

Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



Icon of the Holy Trinity – Jean-Marc Vingerhoets

Trinity Sunday

Feast of Title



Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II ~ May 31, 2026 at 10 AM

The Reverend Andrew David Kruger - Presider & Preacher

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 Barbara & Alfred, Debbie & Carol Fricke by Arlene Fricke*

Thanksgiving and Rededication of the Tower Bell

The Presider addresses the Assembly from the Narthex.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider For more than a century,
 this bell has sounded across Cranford
 as a voice of summons, prayer, and praise.

Cast in 1875 and entrusted to Trinity Church in 1926,
we give thanks for the service of this bell
and rededicate it to the glory of God
and the mission of Christ's Church,
calling all people into worship, fellowship, and hope.

Let us pray.

O God who spoke creation into existence,
open our ears to discern afresh
 your voice in the peals of this bell:
offering a welcome to the weary;
calling us from distraction to prayer;
and inviting us to participate in your great commission
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Presider Praise God with resounding cymbals:

People **Praise the Lord with loud-clangng cymbals.**

Chief Daniel Czeh rings the bell, then silence is kept.

Handbell Prelude

“Gratitude” – Alex Guebert

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

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!
 *2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer 355

Presider

Alleluia. Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity

BCP 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

William Mathias

Hymnal S 278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

BCP 228

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

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.**

II. Proclaiming and Receiving the Word of God

First Reading

Genesis 1:1–2:4a

“Heaven and Earth – A Choral Reading for Four Voices” by Scott Ward

Based on *The Message* paraphrase by Eugene Peterson

Read by Jana Morgan, Arwen Morgan Kelly, Nathan Kelly and Andrew Kruger

Psalm 8

Domine, Dominus noster

Plainsong Psalter

All sing the Antiphon and Psalm.



How ex - alt - ed is your Name, O LORD, in all the world.



TONE VII.3

- 1 —O LÓRD our Góvornor, *
how exalted is your Náme in áll the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of ínfans and ćhildren *
your majesty is praised abóve the héavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold agáinst your advérsaries, *
to quell the enemy ánd the avénger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the wórk of your fínghers, *
the moon and the stars you have sét in their cóurses,
- 5 What is man that you should be míndful óf him? *
the son of man that yóu should séek him out?



- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world! [Ant.]

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Reader A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand.

Proclaiming Hymn

St. Patrick's Breastplate

Hymnal 370

1. I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong Name
of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion
of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

2. I bind this day to me for ev - er, by power of
faith, Christ's In - car - na - tion; his bap - tism in the

Jor - dan riv - er; his death on cross for my sal - va - tion;
 his burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb; his rid - ing
 up the heaven - ly way; his com - ing at the
 day of doom: I bind un - to my - self to - day.

7. I bind un - to my - self the Name, the strong Name
 of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion
 of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.
 Of whom all na - ture hath cre - a - tion, e - ter - nal
 Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Word: praise to the Lord of
 my sal - va - tion, sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

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

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

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

III. Responding to the Proclaimed Word

Homily

Andrew Kruger

Nicene Creed

Enriching Our Worship 53

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

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

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

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

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father, *
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

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

Prayers of the People

CW alt.

The Presider says

Let us pray to the Father, through the Son, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The intercessor prays

For the Church universal, of which these buildings are a visible symbol.

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

For this congregation, as we remember your promise that when two or three are gathered in your name you are there in the midst of them.

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

For this place, that we may be still and know that you are God.

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

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us.

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

For your blessings in the past and for a vision for the future.

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

For the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life in baptism.

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

For the pardon of our sins when we fall short of your glory.

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

For a foretaste of your eternal kingdom in the sacrament of the eucharist.

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

For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness.

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

For the faith of those who have gone before us and for grace to persevere like them.

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

For the benefactors of this place who have died in the peace of Christ and are at rest.

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

The Presider concludes

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate this feast of title: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here; and we pray that all who seek you in this place will find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you. **Amen**

Peace

BCP 360

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

Announcements

Andrew Kruger

IV. Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Offertory Sentence

1 Chronicles 29:11

The Presider says

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

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



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

Offertory Anthem

“Now the Eleven Disciples” – David Hurd
Text Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.
And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted.
And Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you;
and lo I am with you always, to the close of the age.”

The People stand. The Ushers bring the collection plates to the ministers.

