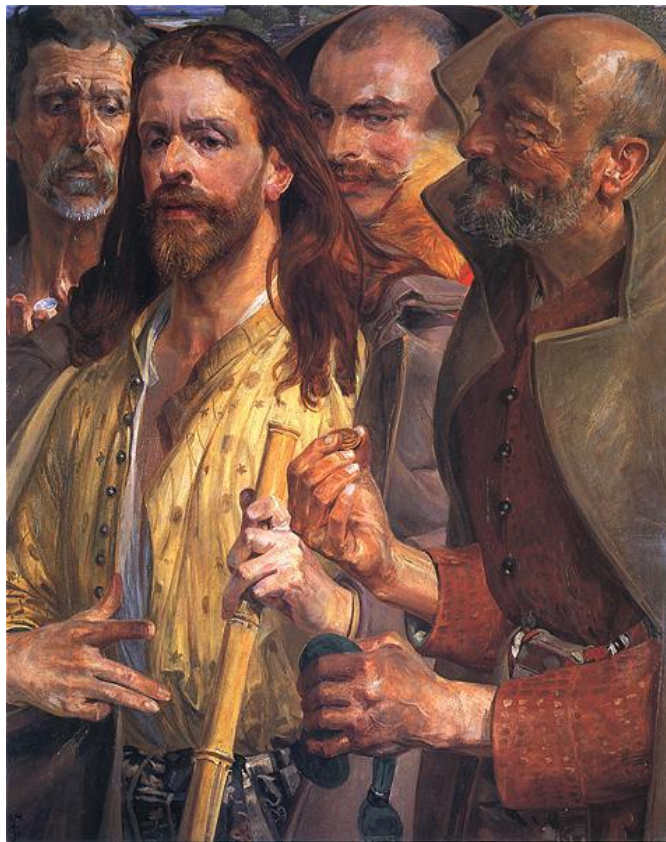


Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



"The Tribute Money" – Jacek Malczewski

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost *Stewardship Season*

Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II

Proper 24 ~ October 18, 2026 at 10 AM



The Reverend Andrew David Kruger ~ Rector & Presider

Susan Caldwell Nelson ~ Musician-in-Residence & Organist

Anthony J. Rafaniello ~ Director of Music

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 Lynn Kjamie-Bianchini from Ralph Bianchini*

Welcome

Andrew Kruger

Prelude

"Hymn-Prelude on *St. Denio*" – Percy Whitlock

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

I. Gathering of God's People

Gathering Hymn

St Denio

Hymnal 423

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

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

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

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

Acclamation

Enriching our Worship 50

Presider

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People

Glory to God for ever and ever.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

II. Proclaiming and Receiving the Word of God

First Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses said to the LORD, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.”

He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

The LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.”

Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.”

And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.”

And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All sing the Antiphon and Psalm.



Pro - claim the great - ness of the LORD our God, and wor - ship up - on his ho - ly hill.



TONE VII.1

- 1 Thē LÖRD is King;
let the péople trémble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
lét the éarth shäke.
- 2 The LORD is gréat in Zíon; *
he is high abóve all péoplës.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is gréat and áwesome; *
—hé is the Hóly Öne.
- 4 “O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have estáblished équity; *
you have executed justice and ríghteousness ín Jacöb.”
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down befóre his fóotstool; *
—hé is the Hóly Öne.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who cáll upón his Name, *
they called upon the LÖRD, and he ánspered thēm.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the píllar óf cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decrée that he gáve thēm.
- 8 “O LORD our God, you ánspered thēm indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them fór their évil dēeds.”
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upón his hóly hill; *
for the LORD our Gód is the Hóly Öne. [Ant.]

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Reader A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Proclaiming Hymn

Langham

Hymnal 573

The People stand.



1 Fa - ther e - ter - nal, Ru - ler of cre - a - tion,
 2 Rac - es and peo - ples, lo, we stand di - vid - ed,
 3 En - vious of heart, blind - eyed, with tongues con - found - ed,
 4 Lust of pos - ses - sion work - eth des - o - la - tions;
 5 How shall we love thee, ho - ly hid - den Be - ing,

1 Spi - rit of life, which moved ere form was made,
 2 and, shar - ing not our griefs, no joy can share;
 3 na - tion by na - tion still goes un - for - given,
 4 there is no meek - ness in the powers of earth;
 5 if we love not the world which thou hast made?

