

Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



"The Raising of Lazarus" – Caravaggio

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist - Rite II - March 22, 2026 at 10 AM



The Reverend Andrew David Kruger - Rector & Presider

Anthony J. Rafaniello - Director of Music & Organist

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

Welcome

Andrew Kruger

Prelude

Prelude in B-flat Minor, BWV 891 – Johann Sebastian Bach

I. Gathering of God's People

Litany

Bruce Jenneker

The bells are rung and the People kneel as they are able.

Jesus Christ, God in human form:

We cry to you.

God, Loving Creator of all life:

We cry to you.

God, Impartial Liberator of all life:

We cry to you.

God, Life-Giving Sanctifier of all life:

We cry to you.

Holy Trinity, one God:

In mercy hear us as we cry to you.

God, Source of all life;

we bear the fingerprints of the love in which you create us:

We lament our stubborn refusal to live fully in your love.

God, Savior of the world;

we are living signs of the diversity you establish in creation:

We grieve our unwillingness to celebrate our variety.

God, Consecrator of every living thing;

your caressing breath draws us into your hallowing embrace:

We mourn our reluctance to surrender to your drawing near.

God of time and eternity;

our history is a tragic saga of slavery, racism, sexism, oppression and discrimination:

Deliver us.

Jesus Christ,

Hope of the world; we have spurned hope and lost our way:

Renew us.

Holy Spirit,
Fire of passion; kindle in us the ardor for justice:

Equip us.

Sovereign Lord, Head of the Church, judge our denial of your purposes, condemn our resistance to your truth, denounce our institutional collaboration with injustice and evil:

Forgive us.

God of Grace and Glory, we pray for our Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Only-begotten, our Savior and Liberator. **Amen.**

Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer 351

Presider ✠ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Lenten Bidding

Celebrating Sunday

The Presider says

Dear People of God, in the name of the Church, as we give thanks to God for our redemption through our Lord Jesus Christ, I urge you to keep a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. Therefore, with penitent hearts, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us confess our sin to God.

Confession

BCP 352

Silence is kept; then Presider and People pray together.

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

Absolution

BCP 353

✠ Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The People stand and all sing.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Collect of the Day

BCP 219

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 their 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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

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

Psalm 130

De Profundis

Plainsong Psalter

All sing the Antiphon and Psalm.



With the LORD there is mer - cy, and with him there is plen - teous re - demp - tion.



TONE III.5

- 1 *Out öf* the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
 LÓRD, hear mÿ voice; *
 let your ears consider well the voice of my sup/plicatiön.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to nóte what is dóne ämiss, *
 O Lord, / who cóuld ständ?
- 3 For there is forgiúeness wíth you; *
 therefore you / shall bé féared.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my sóul waits főr him; *
 in his word / is mÿ höpe.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,
 more than wáctmen for thé mörning, *
 more than watchmen for / the mórning.
- 6 O Israel, wáit for thë LORD, *
 for with the LORD there / is mércÿ;
- 7 With him there is plénteous redëmption, *
 and he shall redeem Israel / from áll their sÿns. [Ant.]

Second Reading

Romans 8:6-11

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

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Proclaiming Hymn

Morning Song

Voices Found 94

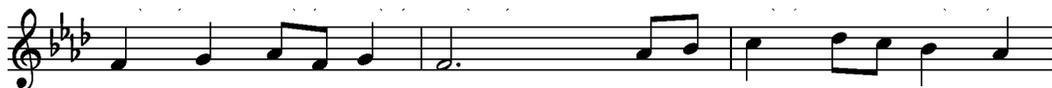
The People stand.



1 In bold-ness, look to God for help, like wo - men folk who
2 In bold-ness, lean on God for strength, and heal - ing from dis -
3 In bold-ness, learn of God the truth of Ma - ry's bet - ter
4 In bold-ness, love, nor count the cost. Con - front the world's harsh



dared: to ask that Je - sus heal a child, that
ease, of mind and bod - y, heart and will, whose
part: by fear and cen - sure un - de - terred, de -
stare: like one who washed the feet of Christ, and



crumbs of grace be shared, that out - cast ones be
bond - age Je - sus frees. Reach out and touch the
ter - mined in her heart to kneel at Je - sus'
wiped them with her hair, poured per - fume to a -



wel - comed to the feast God has pre - pared.
hem of Christ, and gath - er spi - rit's ease.
feet and learn the wis - dom he im - parts.
noint her Lord, and left love's fra - grance there.