Offertory Hymn

Douglass

Nancy H. Miller

1. Tri-ni-ty, we cel-e-brate you and the dream that came to be. Ga-ther-ring to cel-e-brate the
 God of all e - ter - ni-ty. Ca-ring, lov-ing, and for-giv-ing, work-ing through the works of God.
 Mir - ror-ing the Tri - une God both now and in our fu - ture days.

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 A

BCP 361

Presider The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



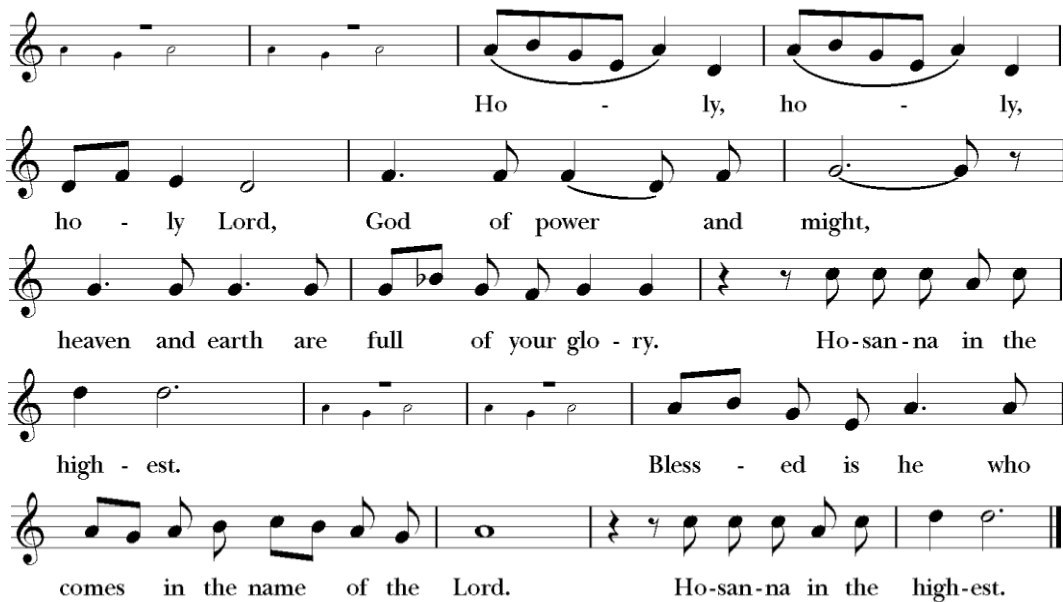
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being: and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

Sanctus

Hymnal S 128



Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Great Amen

Mathias/Kruger



Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Presider

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

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

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S 165

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

Invitation

BCP 364

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

The ushers guide the people to receive Holy Communion. All 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.

First Communion Hymn

Abbot's Leigh

Wonder, Love & Praise 780

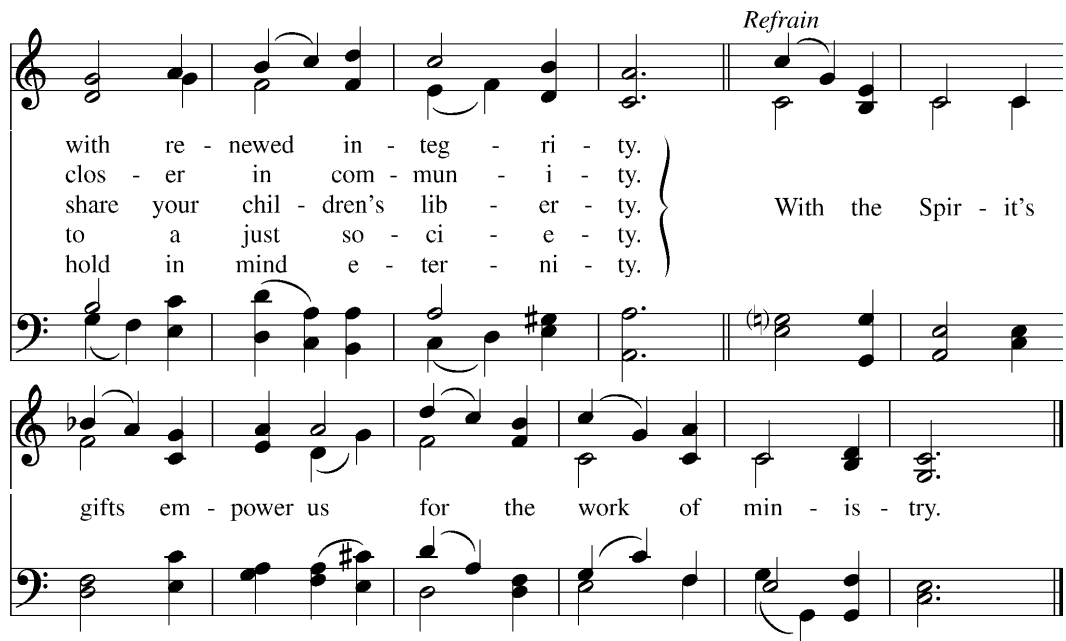
1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my
 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther,
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; "I am