1 through the thick dark - ness cov - ering ev - ery na - tion,
 2 by wars and tu - mults love is mocked, de - rid - ed;
 3 in wrath and fear, by jea - lous - ies sur - round - ed,
 4 led by no star, the ru - lers of the na - tions
 5 Bind us in thine own love for bet - ter see - ing

1 light to our blind - ness, O be thou our aid:
 2 his sav - ing cross no na - tion yet will bear:
 3 build - ing proud towers which shall not reach to heaven:
 4 still fail to bring us to the bliss - ful birth:
 5 thy Word made flesh, and in a man - ger laid:

Refrain
 thy king - dom come, O Lord, thy will be done.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

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

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

III. Responding to the Proclaimed Word of God

Children's Homily

Andrew Kruger

Nicene Creed

Enriching Our Worship 53

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

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

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

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

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

Prayers of the People

The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS)

Presider Let us pray to the Lord.

Trusting in God's abundance and welcome, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all creation.

The Intercessor prays

Gracious God, you have made plenty good room for us in your household. Inspire your church to be a place of welcome, generosity, and love. We thank you for the resources you have entrusted to us, and we pray for wisdom to use them in service of your mission.

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

God of community, you bind us together in relationships of care and compassion. Strengthen the bonds within this congregation, and guide us to extend hospitality to our neighbors near and far.

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

God of abundance, you invite us to respond with gratitude for all your gifts. Bless this stewardship campaign, that our pledges of time, talent, and treasure may be faithful signs of our trust in you.

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

God of creation, you have made a world with plenty good room for all living things. Teach us to care for the earth and to share its resources with justice and joy.

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

God of mercy, your dwelling place has room for all who suffer. Be present with those who are sick, lonely, grieving, or in any kind of need. Surround them with your healing and your peace.

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

God of hope, you prepare a place for us in your eternal home. We remember before you those who have died, confident that they now rest in your embrace.

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

The Presider prays

Loving God, you call us into your abundant life and promise that there is plenty good room for all your children. Hear our prayers and accept the offerings of our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Announcements

Andrew Kruger

Stewardship Ministry Minute

Cathy Wolfram

IV. Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Offertory Sentence

John 14:2

The Presider says

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so,
would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

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

“Offertory” – John Ness Beck
Words: Micah 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the Lord,
And bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
With ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions,
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man,
He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you
But to do justice and to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God?

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

1. "My Fa - ther's house_ has_ ma - ny rooms;" so
 2. The gifts we bring_ are_ first God's own, re -
 3. Make now your dwell - ing, Lord, with us, as

speaks the Liv - ing Word. God's wel - come tran - scends
 turned with thank - ful praise; God wid - ens heart and
 we would dwell in you; lead ev - er on from

length and breadth; no hu - man heart can plumb the_ depth, of_
 soul and mind, and calls us still new grace to_ find, through
 grace to grace, till all cre - a - tion knows your_ face; all_

what God's love_ has_ stirred, of what God's love has stirred.
 all our nights and_ days, through all our nights and days.
 things re - stored a - new, all things re - stored a - new.

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 for Children

Common Worship

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.**

Child Why is it right to give thanks and praise?
Parent Listen to the proper preface.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

You give us happy times and things to celebrate. In these we taste your kingdom,
a feast for all your children.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

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._____

We thank you loving Father, because when we turned away you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and showed us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Child Why do we share this bread and wine?

Parent Listen to the words of institution.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: "This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me."

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: "This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins."

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Savior.

Child How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Parent Listen to the Doxology.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for 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