Holy Gospel

John 11:1-45

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

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

III. Responding to the Proclaimed Word of God

Homily

Andrew Kruger

Nicene Creed

EOW1 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

Common Worship: Times and Seasons alt.

Presider With confidence and trust, let us pray to the Father.

The Intercessor prays

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, for Sally our Bishop, Andrew our Priest,
and for all lay leaders.

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

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth.

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

For those preparing for baptism and confirmation, and for their teachers and sponsors.

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

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and people.

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

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer, for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected.

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

For those whom we have injured or offended, and for grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God.

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

For the saints, apostles, martyrs, and all those who have walked in the way of holiness.

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

The Presider prays

God our Father, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The 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

Matthew 5:23-24

Presider So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

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

“Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts” – Henry Purcell

Text – Burial Service BCP

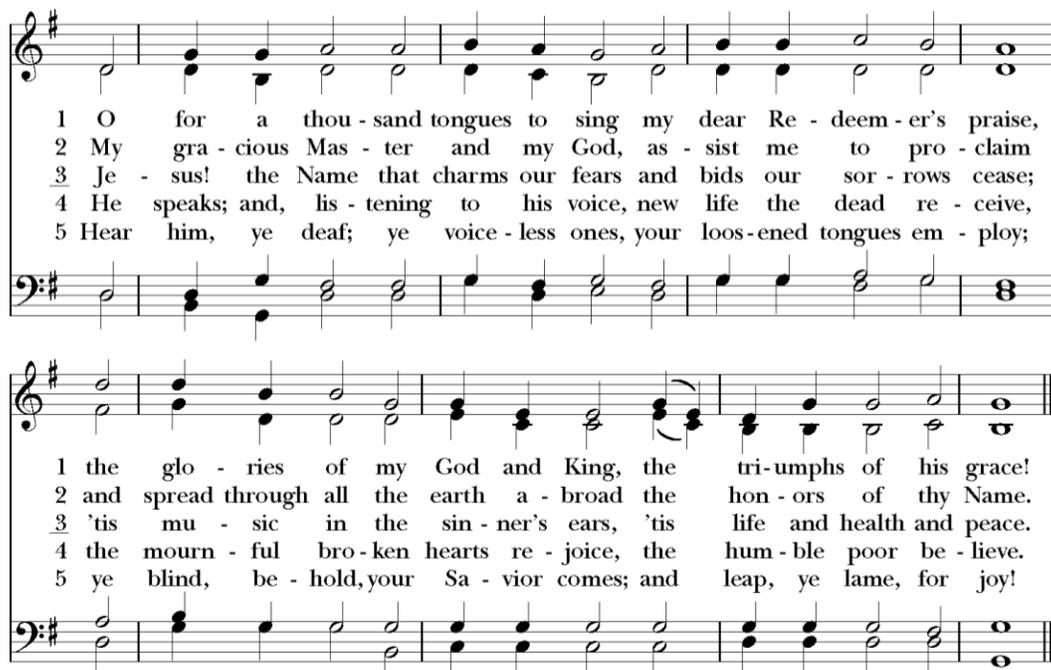
Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers;
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy judge eternal,
suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death,
to fall from thee. Amen.

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

Offertory Hymn

Azmon

Hymnal 493



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - jice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

Presentation of Gifts

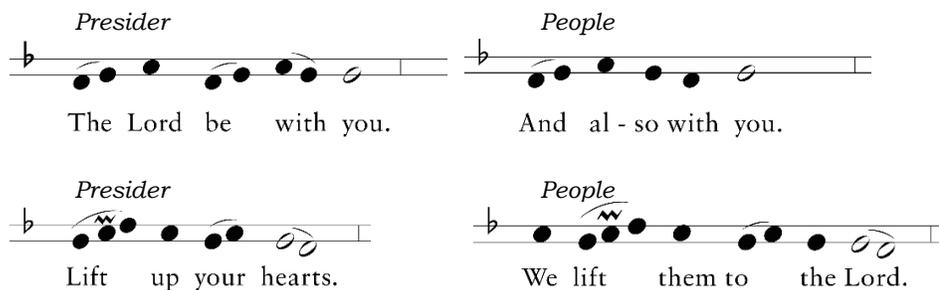
An Anglican Prayer Book 1989

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 Lent

Celebrating Sunday alt.



