

Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



"Harvest Time" – Grigorij Mjassojedow

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II ~ Proper 11

July 19, 2026 at 9 AM

The Reverend Andrew David Kruger - Rector & Presider

Mary Beth McFall - Guest Organist

Anthony J. Rafaniello - Director of Music

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

Welcome

Andrew Kruger

Prelude

“Hommage à Fr. Landino” – Jean Langlais

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

I. Gathering of God's People

Gathering Hymn

Moscow

Hymnal 365

1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to

Christ we bring with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and
Christ we bring with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward
Christ we bring with one ac - cord; with us the
Christ we bring with joy - ful song; the new - born

them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,
and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,
work to share, with us re - proach to dare,
souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,

sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.
re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

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 God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

II. Proclaiming and Receiving the Word of God

First Reading

Genesis 28:10-19a

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place – and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23

Domine, probasti

BCP 794

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25

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

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

The People stand.

1 For the fruit of all cre-a-tion, thanks be to
 2 In the just re-ward of la-bor, God's will be
 3 For the har-vests of the Spi-rit, thanks be to
 God. For his gifts to ev-ery na-tion,
 done. In the help we give our neigh-bor,
 God. For the good we all in-her-it,
 thanks be to God. For the plow-ing, sow-ing, reap-ing,
 God's will be done. In our world-wide task of car-ing,
 thanks be to God. For the won-ders that as-tound us,
 si-lent growth while we are sleep-ing, fu-ture needs in
 for the hun-gry and de-spair-ing, in the har-vests
 for the truths that still con-found us, most of all that
 earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks be to God.
 we are shar-ing, God's will be done.
 love has found us, thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Presider

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Another parable Jesus put before the crowds: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

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

Hear Our Prayer p. 72 alt

The Presider says

Let us pray to the Lord.

The intercessor prays

Inspire your church to be the wellspring of hope for all people; refine and perfect it so that we may be known only for our love.

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

Dwell in the hearts of our leaders and those with authority in our lives; lead them and us to both desire and pursue justice.

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

Embolden us to be agents of your love in our local community, that it might be a place of promise and possibility where all people thrive.

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

Quicken our minds to respond to the crises we face with creativity so that we will build a way of life that more fully reflects your kingdom.

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

Mend what is broken, heal what is sick, comfort what is disturbed in our lives and in the lives of all who suffer, so that we will know peace and vitality.

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

Thank you for sending your Son to overcome death and open the gate of everlasting life; grant rest, light, and refreshment to all who have died.

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

The Presider concludes

Lord of heaven and earth, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and power of your Church: sow in our hearts the seeds of grace, that we will bring forth the fruit of the Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Psalm 50:14

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

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



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

Offertory Hymn

Faithfulness

LEVAS 189

The People stand.



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,
2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

Presider Source of all life, everything in heaven and on earth is yours:
People **All things come from you, and of your own do we give you. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 1

EOW 57

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you have formed in us the first fruits of your Spirit, a harvest that will prevail when evil is uprooted.

It was your labor that brought forth creation, and your love that formed the families of the earth. You revealed yourself to Jacob, promising that for all who are led by your Spirit, every place would be filled with your presence.

In Jesus Christ you have thrown open the gate of heaven and adopted us as your beloved children. Though all creation yet groans in pain, Christ suffers with us, enduring death on the cross, so that we might be glorified with him. His Spirit groans within us as we await the end of the age when your children will be revealed and, with our bodies redeemed, we will shine like the sun in your Kingdom.

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

Sanctus

Robert Powell

Hymnal S 129

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

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

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

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

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

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Presider Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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

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

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

Great Amen

McNeil Robinson

Hymnal S 147



Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.**

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

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

Agnus Dei

Robert Powell

Hymnal S 163

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

Invitation

BCP 364

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

The ushers guide the people to receive Holy Communion. All who hunger for God, including children, are cordially invited to share the Gifts of God offered at this table. Whoever you are, wherever you are in your life's journey, you are welcome here. All persons may, but no person must, receive communion in both kinds to receive the full spiritual benefits of communion. Wine is offered by way of a sip from the common cup. You may choose to receive only the host. Gluten-free wafers are available by request to the priest.