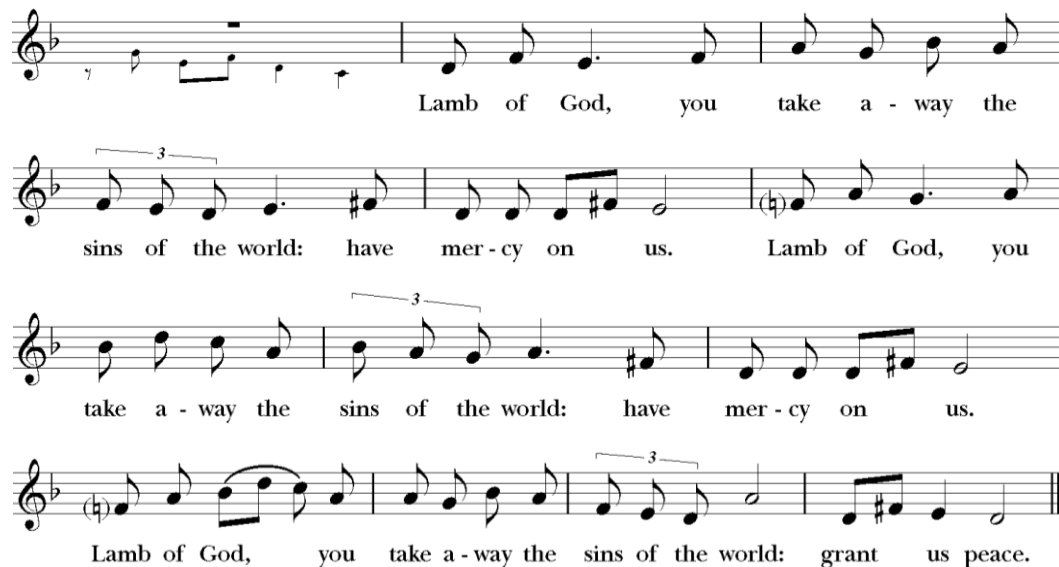
BCP 364

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

Agnus Dei

Robert Powell

Hymnal S 163



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.

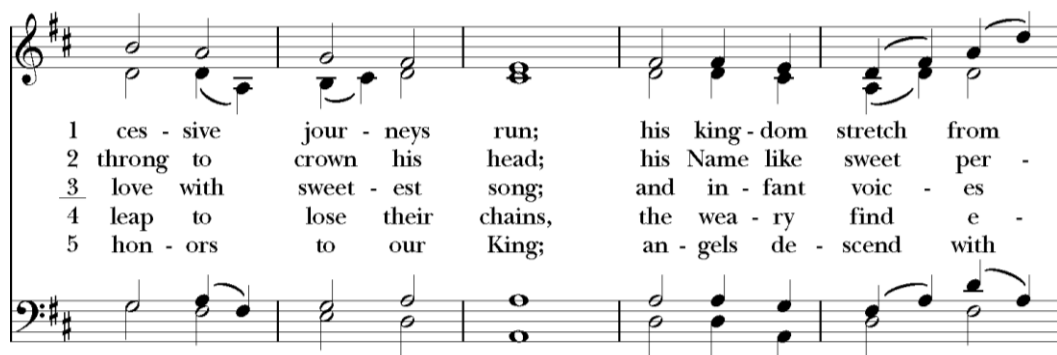
First Communion Hymn

Duke Street

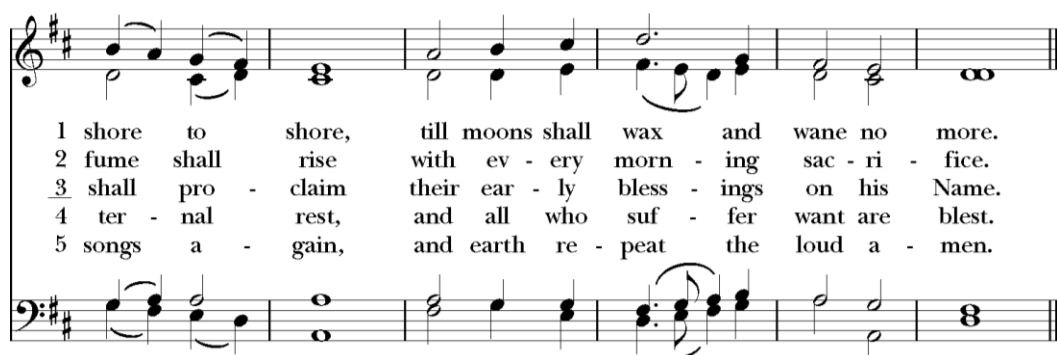
Hymnal 544



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
2 thron'g to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with



1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.



1 I am the bread of life; they who
 2 (The) Bread that I will give is my
 3 (Un-) less you eat of the
 4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion,
 5 (Yes,) Lord, we be - lieve that



1 come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -
 2 Flesh for the life of the world, and they who
 3 Flesh of the Son of Man and
 4 I am the life. They who be -
 5 you are the Christ, the



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 2 eat of this bread, they shall live for
 3 drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with -
 4 lieve in me, e - ven if they
 5 Son of God who has



1 me un - less the Fa - ther draw them.
 2 ev - er. they shall live for ev - er.
 3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.
 4 die, they shall live for ev - er.
 5 come in - to the world.