Presider The Lord be with you.

People And al - so with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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

David Hurd

Hymnal S 124

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.

Glory and thanksgiving are yours, most loving and gracious God, for Jesus Christ in whom the world is reconciled. He is the Lamb of God who takes away our sin and gathers us into the abundant new life of your forgiveness. Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made.

Through Christ's dark struggle, death is swallowed up in victory. Christ the First-Born freely offered himself as the Passover Lamb for the sins of the whole world. By his loving sacrifice he inaugurates the reign of eternal light and abundant life.

By his blood he reconciled us: by his wounds we are healed.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, at a meal recalling the night of Israel's Passover release, Jesus took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you. Do this to remember me."

After supper, he took the cup, again he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you and for all, that all sin may be forgiven. Do this to remember me."

We now obey your Son's command.

**We recall Christ's passion and death.
We celebrate Christ's resurrection.
We look for the coming of Christ's Kingdom.**

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts:

With them we offer ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon the bread and wine we offer, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son.

By your grace, open our ears to hear you calling us home, arouse in our hearts the desire to return to you, and kindle within us the fire of your love that renews us for the service of Christ's Kingdom.

**Help us, to live and work to your praise and glory. Make us grow together
in unity and love until at last your creation is renewed and restored.**

Then bring us with Mary the Mother of our Lord and all the hosts of heaven, to our true eternal home where we may praise you forever.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

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



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 and a period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei

David Hurd

Hymnal S 161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Invitation

BCP 364

Presider

The Gifts of God:

People

for the People of God.

First Communion Hymn

Jesus, meine Zuversicht

Hymnal 313

1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious
 2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou
 3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound
 4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -
 Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,
 cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give
 and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now
 tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,
 of thy bound-less love the to - ken.
 Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -
 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.
 of thy match-less love for - give me.



self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

Second Communion Hymn

Bread of Life

Hymnal 335



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

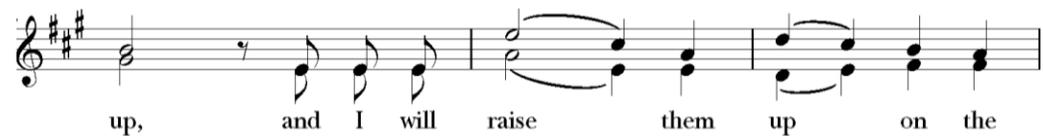


1 me un - less the Fa - ther draw them.
 2 ev - er. they shall live for ev - er.
 3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.
 4 die, they shall live for ev - er.
 5 come in - to the world.

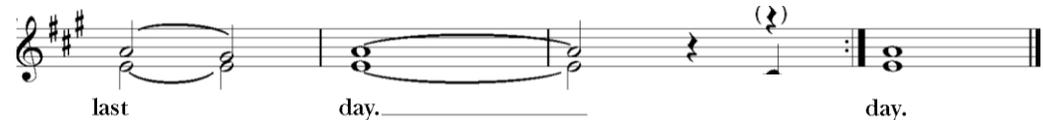
Refrain



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



up, and I will raise them up on the



last day. day.

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and
 pray, watch and pray.

Prayer over the People

CW

Silence is kept; then the Presider says

Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel; then Presider continues

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people;
 that, rightly observing this holy season,
 they may learn to know you more fully,
 and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

CW

The Presider and People pray

**God of our pilgrimage,
 you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
 Refresh and sustain us
 as we go forward on our journey,
 in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.**

The people stand.