sick and preach - the word." Lest the church ne -
 name bap - tize and teach." That the world may
 bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for
 what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as
 with you to the end." Faith and hope and

glect its mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un -
 trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for
 earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly lift life heav - en -
 pri - vate trea - sure all that you so free - ly
 love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in -

heard, help us wit - ness to your pur - pose
 each, give us all new fer - vor, draw us
 ward, ask - ing that the world a - round us
 give. May your care and mer - cy lead us
 tend and, a - mid the cares that claim us,

Refrain



with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.
 clos - er in com - mun - i - ty.
 share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty.
 to a just so - ci - e - ty.
 hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty. } With the Spir - it's

gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

Second Communion Hymn

Grosser Gott

Hymnal 366



1 Ho - ly God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;
 2 Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
 3 Lo, the a - po - sto - lic train join, thy sa - cred Name to hal - low;
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we name thee,
 *5 Christ, thou art our glo - rious King, Son of God en - throned in splen - dor;

1 all on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee;
 2 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
 3 pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
 4 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vi - ded God we claim thee;
 5 but de - liv - er - ance to bring thou all hon - ors didst sur - ren - der,

1 in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
 2 fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 3 and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.
 4 then, a - dor - ing, bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.
 5 and wast of a vir - gin born hum - bly on that bless - ed morn.

Communion Meditation

In the Lord I'll be

Taizé Community

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are in English and Spanish. The first system includes the lyrics: "In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -" and "El Se - ñor es mi for - ta - le - za, el Se - ñor es mi can -". The second system includes: "joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your" and "ción. Él nos da la sal - va - ción. En él con -". The third system includes: "voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near." and "fí - o, no te - me - ré. En él con - fí - o, no te - me - ré." There is a circled triplet of notes in the piano part of the second system.

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 -

joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your
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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.

Post Communion Prayer

Common Worship

Presider Let us pray.

The People stand.

Triune God, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven, and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world. **Amen.**

Blessing

CW

The Presider blesses the People.

God the Father, who first loved us and made us accepted in the beloved Son, bless you. **Amen.**

God the Son, who loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood, bless you. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who sheds abroad the love of God in our hearts, bless you. **Amen.**

The blessing of the one true God, to whom be all love and all glory for time and for eternity, come down upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Unison

1 Ye watch-ers and ye ho-ly ones, bright ser-aphs, cher-u-bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al-le-lu-ia! Cry
 2 O high-er than the cher-u-bim, more glo-rious than the ser-a-phim, lead their prais-es, Al-le-lu-ia! Thou
 3 Re-spond, ye souls in end-less rest, ye pa-tri-archs and pro-phets blest, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Ye
 4 O friends, in glad-ness let us sing, su-per-nal an-thems ech-o-ing, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! To
 out, do-min-ions, prince-doms, powers, vir-tues, arch-an-gels, an-gels'
 bear-er of the e-ter-nal Word, most gra-cious, mag-ni-fy the
 ho-ly twelve, ye mar-tyrs strong, all saints tri-um-phiant, raise the
 God the Fa-ther, God the Son, and God the Spi-rit, Three in
 choirs, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-
 Lord, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-
 song, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-
 One, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-

lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Dismissal

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Presider

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

“Fugue on a Theme of Corelli” BWV 579 – Johann Sebastian Bach

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...

Financial Snapshot As of April 30, we have received \$60,000 versus \$78,000 pledged year to date. Thank you for the continued support; if the financial situation has changed or to adjust your pledge, please inform the financial secretary, Carol Beier.

Annual Trinity Sunday Barbeque Today after the 10 AM Eucharist.

