

Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



"Peaceable Kingdom" — Edward Hicks

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Restorative Justice Sunday — Rite I Holy Eucharist

Proper 28 — November 16, 2024 at 8 AM

The Reverend Andrew David Kruger, Rector & Presider

Casey Woodruff, Senior Warden & Preacher

Anthony Rafaniello, Director of Music

Thomas Kaercher, Junior Warden

The Sanctuary Candle and the Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God

& in remembrance of her sons Kenneth and Keith from Mary Craig Cheress

& in memory of the 4th anniversary of Anthony Charles Alfano's passing, from Cheryl Pantina

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 184

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

Presider Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

First Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

Reader A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord — and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent — its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 9

Ecce, Deus

The First Song of Isaiah (12:2-6)

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Reader A reading from Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand.

Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

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

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.”

Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

Casey Woodruff

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.**

Litany for Restorative Justice

BCP 328

Let us pray to the Holy and incarnate God who longs to set the prisoner free and to heal the broken hearted.

We pray for our brothers and sisters who are offenders,
who stand accused in our courts and who serve time in our prisons.
Let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever flowing stream.

We pray for our brothers and sisters who are victims of crime, and who, like many victims, are re-victimized by our criminal justice system.

Let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever flowing stream.

We pray for our Church, remembering that in our corporate history we have been both offender and victim.

Let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever flowing stream.

We pray for all those in our criminal system who try to do justice: for police officers, judges, lawyers, chaplains, and for corrections, parole, and probation officers.

Let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever flowing stream.

We pray for our neighborhoods, our communities, and our society, where the impact of crime and the fear that it breeds harm people, damage relationships, and tear at the human spirit.

Let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever flowing stream.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, who sent your Son among us to bear the pain and grief of humankind. Receive the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in every place and grant us strength and courage to usher in your Kingdom. **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

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

Announcements

Andrew Kruger

Offertory Sentence

BCP 344

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;
bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*



*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, in the multitude of thy saints, hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us; and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away. 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

BCP 339

Presider Let us pray.

The People stand, and all pray together

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Blessing

BCP 339

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.

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. 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...

Restorative Justice Sunday Today during both the 8 AM and 10 AM services.

Intergenerational Service On the third Sunday of the month Trinity holds an intergenerational service at the 10 AM Eucharist. In place of going to Sunday school during the service, our younger baptized members have the opportunity to exercise their gifts alongside those who have been baptized for many years.

Knitting Circle Ten sets of hats and scarves are being blessed during the announcements, then put into bags with toiletries, candy and cards and being donated to the Seamen's Church Institute for their Christmas Project. The knitters are Michele Freeland, Maryann Friscia, Karen Lack, Kathy Murray, Marion Nechuta, Susan Nelson, Cheryl Pantina and Ruth Uhde.

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

Discussion on use of icons in worship Today at 11:30 AM in the church; Father Andy will facilitate. Details on preparing for the discussion will be found in this week's email blast.

St. John's Sandwich Sunday Today; people are needed to make sandwiches after the services and deliver them to St. John's in Elizabeth. Sandwich donation items needed are listed in this week's email blast. To help, please contact Marion Nechuta (marionnechuta@yahoo.com) or Helen Shteynberg (hshteynberg@gmail.com).

Trinity Episcopal Senior Youth (TESY) Today from 12 noon to 1:30 PM in Sherlock Hall. Discussion will focus on exploring the centrality of gratitude to Christian life. TESI will discuss gratitude in the Bible and how to practice gratitude in everyday life. To sign up, contact Katie Annarelli (Kathleen.M.Annarelli@outlook.com).

Christmas Wreaths and Grave Blankets Starting today and for the next weeks before Christmas, Cranford Troop 80 Boy Scouts from Trinity will be selling after each service during coffee hour. Wreaths will be delivered to the church the following Sunday, and special arrangements can be made for deliveries. Funds raised help support Troop activities, service projects, and summer camps. Thank you for supporting our Scouts.

Trinity Nominating Committee is in the process of identifying individuals interested in serving the parish in the following roles: Junior Warden, Vestry Member (3), Delegates to Diocesan Convention, and Delegates to Northern Convocation. To learn more about these positions, please contact Casey Woodruff (Senior Warden and Chair of this year's Nominating Committee).

Youth Representative Applications are being accepted for this appointed position on the Trinity Vestry. Open to high school students in their sophomore or junior year to represent the youth of the parish. See the email blast to apply by Sunday, December 14.