V. Going out as God's People

Sending Hymn

Llangloffan

Hymnal 607

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery, race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that we may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and na - tion and blind-ness to your way,
 when hope and cour-age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn-ing glo-rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray!
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

Dismissal

BCP 366

Presider

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Improvisation on *Llangloffan*

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. Every Thursday by 2 PM, an email blast is sent 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...

Vestry Meeting Today at 10:30 AM in Witherington Hall, please pray for the leadership of our parish:

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

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

Children's Choir The choir rehearses at 11:30 AM in the church.

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

Easter Flowers As part of the preparation for celebrating Pascha/Easter, please contribute towards the flowers this year. Envelopes marked for this purpose are in the narthex of the church. Alternatively, give to Trinity online and record 'Easter Flowers' in the memo line. All remembrances must be logged online via the QR code (right) or via the link in the email blast before March 22. Loved one's names will be remembered in the Pascha/Easter Bulletins, and at Morning Prayer during Paschal/Easter week each person shall be prayed for by name.



What you need to know this week...

Parish Office Hours Office Manager Marion Nechuta is available Tuesday through Thursday from 12:30 to 3:30 PM. Please call before arriving; at other times she may still be contacted via parish email.

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer Monday to Friday at 8:30 AM and 5 PM, respectively, online.

Cranford's 15th Annual Community Holocaust Day of Remembrance Wednesday, March 25 at 7 PM at Hillside Avenue School.

Handbell Choir There is rehearsal this Wednesday, March 25 from 7 to 7:50 PM in the church.

Adult Choir Rehearsal is this Wednesday, March 25 from 8 to 9 PM in Witherington Hall.

Compline There is no Compline for the next five weeks due to the Lenten Course (see details below).

Evensong This Thursday at 7:30 PM as part of the Lenten Course (see details below).

What you need to know in the future...

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

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

Cranford's Annual Community Holocaust Day of Remembrance

Cranford's 15th Annual Community Holocaust Day of Remembrance will be held this Wednesday, March 25 at 7 PM at Hillside Avenue School. It is organized by the Cranford Clergy Council, the Cranford Interfaith Human Relations Committee, Cranford Public Schools, and St. Michael School. This annual event aims to honor the memory of the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust while educating about the horrors of genocide. This year's theme is "Enduring Lives: What We Protect, We Must Remember." We honor the individuals who risked their lives to hide and rescue children and adults of the Holocaust and to preserve the truth for future generations. It challenges us to reflect on our responsibility to engage with their accounts and ensure their stories are never forgotten.

This event is free and open to the public. It will also be recorded and aired on Cranford's TV35. Our keynote speaker will be Lydia Fogelman, daughter of survivor Phyllis Fogelman. Lydia will recount her mother's experience in the Lvov Ghetto in Poland, where she witnessed countless atrocities before her family escaped and spent two years in hiding.

Fr. Andrew Kruger of Cranford's Trinity Episcopal Church and chair of the Cranford Clergy Council will introduce the performances and speakers, which include Cranford Township Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty and Cranford Public Schools Superintendent Mark Cantagallo. Performers include the Dance Ensemble and the Madrigals from Cranford High School, as well as the orchestra from Hillside Avenue School, the chorus from Orange Avenue School, and original reflective poetry from St. Michael School students.

Holy Week & Pascha/Easter at a Glance

Palm/Passion Sunday March 29; Rite I Holy Eucharist at 8 AM and Rite II Holy Eucharist at 10 AM.

Passions of the Soul Evensong Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week (March, 30, 31, & April 1) at 7:30 PM in the Church; services with a simple soup dinner.

Maundy Thursday April 2, the liturgy, including the washing of the feet is at 7:30 PM in the Church. This year we welcome the Calvary Lutheran congregation who will join us for the service, and their pastor, the Reverend Kathryn S. Irwin will preach.

Maundy Thursday Vigil Immediately after the Maundy Thursday service; it's an opportunity to keep vigil in the church, just as Jesus did in the Garden of Gethsemane. Please sign up for one of the hours of watching and praying.

Stations of the Cross Friday, April 3 at 8:30 AM in the Church.

Clergy Council Good Friday Service April 3 at 12 noon, hosted this year by Calvary Lutheran Church.