And I will raise them up, and I will raise them



up, and I will raise them up on the



last day. day.

Communion Meditation

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

Taizé Community

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems of staves. The first system contains the lyrics: 'In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re - El Se - ñor es mi for - ta - le - za, el Se - ñor es mi can -'. The second system contains: 'joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your ción. Él nos da la sal - va - ción. En él con -'. The third system contains: 'voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near. fí - o, no te - me - ré. En él con - fí - o, no te - me - ré.' The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands, with some triplets indicated by a '3' over a group of notes.

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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 Be imitators of Jesus Christ and an example to all of the life of faith.
To the world in which you live, give your love and service,
and to God, give all that you are and all that you shall be.

And may the glory of God's goodness be revealed to you;
May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ take root in you;
And may the inspiration of the Holy Spirit fill you with joy. **Amen.**

V. Going out as God's People

Sending Hymn

Cwm Rhondda

Hymnal 594

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plo - re;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
days, for the liv - ing of these days.
goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Dismissal

BCP 366

Presider
People

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

Postlude

"Fanfare Postlude" – Douglas E. Wagner

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...

Stewardship Season Letter and pledge cards have been distributed; commit to the financial flourishing of the parish by returning them by next Sunday, Dedication Sunday.

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

TESY's Fall Fellowship Event Today at 11:30 AM in Witherington Chapel.

Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle Both are individually available for personal attribution, to remember loved ones, to honor others, to celebrate lives. Anyone can make a request; there is no fee. Email the office by 4 PM Wednesday each week; multiple attributions are allowed. Altar flowers cost the parish \$75 per week, and are a line item in the church budget. Donations towards that are gratefully appreciated and may be made anonymously via the collection plate or through the office.

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 via the link in the email blast. 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, October 21 from 7 PM to 7:50 PM in the church.

Trinity Adult Choir This Wednesday, October 21 from 8 PM to 9 PM in the church.

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

Family Game Night This 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.

What you need to know in the future...

All Souls Service Wednesday, October 28 at 7:30 PM; remember all those whom we love but see no longer.

Bake Sale Sunday, October 25 after each service by the Outreach Committee to raise money for Musaga Richards sponsorship. The goal is \$360. Musaga lives in the Good Shepherd Home in Cameroon, West Africa and the sponsorship provides him with clothes, food, education and medical expenses.

The Sacrament of Baptism Baptism will be offered on the Feast of All Saints (observed on Sunday, November 1).

Acolyte & Thurifer Training Sunday, November 15 immediately after the 10 AM Eucharist for all current and aspirant acolytes.

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

St John's Update – Gratitude, Grief & Discernment

From Father Andy:

For many years, Trinity's partnership with St. John's in Elizabeth has given practical expression to our love of God and neighbor. Through Sandwich Sunday, parishioners have prepared, transported, and distributed food for neighbors experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. This shared ministry has been sustained by many faithful hands, and I am deeply grateful to everyone whose generosity has made it possible.

I now need to share a difficult update.

In a conversation this week, Bishop Sally French explained that providing heat for St. John's church this winter would require significant expenditure. The diocesan property evaluator is expected to visit within a month to assess whether heating the building is feasible and sustainable. This immediate concern forms part of a wider picture: two of St. John's three buildings are structurally unsound, and the congregation faces considerable uncertainty. The Bishop described the situation as "tenuous."

At the same time, the move of St. John's Sunday service to the afternoon means that Sandwich Sunday can no longer continue under the changed circumstances. Neighbors who previously gathered after morning worship are no longer consistently present. The later schedule also makes it difficult to gather sufficient Trinity volunteers to return after our morning services to prepare, transport, and distribute sandwiches.

There is much here to grieve. We mourn the ending of a longstanding ministry, worry for a vulnerable congregation, and feel the sadness of seeing beloved buildings fall into decline. For several Trinity parishioners who were baptized and confirmed at St. John's, this news touches their own history of faith and belonging. Their grief is deeply personal. Let us allow one another room for these different sorrows, and hold the people and leadership of St. John's in our prayers.

Alongside grief, many of us will feel an immediate desire to find another way to serve. That impulse is a precious expression of our baptismal calling to seek and serve Christ in others. Bishop French encouraged us to explore other partnerships, specifically suggesting St. Elizabeth's and San José in Elizabeth. These are possibilities we can approach with openness, ready to learn about the life and ministry of those communities.