Stewardship pledges were dedicated October 26 However, pledges are still being accepted and all stewardship materials may be assessed on the home page of Trinity's website.

2026 Parish Lenten Retreat The third annual Parish Retreat will take place at Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, New York, February 20-22, 2026. This is a guided retreat, led by well-known author and theologian Rev. Martin Smith. The theme of the retreat is "Playfulness and the Divine Life." Space is extremely limited and filling up quickly. If interested, contact Senior Warden Casey Woodruff (woodruff5073@gmail.com). Cost is \$415.

What you need to know this week...

The Daily Offices Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer are offered online from Monday to Friday at 8:30 AM and 5 PM.

Parish Office Parish Administrator Marion Nechuta is in Tuesday (12 noon-2:30 PM), Wednesday (1 PM-3:30 PM) and Thursday (12 noon-2:30 PM). Father Andy's sabbath day is Friday.

Handbells and Choir Rehearsals Wednesday, November 19; rehearsal for Handbells is 7 to 7:50 PM and Adult Choir is 8-9 PM.

Union County Day of Prayer Service This Wednesday, November 19 at 7 PM in Calvary Lutheran Church, 108 Eastman Street, Cranford, NJ. This event is sponsored by the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council.

Fellowship Luncheon Thursday, November 20 from 12:30 to 2 PM in Witherington Hall. In celebration of upcoming Thanksgiving, and has become the tradition, the program is an opportunity to share individual thanks for the last year. Chicken Tetrzini Alfredo with sides will be served. Call Susan Olszewski (908-757-9561) or Susan Nelson (908-397-3944) for questions or to volunteer.

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

Lector/LEM Dinner Friday, November 21 at 6 PM in Sherlock Hall.

242nd Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey November 21–22 at Christ Church in Toms River.

What you need to know in the future...

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals Next Sunday, November 23 is the first rehearsal; children will receive the blessing as usual during the 10 AM service, and then move to Sherlock Hall.

Cranford Family Care Thanksgiving Baskets Collection until November 23. Drop off items needed (see email blast) in the narthex.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Community Service Monday, November 24 at 7 PM at Cranford Alliance Church, 7 Cherry Street in Cranford. Shelf-stable, non-perishable foods as well as monetary offerings for families in need will be collected. Reception after the service.

Disaster Relief in Jamaica Outreach is collecting until November 30. Money will be given to Episcopal Relief and Development. There will be a basket at coffee hour. Checks should be made out to "Trinity Church" with "disaster relief" in the memo line so funds can be directed properly.

Cranford HS Madrigal Choir Holiday CD Starting on Sunday, November 30 through Christmas Eve, the session recorded at Trinity in December 2024 will be on sale. See Anthony Rafaniello after the 8 AM or 10 AM services to purchase. Each CD is \$25; cash, check made out to "Cranford High School" or Venmo (@CranfordChoir). Proceeds support the Cranford HS Choir Program.

Scholastic Pajama Program TEDS is once again participating in this program where for every pair of pajamas donated, Scholastic Books will donate a book to go with them. They will be donated to families in need right here in Union County. Needed: Brand new pajamas (all sizes from newborn to adult) must be complete sets – a top and bottom. All donations may be dropped off at the school or see Nancy Ditzel with your donations. The final day for donations is Monday, December 1.

Taizé Service Sunday, December 7 at 7:30 PM in the church. Please email Fr Andy to assist with set up and take down.

Santa/Polar Express Event Saturday, December 13 in Sherlock Hall. All are invited; see email blast for details. This is a fundraiser for the Moscoso Foundation.

Sacrament of Baptism Sunday, January 11 on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. Candidates will be enrolled on Sunday, December 14 at the 10 AM service; parents are required to attend preparation class on Saturday, December 6 from 10 AM to noon. Application forms are available from Marion Nechuta at the Parish office.

Christmas Flowers As part of the preparation for celebrating the Nativity of our Lord, please contribute towards this year's flowers. The deadline is December 14. Alternatively, give to Trinity online and write 'Christmas Flowers' in the memo line. Loved one's names will be on the Christmas bulletins and each will be prayed for at Morning Prayer during the season of Christmas.

Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle Attributions may be made during Advent, while there are no flowers on the altar, donations will go towards the Advent trees, Altar greens and Sanctuary Candle. Anyone can make a request; there is no fee. Email the office by 4 PM Wednesday each week; multiple attributions are allowed. (Please note that the altar flowers cost the parish \$75 per week – they are a line item in the church budget – make donations anonymously via the collection plate or send to the office for tax receipt.)



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