Good Friday April 3 at 3 PM, the liturgy, including the veneration of the cross, in the Church.

Paschal Vigil Holy Saturday, April 4 at 7:30 PM. This year we are invited to join Calvary Lutheran (108 Eastman St, Cranford) at 7:30 PM. Come and support Fr Andy who will be preaching at this service.

Easter Sunday April 5, Rite I Holy Eucharist at 8 AM and Rite II Holy Eucharist at 10 AM.

2026 Lenten Course: The Eight Passions of the Soul

This Lent and Holy Week, the congregation will explore the 8 passions of the soul as they were taught by St John Cassian, who died around 435 AD. He was a disciple of St. John Chrysostom and in his writing and teaching he shared much of the spiritual wisdom of the Christian East with his Western brothers and sisters. The focus is on his treatise to Bishop Kastor, titled 'On the Eight Vices' taken from *The Institutes, Books V-XII*. Cassian's writing teaches us how to develop our self-knowledge and awareness, so that we can relate to the world without selfish illusions.

The course began Thursday, February 26 at 7:30 PM and continues every Thursday in Lent and includes services on the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week; 8 sessions in all. Each session (listed below) will begin in the church with evensong and conclude in Witherington Hall with a simple soup supper and an opportunity for further discussion. An excellent book to read in conjunction with taking the course is Rowan William's "Passions of the Soul."



NB: Please sign up to volunteer to read at evensong; assist with setup and takedown; offer to make soup; and indicate the intention to attend so that it can be catered appropriately. Either scan the QR code or click on the link on the weekly email blast. Here are the session dates and themes:

- Thursday, February 26: Gluttony
- Thursday, March 5: Unchastity
- Thursday, March 12: Avarice
- Thursday, March 19: Anger
- Thursday, March 26: Dejection
- Monday, March 30: Listlessness
- Tuesday, March 31: Self-esteem
- Wednesday, April 1: Pride

Support Holy Land ministries through Good Friday Offering

From the Most. Rev. Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church:

For more than a century, Episcopalians have given generously to the Good Friday Offering, which supports the vital work and ministries of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. Today, the need of the church in the Holy Land is greater than ever, particularly given the recent escalation of war in the Middle East, and I hope you will join me in making a generous gift today by scanning the QR code.

I am in frequent touch with Archbishop Hosam Naoum, who leads the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, and I know how urgently he and his people need our support as they alleviate suffering and provide hope to God's people of all faiths. The Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey recently gave the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem \$1 million to support medical and trauma care for children, youth, and families in Gaza and the Palestinian territories, and I am hoping that we can build on that extraordinary gift with this year's Good Friday Offering. Your gift will support:



- al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza, which has continued serving patients during the Israel-Hamas War amid bombardment, devastating shortages of food, water, and medicine, and extended power outages.
- St. George's Church in Baghdad, Iraq, and its medical center.
- An eye clinic at Christ Church in Yemen.
- All Saints' Episcopal Church in Damascus, Syria.
- All Saints' Episcopal Church in Beirut, Lebanon.

The Episcopal Church supports just and sustainable peace in the Holy Land and around the world. While we pray and work for peace, our siblings in the Holy Land will continue to serve God's people with hospitals, schools, orphanages, and humanitarian aid programs. These ministries serve people of all faiths without distinction, bearing witness to the power of hope and healing across divides. Together, we can support the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East as it turns despair into hope for God's people in the land where our faith was born.

Lectionary & Liturgy

Welcome to our parish on the Sunday of Lazarus. The story of the raising of Lazarus is the final one of the Lenten gospels that opens the minds of the baptismal candidates to the meaning of baptism (and it reminds us of the resurrection life we have already received by water and the Holy Spirit). We hear in this story the growing awareness of the disciples of Jesus as the Christ and as the source of resurrection and life. The Old Testament reading looks forward to resurrection as the final conclusion of God's plan of salvation. In the prophet's vision of the valley of dry bones, note that it is God's Word who raises them up, and God's Spirit who gives them flesh and life. So it is with us who are baptized. Christ, the Word of God, and God's Spirit have given us a share in the resurrection life of God's Kingdom. The second reading contrasts those who live in the flesh, that is, the unredeemed world, with those who live in the Spirit of Christ. All baptized persons live in that Spirit and, says Paul, God gives life to our mortal bodies through the Spirit. The resurrection of Christ becomes our resurrection as we engage in the Eucharistic feast and meet the one who is the Resurrection and the Life. From *The Rite Light: Reflections on the Sunday Readings and Seasons of the Church Year*. ©2007 Michael W. Merriman. Church Publishing, NYC