Cranford High School Madrigal Choir Today at 1:30 PM in the church. The choir presents its annual spring concert; the performance is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Cranford High School choral program. The 2026 James Lenney Memorial Choral Scholarship will be awarded to two Cranford High School students this year. Sofia Monroy will attend Ithaca College and Christopher Uglialoro, Valedictorian of the Class of 2026, will attend Princeton University. Both are members of the Cranford High School Concert Choir and Madrigal Choir.

Established in 2013 by friends and loved ones of Jim Lenney, longtime Music Director at Trinity Church and Choral Director at Cranford High School, the scholarship honors his legacy by supporting graduating choral students. The scholarship continues through the generosity of parishioners and Trinity's stewardship of the fund. Those interested in contributing may speak with Anthony Rafaniello.

"Care for Moms & Newborns" Today is the last day that the Outreach Committee is collecting donations for this project, through Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD), which connects expectant mothers with local health care providers and critical education programming about food and nutrition to keep both mother and baby healthy.

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.

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

Handbells and Choir Rehearsals This Wednesday, June 3, there are no rehearsals; normally for Handbells is 7 to 7:50 PM; Adult Choir is 8-9 PM.

Trinity Men's Group This Saturday, June 6 at 8 AM in Witherington Hall.

What you need to know in the future...

Trinity Forum Next Sunday, June 7 in Witherington Hall after both services. An informational forum, including intercultural communication awareness, will be held in preparation for the Taizé service and Potluck dinner with our brothers and sisters from St. John's in Elizabeth.

Outreach Meeting Next Sunday, June 7 at 11:30 AM in Witherington Hall.

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

Trinity Women's Group Monday, June 8 from 7 to 8 PM online. This is the last meeting before the summer break.

Taizé Service and Potluck Dinner Thursday, June 11 starting at 7 PM hosted at Trinity. Connect with our neighbors from St John's in Elizabeth. Contact Fr. Andy if you are willing to champion the Taizé set up, or hall set up, or potluck planning and organization.

Juneteenth Friday, June 19 at 12 noon, the church bell will be rung to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved African Americans.

Summer Schedule Sunday, July 5 to Sunday, August 30, there is only one Sunday service at 9 AM.

Episcopal Church Women Book Scholarship High School Seniors can now apply for a book scholarship from Trinity's ECW. Scholarship applications with reference letters must be received by the parish office by Sunday, June 21. Application is on email blast.

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.

Thanksgiving for Our 150th Anniversary

"All things come from you, and of your own have we given you." ~ *1 Chronicles 29:14*

In 2022, Trinity Church celebrated its 150th anniversary with a yearlong series of events and commemorations. As part of that celebration, beginning in 2019 people were given the opportunity to make a financial gift to several "societies," each designed to enhance a specific aspect of our communal life together. Those societies included Cornerstone, Worship, Outreach, Greening, and Legacy. During the campaign, forty-seven individual or family units pledged gifts to one or more of those societies. Some donations were one-time gifts, and others were multiyear pledges. The total amount generously pledged was \$321,741.77.

Astoundingly, as of the end of 2025, we received 100% of those pledges! That is a remarkable achievement, and demonstrates the faithful generosity of the people of Trinity Church.

Your gifts supported a wide variety of amazing projects: the commissioning of a new baptismal font; the planting of 14 legacy trees around the campus; the installation of organ trumpets; a \$10,000 gift as a Founding Congregation of "Episcopal Community Services" of the Diocese of New Jersey; and the completion of several significant capital projects, including new windows in Sherlock and Witherington Halls, and an accessible bathroom in Sherlock Hall.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the 150th Anniversary Fund. Your generosity helped us to fulfill the commitments of the 150th Anniversary Preparatory Collect: to honor our past, live out our baptism today, and serve future generations.

With Gratitude, The Rector, Wardens, and Vestry

Trinity Sunday

The First Sunday after Pentecost is a celebration of the Holy Trinity. This is not, however, a celebration of a doctrine, but the celebration of the God whose self-revelation is as an interaction of love between Persons. The doctrine came about as the Christian attempt in human language to express our experience of God: an experience that we are God's children, we are the brothers and sisters of God incarnate, and we are people who find the Spirit of God living in us. Thus, the names given to God's action toward us and God's own being are Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The first account of creation is our reading from the Hebrew Scriptures. While the original writers had no idea of God as the Holy Trinity, Christians have noted that in the act of creating, God, God's Word, and the Spirit or Wind of God are used as terms for God's action. In the New Testament reading, we hear in its concluding Grace the earliest Christian formulary of the Trinity, a passage familiar from the closing of Morning and Evening Prayer.