As we consider what comes next, it is helpful to remember the longer journey of discernment to which Trinity has already committed itself. The Vestry has agreed to establish a Mission Discernment Committee to help guide the whole parish through a process beginning this fall and unfolding through 2027 and beyond. At its heart is this question: ***What is God doing in and around our community, and how is Trinity being called to participate?***

During Lent 2027, we will explore the Church's history and our own parish story. Through the Paschal season, Acts will help us attend to the Holy Spirit's leading. Through the summer, we will listen to parishioners and neighbors, bringing what we learn into a season of discernment in the fall. Together, we will seek greater clarity about the commitments God is inviting us to make.

Trinity's worship, service, and care for our neighbors will continue throughout this process. Our eagerness to begin something new can be held within a patient attention to God and one another. Mission embraces the whole of our Christian life: proclaiming the gospel, nurturing faith, loving service, pursuing justice and reconciliation, and caring for creation.

Christ gathers us into communion and sends us out to share in God's work. The relationships formed through Sandwich Sunday remain part of the life we bring to that calling. With gratitude for all we have received, tenderness toward those who grieve, and a willingness to listen, we can trust the Holy Spirit to guide our next faithful steps.

Lectionary & Liturgy

As we draw near the end of Matthew's Gospel, the opposition to Jesus intensifies. Today the Pharisees seek to entrap Jesus, asking if it is lawful to pay taxes to the emperor. The trap would be to offend either zealous Jewish patriots or else offend the ruling class in Jerusalem including the Romans. Jesus' answer points instead to Jewish teaching that the government, even a pagan one, has legitimate authority, but that authority cannot be allowed to interfere with our duty toward God.

In our ongoing story of the Exodus, it is time for the Jews to move on in their journey to the land of promise. Moses asks for a sign of God's favor. God gives two signs. One is his promise to go with the people on their journey to the Promised Land and the other is to give Moses a glimpse of God.

The second reading today begins several weeks of reading Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians. This is probably the earliest of Paul's letters. Things have gone well since he left and he begins by giving thanks for their faithfulness. This church, however, had some problems and confusion about the second coming of Christ. In the coming weeks we will hear Paul's teaching about that.

Central to every gathering of Christians for worship is intercessory prayer. Our prayer is always for the church and the world. A striking illustration was that the early Christians prayed for the emperor who was persecuting them. Our faith calls us to pray for and to minister to all aspects of life. The liturgy reminds us that God is concerned for all creation and is the Savior of all.

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- † **Cover Art** – The middle panel of the triptych, “The Tribute Money” (known in Polish as *Grosz czynszowy*) painted in 1908 by the leading Polish Symbolist artist Jacek Malczewski (1854–1929). Notably, he painted Christ with his own facial features, presenting a world-weary, non-idealized figure amidst ambiguous expressions of suspicion and tension. Located in the National Museum in Poznań (*Muzeum Narodowe w Poznaniu*) in Poland.
- † **Prelude** – Percy William Whitlock (1903-1946) studied composition at the Royal College of Music with Charles Villiers Stanford and Ralph Vaughan Williams. In his brief lifetime, he composed a significant number of organ miniatures which are impeccably crafted and gratifying to play. His music was largely undiscovered by organists until a revival of English music during the 1980's.
- † **Gathering Hymn** – Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), Scottish minister; based on 1 Timothy 1:17. Hymnologist Albert Bailey says creating poetry was for Smith “the retreat of his nature from the burden of his labors.” Music: a traditional Welsh ballad popular in the early nineteenth century, first published as a hymn-tune in *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839 and adapted by John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906. The tune title refers to St. Denis, the patron saint of France. “Most readers will think they know this hymn. But it never appears as its author wrote it, and a closer look in its fuller form shows that it was not designed to be one of those general hymns of praise that the parson slams into the praise-list when he is in too much of a hurry to think of anything else but a hymn about the reading of Scripture. Just occasionally editorial tinkering changes the whole personality of a hymn; it has certainly done so here.” –[Erik Routley]
- † **Gloria** – Words: Anonymous, 15th century medieval. Music: Robert Powell (1932-2025), American composer and organist.
- † **Collect of the Day** – New to this edition of the Prayer Book, this collect is the first of the nine solemn collects of Good Friday in the Gelasian sacramentary, the *Missale Gallicanum vetus*, the Gregorian sacramentary, and the Sarum missal. The translation is based on that of William Bright in *Ancient Collects*. –[Notes on the American Prayer Book by Marion Hatchett]
- † **Proclaiming Hymn** – Words: Laurence Housman (1865-1959) often seemed to fall afoul of the censors, though, for religious and political reasons. A committed socialist and pacifist, in 1907, he helped found the Men's League for Women's Suffrage. Music: Geoffrey Turton Shaw (1879-1943).
- † *** Nicene Creed** – Designed to contain “all the expansive language texts currently authorized.” It is almost identical to the version in the BCP. The omission of the words ‘and the Son’ (*filioque*) restores the text of the Creed to the original wording agreed upon at the Fourth Ecumenical Council of Constantinople (381 CE). The addition of that phrase was a later development implemented only in the Western Church and without the approval of a General Council.
- † **Offertory Anthem** – John Ness Beck (1930–1987), composer and arranger of choral music, best known for popular and accessible settings of traditional Sacred music. He established the John Ness Beck Foundation only a few months before his death of cancer; it recognizes outstanding achievement in choral composition and arrangement of traditional church music, enhances and furthers

