriving. Marion may also be contacted via the parish email or phone.

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

**Intercessory Prayer List** Each person is prayed for at Morning and Evening Prayer. [Click on this link](#) to add and update prayer requests. Remember to move that person to "Thanksgiving for Healing" if and when that becomes appropriate.

**Trinity Women's Group** Tomorrow, Monday, November 8 from 7 PM to 8 PM on Trinity's online platform. The members continue studying the First Book of the prophet Samuel (Chapters 4 through 7). Reading it in advance is helpful but shouldn't be a hindrance in attending.

**TEDS Chapel** Every Wednesday morning at 10 AM, Father Andy leads a Chapel service in the church for the children of our day school.

**Handbell Choir Rehearsal** This Wednesday, from 6:45-7:45 PM in the church and continuing weekly.

**Adult Choir Rehearsal** Wednesdays from 8-9 PM in the church. Sunday call time for rehearsal is 9:30 AM before the 10 AM service.

**Compline** Consider ending your day with the peaceful prayer office of Compline, Thursday nights at 8 PM online.

**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 ...**

**Outreach Meeting** Next Sunday, November 14 at 11:30 AM in Witherington Hall.

**Contribute non-perishable foods and winter clothing to St. John's.** [Click here](#) to view the suggested list of food items. Please deliver to 310 West Clay Avenue, Roselle Park by the Saturday before Sandwich Sunday (Saturday, November 20).

**Sandwich Sunday** The third Sunday of the month is November 21, sign up here to provide necessary items and contact Marion Nechuta (908-451-4498/marionnechuta@yahoo.com) if you would like to assist with making the sandwiches on Saturday, November 20.

**Contribute to Cranford Family Care's Thanksgiving Dinners** Donate a small pie (7 inch diameter). [Click here](#) to sign up. Please deliver the pies to Marion Nechuta's house (310 West Clay Ave, Roselle Park) or the church by Thursday, November 18.

**Contemplative Meditation of Sacred Art** Thursday, November 18 from 7 PM to 8 PM on Trinity's online platform. Hosted by the Liturgical Committee of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee as part of the Celebration of the Year of the Eucharist. Please join us for an hour of quiet and thoughtful reflection.

### **Cover art**

"The Widow's Mite" by Uko Williams, who writes "Being a self-trained visual artist from Nigeria living in Finland has been quite fascinating. I saw my first snow in March 2018 when my plane landed in Helsinki, Finland. I started my life as an independent artist in 1999 when I retired from the Nigerian Police where I was working as a graphics artist. I was born with a gift of art, and nothing satisfies me like drawing and painting."

## Father Andy on Liturgical Year C - The Gospel of St Luke

On Sunday, November 28 — The First Sunday of Advent — we enter the new liturgical year during which we shall focus on the Gospel according to St Luke each Sunday. As has been our custom over the last 4 years we shall have an opportunity to hear the entirety of the Gospel of Luke just before we begin the new liturgical year. In years past we have all participated in the uninterrupted reading of the Gospel. This year we shall listen to the full text of the NIV version of St Luke's Gospel as narrated by Richard E. Grant, and set to cinematography directed by David Batty. This epic production — featuring specially constructed sets and the authentic countryside of Morocco — has been critically acclaimed by several leading religious scholars as a unique and highly authentic telling of Luke's account of the Gospel.

In a time when biblical storytelling is often translated into modern, more relatable contexts, it's easy to forget the value of literal retellings, and how in awe we can be because of their grand and epic scale. The Gospel of Luke is not an adaptation. It is read aloud to us like a traditional story, but with cinematic images to evoke the biblical time and place, which makes it both refreshing and familiar. While I would prefer for each of us to participate in the reading of St Luke's Gospel, the pandemic context does lend itself to his 'movie' version of the Gospel. A decision that allows to be masked up for a significant period indoors. The screening of The Gospel of Luke will be on Saturday, November 27, from 10 AM to 2 PM in Sherlock Hall. The movie is 3 hours and 25 minutes long, there will be a half hour intermission, with a light lunch, at 12 noon. Please contact the office if you are able to help out with catering the event. Sign up to watch The Gospel of Luke here.

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