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -

Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy

Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

Post Communion Prayer

Common Worship

Presider Let us pray.

The People stand.

**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.

The Presider blesses the People.

Set your hope on Jesus Christ.
As children of God, let the Spirit of God lead you
and let your righteousness shine like the sun.

May the blessing of God's presence be inescapably with you;
May Christ Jesus welcome you into his inheritance;
And may the Holy Spirit assure you that you are a child of God.
Amen.

V. Going out as God's People

Sending Hymn

Leoni

Hymnal 372

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name
2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;
3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:
Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,
Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!
and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.
deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.
who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

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

Postlude

Voluntary in G – Henry Heron

What you need to know today...

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

Sandwich Sunday Today; contact Marion Nechuta (marionnechuta@yahoo.com or 908-451-4498) for more information.

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 from Tuesday to Thursday from 12 noon to 3:30 PM.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Book Scholarship through Trinity Church is now available. See this week's email blast for application. Applications are being collected until July 21, 2026.

Compline This Thursday at 8 PM online.

What you need to know in the future...

Summer Schedule Today to Sunday, August 30, there is only one Sunday service at 9 AM. During this summer period the fourth Sunday of the month is a Rite I said service, all other services are Rite II with music.

Sight and Sound: "Joshua" Saturday, October 3 at 3 PM in Lancaster PA. Tickets are \$90; for information, see Bonnie Gentesse (908-377-4344).

Lectionary & Liturgy

As we continue to read the Gospel according to Matthew each Sunday, we are in a section of Jesus' parables concerning the Kingdom of God. This parable of the wheat and the weeds reaffirms God's patience with the Church. While we are often impatient with its failures, God is merciful and waits until the end before separating the good from the bad. Jesus urges us to grow into fruitful members of God's family. The story of God's ancient people continues today. Jacob, the wily grandson of Abraham, is fleeing because he has cheated his brother out of the family inheritance. God gives him a dream in which God renews the promise to Abraham, whose heir Jacob is. This story illustrates that God does not choose people because they are worthy but out of the love and grace God has toward all people. In the second reading, Paul assures us that the whole creation is moving toward redemption. Through our redemption will come the redemption of the whole creation. Therefore, the whole creation waits with longing for our redemption to be complete. We share in the Eucharistic action in order that God's redemptive power may lead us toward the Kingdom. We share also in order that we may be the means by which redemption comes to the whole creation. That is our vocation as the people of God and as members of the Body of Christ.

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† **Cover Art** – "Harvest Time" (also known as *The Reapers* or *Busy Time for the Mowers*) is an 1887 oil painting by the Russian realist artist Grigoriy Mjassojedow. The monumental genre painting is a celebrated piece of the State Russian Museum collection in St. Petersburg. The painting is celebrated for diverging from earlier 19th century traditions that depicted peasant labor as exclusively grim and sorrowful. Instead, Mjassojedow imbued the scene with an optimistic, dignified tone. Emperor Alexander III famously purchased the painting directly from its initial exhibition, solidifying its place in Russian art history.

† **Prelude** – *Hommage à Fr. Landino* is a short, colorful piece of organ or harmonium music written by the blind French composer Jean Langlais. It is part of his famous *24 Pieces* composed in 1936. Langlais wrote it to honor Francesco Landini, a famous 14th century Italian composer. Langlais was the famous organist at the Sainte-Clotilde Basilica in Paris. He loved to mix old musical ideas with modern sounds. In this song, he pays tribute to Landini by using old musical modes (a type of ancient scale).

† **Gathering Hymn** – Words: anonymous, circa 1757. Music: contributed more than 200 to various denominational hymnals. Music: Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); a virtuoso violinist, his style went out of style, and he died in obscurity in the town for which this tune is named.