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- † **Cover art** – “Raising of Lazarus” is a canvas painting by Italian artist Caravaggio from c. 1609. It is held in the Regional Museum of Messina, in Messina. The old story that Caravaggio had a freshly buried body exhumed for this painting is “probably apocryphal, but not beyond the bounds of possibility” –[John Gash].
- † **Litany for Justice** – Prepared for the Archbishops' Commission by The Very Reverend Bruce W B Jenneker, Emeritus Senior Priest, Diocese of Saldanha Bay in the Church of South Africa. Final prayer from words written by Harry Emerson Fosdick, adapted for the dedication of Riverside Church in New York City in 1930 and used in subsequent Books of Common Prayer within the Anglican Communion.
- † **Service Music** – Words: Public Domain. Music: Dr. David Hurd, Organist and Music Director, St. Mary the Virgin (“Smokey Mary’s”), NYC. From 1976 to 2016, he taught at General Theological Seminary, NYC. –[© 1979, GIA Publications]
- † **Collect of the Day** – The changes of 1662 introduce an antithesis between the “unruly wills and affections” of sinners, and the love for God's commandments and the desire for what He has promised—gifts of God's grace. –[*Notes on the American Prayer Book* by Marion Hatchett]
- † **Proclaiming Hymn** – Words: Mary Louise Bringle is Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies and chair of the Humanities Division at Brevard College (Brevard, NC). A teacher at heart and a theologian by training; she began writing hymn texts in 1999. –[© 2002, GIA Publications]. Music: melody att. Elkanah Kelsay Dare (1782-1826), a Presbyterian minister who was among the first American composers who published music in shape notes; harm. © 1984 Thomas Foster.
- † *** Nicene Creed** – Almost identical to the version in the BCP, this is designed to contain “all the expansive language texts currently authorized.” The omission of ‘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 was a development implemented only in the Western Church and without approval of a General Council.
- † **Offertory Anthem** – Choral settings composed by Henry Purcell (1659-1695); the text is one of the Anglican funeral sentences from the Book of Common Prayer. Early versions began possibly in 1672 and were revised twice before 1680. Purcell composed his last version, in a different style, for the 1695 *Music for the Funeral of Queen Mary*.
- † **Offertory Hymn** – Words: Peter Böhler, a Moravian, told Charles Wesley (1707-1788), “If I had a thousand tongues, I would praise Christ with them all” (quoting from Johann Mentzner's *O dass ich tausend Zungen hätte*). Music: Adapting a melody by Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829), Lowell Mason (1792-1872) used obscure biblical names for his tunes; Azmon, a city south of Canaan, appears in Numbers 34:4-5.
- † **First Communion Hymn** – Words: translated by John Brownlie (1859-1925), Scottish minister and a translator of many Greek hymns into English. “Mr. Brownlie's translations have all the beauty, simplicity, earnestness, and elevation of thought and feeling which characterize the originals.” – [John Julian, *Dictionary of Hymnology*, 1907] Music: Johann Crüger (1598-1662). During the Thirty Years' War, Crüger and his family endured many hardships; he fell ill with plague, and almost died, losing 5 children and his wife in 1636. In 1637, having recovered from it, he married a second time, to the 17-year-old daughter of an innkeeper, with whom he had 14 children, most of whom died at a young age.
- † **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: Taizé Community. Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994). –[© 1991 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, GIA]
- † **Sending Hymn** – Words: William Watkins Reid, Jr. (1923-2007), © 1958 by The Hymn Society (admin. Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188.) All Rights Reserved. Used by permission. Music: melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

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