God is most clearly revealed as the Trinity of Persons in Unity of Being in baptism. It is there that we are adopted as children, thus made brothers and sisters of God's Son, and filled with the Holy Spirit of God. As we celebrate the Eucharist, we find our lives as a community drawn into the community of love that we name the Holy Trinity.

The Trinity Tower Bell

The bell that hangs in Trinity Church's tower was cast in 1875 by Meneely & Kimberly, Founders, of Troy, New York, one of the most respected American bell foundries of the nineteenth century. The Meneely foundries produced thousands of bells for churches, fire departments, schools, and civic buildings throughout the United States, and were especially renowned for the beauty and resonance of their bronze bells. Trinity's bell originally hung in the old Cranford firehouse before being purchased by Trinity Church on June 7, 1926 and installed in the church tower, where it has called worshipers to prayer for the past century.

On Trinity Sunday, the parish gathers to rededicate this historic bell and to give thanks not only for a cherished part of Trinity's history, but also for the deeper spiritual meaning bells have carried throughout Christian tradition. For centuries, church bells have sounded across towns, villages, and cities as calls to prayer, worship, and holy remembrance. Long before watches and smartphones ordered daily life, bells marked sacred time, reminding the faithful that every hour belongs ultimately to God.

In the Christian tradition, bells have always been more than practical instruments. They are signs of the Church's presence in the world and symbols of God's invitation to the rhythms of prayer and worship. Their sound reaches beyond church walls into streets, homes, and neighborhoods, proclaiming that Christ continues to gather a people in hope, mercy, and love. Bells announce feasts and celebrations, accompany weddings and funerals, and summon communities together in moments of joy, sorrow, danger, and thanksgiving. In this way, bells participate in the mission of the Church itself: to proclaim good news and draw people toward the life of God. Their voice becomes woven into the spiritual memory of a parish community.

The history of Trinity's bell makes this celebration especially meaningful. Before calling worshipers to prayer at Trinity Church, the bell served the wider community through the Cranford Fire Department. Once used as a summons in moments of urgency and need, it now continues its vocation as a sacred summons – a call to gather, pray, serve, and love. Its story reminds the parish that the work of the Church is never separate from the life of the community around it. On this Trinity Sunday, the bell is rededicated to the glory of God and to the mission of Christ's Church. May its ringing continue to echo through the parish and town as a voice of welcome, hope, prayer, and joy for generations to come.

Lectionary & Liturgy

- † **Copyrighted Music** – Reprinted and streamed with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-727521. All rights reserved.
- † **Cover Art** – Based on the famous *Trinity* Icon by Roublev, this work by Jean-Marc Vingerhoets, displayed in the sacristy of Notre Dame in Paris, depicts the visit of three angels to Abraham, an iconic scene from the Old Testament (*Gn 18:1-8*). The icon does not represent Abraham; it places the viewer in front of the three angels, as if we were in his place. This posture invites contemplation: what Abraham sees, we are called to see as well. The three angels are very similar: they have the same facial features and the same posture. In this way, the icon signifies the unity of the Trinity: when we see one Person of the Trinity, we see the whole Trinity. Jean-Marc Vingerhoets is an oblate of the Benedictine Abbey of Chevetognes in Belgium. He has addressed more than 70 biblical and liturgical themes, giving lectures in France and Belgium since 1996.
- † **Prelude** – “Gratitude” is a recent composition by California based Alex Guebert. –[©2019 Ringing World Publications]
- † **Service Music** – William Mathias (1934-1992) was a Welsh composer noted for choral works; Queen Elizabeth II made him a Commander of the British Empire in 1985. He received a royal commission for the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana. His anthem was heard by about 750 million television viewers, very likely the largest audience of a musical world premiere.
- † **Gathering Hymn** – Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826); published when Anglican authorities disapproved of the singing of hymns in churches, other than metrical psalms, although there was considerable informal hymn-singing in parishes. He intended to win support for their inclusion. Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876) as a tribute to the First Council of Nicæa which formalized the doctrine of the Trinity.
- † **In Excelsis Gloria** – Words: Anonymous, 15th cent. medieval. Music: William James Mathias (1934-1992) –[©1976 Oxford University Press]. Written while a student at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth for the Elizabethan Madrigal Singers.
- † **Collect of the Day** – The early sacramentaries provided no proper for this Sunday because it followed the lengthy vigil and ordination Mass which was the culmination of the ember days. Later medieval books included a votive Mass of the Holy Trinity which became the basis for the prayers used on the feast of the Trinity once that feast was established. The word “grace” is a Cranmerian insertion with no equivalent in the Latin. –[Notes on the American Prayer Book by Marion Hatchett]
- † **Plainsong Psalter** – Editor/choral director James Litton was on the Standing Commission on Church Music, publishing the *Hymnal 1982*, and a Fellow of the Royal School of Church Music, one of only 7 Americans to receive this honor. –[© 1988 Church Pension Fund]

