

# Trinity Episcopal Church

*Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey*



*“The Veteran in a New Field” — Winslow Homer*

## *The Third Sunday after Pentecost*

Rite I Holy Eucharist

June 14, 2026 at 8 AM — Proper 6

*The Reverend Andrew David Kruger, Rector & Presider*

*Anthony Rafaniello, Director of Music*

*Casey Woodruff, Senior Warden & Kathleen M. Murray, Junior Warden*

*The Sanctuary Candle and Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God  
& in celebration of Nancy Ditzel’s birthday from Wes Ditzel and family  
& the 35th Wedding Anniversary of Susan Olzewski and Thomas Kaercher*

## Welcome

Andrew Kruger

*The bell is rung and the People stand.*

## Acclamation

BCP 323

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

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

## Collect for Purity

BCP 323

*Presider* Let us pray.

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

## Great Commandment

BCP 324

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

## Kyrie

BCP 324

*Presider* Kyrie eleison.

*People* **Christe eleison.**

*Presider* Kyrie eleison.

## Collect of the Day

BCP 178

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, we beseech thee,  
thy household the Church in thy steadfast faith and love,  
that by the help of thy grace

we may proclaim thy truth with boldness,  
and minister thy justice with compassion;  
for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*The People sit.*

## First Reading

Genesis 18:1-15

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

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

**Psalm 116:1, 10-17**

*Dilexi, quoniam*

BCP 759

1. I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
**because he has inclined his ear to me  
whenever I called upon him.**
10. How shall I repay the LORD\*  
**for all the good things he has done for me?**
11. I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
**and call upon the Name of the LORD.**
12. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD\*  
**in the presence of all his people.**
13. Precious in the sight of the LORD\*  
**is the death of his servants.**
14. O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.**
15. I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
**and call upon the Name of the LORD.**
16. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD\*  
**in the presence of all his people,**
17. In the courts of the LORD's house, \*  
**in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

## Second Reading

Romans 5:1-8

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

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The People stand.*

## Gospel

Matthew 9:35 — 10:23

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

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

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:

“Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.”

“Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

*Presider*        The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Homily**

Andrew Kruger

## **Nicene Creed**

BCP 326

*The People stand.*

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,  
Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate  
from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

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

## **Prayers of the People**

BCP 328

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

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

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Sally our Bishop, and Andrew our Rector, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Donald, our President, Rebecca Michelle, our governor, and Kathleen, the mayor of this town, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

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

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

## **Confession of Sin**

BCP 331

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*The People kneel.*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name.  
Amen.**

**Absolution**

BCP 332

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

**Comfortable Words**

BCP 332

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

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

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

**Peace**

BCP 332

*The People stand.*

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

## Offertory Sentence

BCP 344

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and make good thy vows unto the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*



*The Ushers pass the collection plates among the People.  
Alternatively, you may give to Trinity online:  
scan the QR code and go directly to our Breeze link.*

## The Presentation of Gifts

1 Chronicles 29:14b

*Presider* All things come of thee, O Lord:  
*People* **And of thine own have we given thee.**

## Eucharistic Prayer II

BCP 340

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**

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

*Presider* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

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

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption.

He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

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

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

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

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

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

## **Lord's Prayer**

BCP 336

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

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

## **Breaking the Bread**

BCP 337

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

*Presider* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

## **Prayer of Humble Access**

BCP 337

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

## Invitation

BCP 338

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

## Holy Communion

*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 simple request to the priest.*

## Post Communion Prayer

Traditional

*Presider*      Let us pray.

*The People stand, and all pray together*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee,  
For that thou hast fed us with this holy sacrament,  
to knit us in one with Christ our Savior,  
and to grant us a foretaste of that Heavenly Banquet  
which thou hast prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

## Blessing

BCP 339

*The Presider pronounces the blessing*

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

*The ministers recess.*

## Dismissal

BCP 340

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

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## **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...**

**Commissioning for Mission** At the 10 AM service of those going on the mission trip to West Virginia.

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

**Children's Choir** Rehearsal at 11:30 AM in the church.

## **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.

**Choir Rehearsal** This Wednesday, June 17 from 8 to 9 PM in the church.

**Trinity Fellowship Luncheon** This Thursday, June 18 from 12:30 - 2 PM. The speaker is from the Funeral Consumers Alliance, who ensure consumers are treated fairly in dealing with funeral planning. Lunch is rotisserie chicken and sides. Call Susan Nelson (908-397-3944) or Susan Olszewski (908-757-9561) with questions or to offer to help.

**Compline** This Thursday at 8 PM online

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

### **What you need to know in the future...**

**Sandwich Sunday** Next Sunday, June 21; contact Marion Nechuta (marionnechuta@yahoo.com or 908-451-4498) for more information. There are several ways to participate in this ministry (links to sign up are in the email blast):

- Sign up to supply items needed for the bags and the sandwiches
- This Saturday, June 20 from 10 to 11 AM – assemble food bags in Sherlock Hall
- Next Sunday, June 21 – assemble sandwiches between services and after 10 AM service
- Next Sunday, June 21 after Fellowship Hour – transport the sandwiches and food packets to St John’s and help serve food

**Trinity Episcopal Senior Youth (TESY)** Sunday, June 28 at 12:30 PM. All confirmed youth ages 13-18 are welcome.

**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 Tuesday, July 21. Application is on email blast.

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

**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 \$150 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.

## Mission Trip to McDowell County, West Virginia

This week, we ask your prayers for three members of Trinity who will be participating in a mission trip to McDowell County, West Virginia: Sarah Burnett, Bobby Barone, and Cheryl Pantina.

Joining youth and adult leaders from St. Andrew's, New Providence, and other Episcopal churches, they will spend the week serving with the Highland Educational Project, an outreach ministry of the Diocese of West Virginia. Their work will include painting, light construction, and other projects that support the local community in one of the most economically challenged regions of our country.

Mission trips are opportunities not only to serve but also to learn, grow, and encounter Christ in new ways through relationships, shared work, and worship. We give thanks for Sarah, Bobby, and Cheryl's willingness to represent Trinity in this ministry and ask the parish to remember them in prayer throughout the week:

*Gracious and loving God, whose Son came not to be served but to serve, watch over Sarah, Bobby, and Cheryl as they travel to West Virginia. Grant them travelling mercies, strengthen them in their work, and open their hearts to recognize Christ in all whom they meet. Grant that their presence may be a blessing to the community they serve, and that they may return home renewed in faith, hope, and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*



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