the careers, study, education and experience of promising composers and arrangers, and promotes and stimulates the learning of choral composition and traditional church music.

- † **Offertory Hymn** – Words: Andrew Kruger. 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]
- † **The Lord's Prayer** – John Dominica Crossan writes “What if the Lord's Prayer is neither a Jewish prayer for Jews nor yet a Christian prayer for Christians? What if it is instead a prayer from the heart of Judaism on the lips of Christianity for the conscience of the world? What if it is instead a radical manifesto and a hymn of hope for all humanity in language addressed to all the earth?”
- † **First Communion Hymn** – Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); the text has a strong missionary focus and is a strong Christological interpretation of Psalm 72. We sing of the worldwide reign of Christ, who is praised by all creatures, and whose rule results in blessings on people “of every tongue” and redemption for the outcasts. –[*Psalter Hymnal Handbook*] Music: John Hatton (1710-1793); virtually nothing is known about him other than that he lived on Duke Street in St. Helen's and that his funeral was conducted at the Presbyterian chapel there.
- † **Second Communion Hymn** – Words (adapt. John 6) & Music: Sister Suzanne Toolan (b. 1927), who said “I think its popularity stems from its message of resurrection, which is so strong in these words of Jesus. We so need that message of hope.” She wrote the words in 1964 in between classes and claims to have discarded the original, but was inspired by a student to keep it. Originally presented at a diocesan music educators' conference in 1966. –[©1971 G.I.A. Publications]
- † **Communion Meditation** – Words and Music: Taizé Community –[© 1998, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent]. In 1955, Jacques Berthier (1923-1994), a French composer of liturgical music, was asked to compose music for the nascent community of 20 brothers at Taizé Community. In 1975, he returned and for the next 20 years built up a body of church music that is widely used in North American church music in both Roman Catholic and Protestant traditions. Until his death he served for 33 years as organist at St. Ignace Church, Paris; he requested that none of his own music be used in his funeral at Saint-Sulpice.
- † **Sending Hymn** – Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), a well-known and controversial preacher in the early 20th century. John D. Rockefeller asked him to become pastor of Park Avenue Baptist Church in New York City, but Fosdick thought the church was too wealthy, and agreed only on condition that a new church would be built in a less fashionable place. The site selected for Riverside Church was on the banks of the Hudson, not far from Harlem. Fosdick wrote this hymn at his summer home in Maine in 1930 for the opening service of Riverside Church that fall. Music: John Hughes (1873-1932), a Welshman and a railway worker. The tune name literally means “Rhondda valley,” after the Rhondda River that flows through a coal-mining district of Wales. At first circulated only in leaflet form because hymnal editors considered it too vigorous to be a proper hymn tune. They eventually succumbed to popular pressure. Trivia: Fosdick wanted a different tune for his text writing, “My secretary has already written you the answer to your question about my hymn's divorce from Regent Square and remarriage to Cwm Rhondda. The Methodists did it! And both here and abroad they are being followed” –[*Hymnal Companion to Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, Paul Westermeyer]
- † **Postlude** – Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952), a Chicago native, was a longtime high school music educator and administrator and is a prolific composer of works for choir, handbells, orchestra, concert band, organ, piano, instrumental solo and voice.

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