- † **Gloria** – Words: Anonymous, 15th century medieval. Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), American composer and organist who spent his career serving churches across the Southern and Eastern United States, and currently serves as organist at Trinity Methodist Church in Greenville, SC. “I write tunes and play hymns. And I would have it no other way!” His “output bridges denominational boundaries and serves the larger Church. He has made ecumenical sharing a reality – and always with a genteel touch.” –[GIA] His conservative, neo-Romantic style stems from his approach to composition. “I write for choirs of 25 because that’s what most are. Most are not of cathedral ability or size. My pieces are practical and useful for specific occasions.” –[© Church Publishing]
- † **Collect of the Day** – Composed for the 1549 BCP, under “Collects to be said after the Offertory when there is no Communion, every such day one.” These were provided for use as a close to the service on days when the liturgy of the word, or Ante-Communion, was required but there were too few communicants for the service to continue to the end of the Eucharist. –[Notes on the American Prayer Book by Marion Hatchett]
- † **Epistle** – The longest and most systematic unfolding of Paul’s thought, expounding the gospel of God’s righteousness that saves all who believe. C.E.B. Cranfield says: “Today no responsible criticism disputes that Paul wrote it. The evidence of its use in the Apostolic Fathers is clear, and before the end of the second century it is listed and cited as Paul’s.” N.T. Wright notes it is “neither a systematic theology nor a summary of Paul’s lifework, but it is by common consent his masterpiece. It dwarfs most of his other writings, an Alpine peak towering over hills and villages. Not all onlookers have viewed it in the same light or from the same angle, and their snapshots and paintings of it are sometimes remarkably unlike. Not all climbers have taken the same route up its sheer sides, and there is frequent disagreement on the best approach. What nobody doubts is that we are here dealing with a work of massive substance, presenting a formidable intellectual challenge while offering a breathtaking theological and spiritual vision.”
- † **Proclaiming Hymn** – Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000) –[©1970 Hope Publishing]. Erik Routley considered him to be the most important British hymn writer since Charles Wesley. His hymns reject fundamentalism and show concern with social issues. They “fill the gap between the hymns of the first part of this century and the ‘far-out’ compositions that have crowded into some churches in the last decade or more.” Regarding hymn singing, “It’s such a dangerous activity; you get this glow which you can mistake for religious experience.” Music: Francis Jackson; born in 1917, he passed away in January 2022 at 104 years old. –[©1960]
- † *** 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 Hymn** – Words: Thomas Chisholm (1866-1960). Music: William Runyan (1870-1957). Written in 1923, the song became immensely popular after use by noted by evangelists Dr. William Henry Houghton and Billy Graham during his international crusades.
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- † **Communion Hymn** – Words: Greek, ca. 110; tr. Francis Bland Tucker (1895-1984); several members of the First Families of Virginia became priests including the 19th Presiding Bishop, and an Ohio diocesan bishop. He declined an offer to become one, preferring to be a simple parish priest in Savannah, GA (1945-1967); as “rector emeritus” he lived in the rectory for the rest of his life. During the Civil Rights era, he objected to white churches excluding people for fear of “kneel-ins” saying, “I would not presume to speculate as to why my own parishioners come to church, much less someone I do not know.” Theological advisor to the production of the 1979 BCP, he served on 2 commissions revising *Hymnal 1940* and *Hymnal 1982*, which includes 17 of his contributions. Music: melody and harmony att. Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561).
- † **Sending Hymn** – Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy based on Jewish doxology by Maimonides in the latter part of the 12th century. A 14th century metrical version of that doxology, *Yigdal Elohim* (“magnify the Lord”), is variously attributed to Daniel ben Judah or to Immanuel ben Solomon, both of whom lived in Rome. Music: Thomas Olivers heard a setting for this by Meyer Lyon performed in the Great Synagogue in London and that inspired his English paraphrase. “I have rendered it from the Hebrew, giving it, as far as I could, a Christian character, and I have called on Leoni [the cantor Lyon] who has given me a synagogue melody to suit it.”
- † **Postlude** – Henry Heron (1738 – 1795) was a dancing and music teacher in London during the second half of the 18th century and for many years organist of St Mary’s, Ewell, then at the Church of St Magnus the Martyr, beside London Bridge. Henry Heron’s main income, following in his father’s footsteps, came from giving dancing and music lessons, including singing. In later life he was assisted in this by his son, Henry, who was also a composer and teacher. And like many musicians of the time Henry senior wrote popular songs and pieces for performance at the London pleasure Gardens.



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