- † **Proclaiming Hymn** – Words: attributed to St Patrick (372-466); tr. Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895). Music: Irish melody; adapt. Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924).
- † *** Nicene Creed** – This version is designed to contain “all the expansive language texts currently authorized.” It is almost identical to the version in the BCP. The omission of the words ‘and the Son’ (*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** – “Now the Eleven Disciples” composed by David Hurd using the full text from Matthew 28:16-20.
- † **Offertory Hymn** – Words and Music: Nancy H. Miller (1934-2024) composed this for the season of Advent in 2022; the late parishioner named the tune for her college alma mater.
- † **Sanctus** – Became part of the Roman Eucharistic Prayer around 450 AD, fairly late as by then the text of the Roman Canon was fixed and regarded as possessing great authority. It appears in the 1549 BCP in its current form. The 1552 Book of Common Prayer omitted it and, though it is now permitted, “the choice whether or not to use the Benedictus is still for some a matter of Eucharistic theology and churchmanship.” – [Paul Thomas, *Using the Book of Common Prayer*] The first part is based on Isaiah’s song of the seraphim –[Isaiah 6:1-3; cf., Revelation 4:8]. The second part is taken from Matthew 21:9, describing Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, which is based on the first half of Psalm 118:26. In its present liturgical context it points to the expected presence of the Lord in the eucharistic gifts.
- † **The Lord’s Prayer** – The BCP provides both Traditional and Contemporary versions; the parish alternates depending on the liturgical season. 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: Jeffrey William Rowthorn (1934-2025) was a Welsh Anglican bishop and hymnographer. His early career was spent in parish ministry in the Church of England. He then moved to the US where he worked at Union Theological Seminary and Berkeley Divinity School. Elected bishop in The Episcopal Church, he served as a suffragan bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut from 1987 to 1994, and as Bishop in Charge of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe from 1994 to 2001. “During his seven years as our bishop, Jeffery gave us much of the structure that has guided the emergence and maturation of the Convocation as an authentic expression of the Episcopal Church in the context and cultures of Europe,” –[Bishop Mark Edington] “Bishop Rowthorn is remembered by many in Connecticut for his wisdom, humor, kindness, and grace. We are comforted in this time by the words of Bishop Rowthorn: ‘Lord, you bless with words assuring: ‘I am with you to the end.’ Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend, and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity.” –[Diocese of Connecticut] He was certain that God spoke Welsh as a first language. –[© 1972 Hope Publishing Co.] Music: Cyril V. Taylor.
- † **Second Communion Hymn** – Words: Vs 1-4, para. of *Te Deum*, Ignaz Franz (1719-1790), last verse F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984) © The Church Pension Fund. Music: Harmonization © by The Church Pension Fund. Music: melody from *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1686; harmony Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944). In the 20th cent. it became part of military hymnbooks, considered as a song of thanksgiving. One military hymnal added a conclusion verse which praised the Führer Adolf Hitler. The hymnal of the so-called “German Christians” (1941) was named after the song and contained a version which was “purified of Jewish elements” and adjusted to the Nazi ideology.
- † **Communion Meditation** – Words: © 1986, 1991, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent. Music: Jacques Berthier –[©1986, 1991 Les Presses de Taizé]
- † **Sending Hymn** – Words: John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945); his special interest in the Eastern church is reflected in the two ancient texts used in the Eastern church, *Te Deum laudamus* and *Theotokion* (“Hymn of Mary” used in choir offices of the Orthodox Church). Music: melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623; adapt. & harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) by permission of OUP.



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