

# Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



*"Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" - Icon*

## The Baptism of our Lord

Rite II Holy Eucharist

January 10, 2020 at 8 AM

*The Reverend Andrew David Kruger, Presider  
Anthony Rafaniello, Director of Music and Organist  
John Beier, Senior Warden & Sydney O'Hagan, Junior Warden*

## Welcome

Andy Kruger

## Prelude

Anthony Rafaniello

*The bell is rung and the people stand.*

## Acclamation

BCP 355

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

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

## Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Let us pray together the collect for purity.

**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

BCP 356

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Collect of the Day

BCP 211

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

*Reader* A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 29

*Afferte Domino*

BCP 620

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
**ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
**worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \*  
**the LORD is upon the mighty waters.**

- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
**the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
**the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
**and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
**the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
**and strips the forests bare.**
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD \*  
**all are crying, “Glory!”**
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
**the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
**the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

## Second Reading

Acts 19:1-7

*Reader* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The People stand.*

## Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

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

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

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Homily

Andy Kruger

## Affirmation of Baptismal Faith

BCP 292 alt

Friends in Christ, Baptism is not the rite of a moment but the commitment of a lifetime. In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with our Lord. Therefore let us stand and reaffirm our Baptismal Vows together with all those who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this month.

*The People stand.*

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ? **I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as your self?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

Let us pray

God of mercy and love,  
in baptism you welcome the sinner and restore the dead to life.  
You create a clean heart in those who repent,  
and give your Holy Spirit to all who ask.  
Grant that we may continue to grow into  
the fullness of the stature of Christ.  
Equip us with the gifts of your Holy Spirit,  
and fill us with faith in Jesus Christ  
and with love for all people,  
in the service of your kingdom. **Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Common Worship Alt

*The Presider says*

Almighty God, you revealed yourself to us in Jesus, and so now we address our prayers to you, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*The intercessor continues*

Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the nations and the glory of your people; we pray that your light will be seen in the life of the Church.

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

Lord Jesus Christ, you have called us into the family of those who are the children of God; let our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ be strengthened by your grace.

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

Lord Jesus Christ, you have called us to be a temple where the Holy Spirit can dwell; lead us in the ways of integrity and righteousness that our lives will reflect your holiness.

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

Lord Jesus Christ, you have called us to be a light to the world so that those in darkness come to you; let our lives shine as a witness to the saving grace you have given for all.

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

Lord Jesus Christ, you have called us to be members of your body, so when one of us suffers, we all suffer together; we ask for your comfort and healing power to bring hope to those in distress.

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

Lord Jesus Christ, you have called us to be the Bride whom you choose; prepare us for the wedding feast where we, with all your saints, will be united with you for ever.

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

*Silence is kept and the people may name in their heart those in need of prayer.  
Then the presider prays the concluding collect.*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth,  
and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off  
and to those who are near:  
grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you;  
bring the nations into your fold;  
pour out your Spirit on all flesh;  
and hasten the coming of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

**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 360

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.**

**Peace**

BCP 360

*Presider*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*The people make a reverent bow to one another as an expression of peace. No physical contact is permitted.*

**“Year of Eucharist”**

Casey Woodruff

**Announcements**

Andy Kruger

**Offertory Sentence**

Chronicles 29:11

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

## Offertory Anthem

Anthony Rafaniello

*The People stand.*

## Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God 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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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

*In a loud voice the People proclaim*

People            **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 364

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

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

## Invitation

BCP 364

*Presider* The Gifts of God:

*People* **for the People of God.**

## Communion Meditation

Anthony Rafaniello

## Protocol for the Reception of Communion Bread

*✠ The people, starting from the pews closest to the sanctuary, are invited by the usher to receive Communion.*

- ✘ *Each Communicant must first sanitize their hands before proceeding to the Presider with hands cupped, the non-dominant hand on top, to receive the Bread.*
- ✘ *The Presider gives the Bread to each person saying: ‘The Body of Christ.’ The recipient replies: ‘Amen.’*
- ✘ *After receiving the Bread, the communicant moves a short distance toward the right or left crossing door, removes their mask and consumes the Bread.*
- ✘ *After consuming the Bread the communicant may place their gift in the retiring offertory bowls stationed at each crossing door.*
- ✘ *The communicant then departs through the crossing door.*

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Rector’s Sabbath: Father Andy takes his Sabbath on Mondays

## **Embracing Lent: Inspiration from the Twelve Steps**

The Lent Course this year is “Embracing Lent: Inspiration from the Twelve Steps” and will be facilitated by Patrick Milas who teaches research and some spirituality courses at New Brunswick Theological Seminary. Patrick also directs the Sage Library & Archives and chairs the Episcopal Denominational Group of the American Theological Library Association. We are wonderfully blessed to have a person of Patrick’s caliber and commitment in the parish.

Writing about the course content, Patrick asserts, “The 12 Steps have done wonders for the lives and families of mutual support groups such as AA and Al-Anon. But you don’t have to struggle with addiction or dependency to benefit from the Gospel-laden 12 Steps. This Lent, explore with your Trinity Church family how to repent, reconcile and renew, step-by-step.” The course consists of four sessions, between 7 and 8 PM, beginning on Thursday, February 25 via Trinity’s online platform.

- † February 25 – Peace with God: Steps 1-3
- † March 4 – Peace with Ourselves: Steps 4-7
- † March 11 – Peace with Others: Steps 8-10
- † March 18 – Keeping the Peace: Steps 11-12

## What you need to know today ...

**The Parish Bylaws** have been revised at the request of the Vestry. Please request a summary of the changes and the revised document from the office if you have not seen it. The Amended By-laws will be voted on at the January 24, 2021 Annual General Meeting. Please contact Casey Woodruff for questions or requests for clarification (cwoodruff@jonbramnick.com; 908-868-4915).

**Blessed Chalk and House Blessing Liturgies** may be found in a basket outside the Parish office.

**Intercessory Prayer List** is prayed twice a day at Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. Add and update your prayer requests [here](#).

**The Parish Office** is physically closed; please contact Marion Nechuta, office manager, via parish email or her cell (908-451-4498).

**Pledge Giving** The parish leadership thanks you for your continued faithfulness during this time. Please continue to mail your pledge (with "To Financial Secretary" on the front); to adjust it, call Sarah Gregory (908-347-6498).

**"Remembrances and Recollections"** [The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary link](#) on the Trinity website contains contributions from parishioners. There is a new entry from long-time and faithful parishioners Diane Baldwin and JoAnn Lehmkuhl's discussion on the many years of Trinity's annual "High Tea" which was held from 1995 to 2009. Please share yours; contact any member of the Archival Committee: Vicki Goralski, Irene Telerico or Fran Witherington.

## What you need to know this week ...

**The Daily Office, Morning Prayer** Monday through Friday at 8:30 AM via Trinity's online platform.

**The Daily Office, Evening Prayer** Monday through Friday at 5 PM via Trinity's online platform.

**Trinity Women's Group** meets tomorrow, Monday, January 11 from 7 PM to 8 PM via Trinity's online platform.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** Since 1956, Trinity Church has provided a safe space for people suffering from the disease of alcoholism. The 8 PM Tuesday meeting is accessible on their own online platform at 8 PM. 'Doors open' at 7:30 PM on Tuesday. [Click here to attend.](#)

**Emergency Food Supplies for St. Joseph's Social Service Center** Bring supplies to Junior Warden Sydney O'Hagan (774-218-3461) and leave them on her front porch at 205 High Street, Cranford every Wednesday. [Click here for a list of appropriate items.](#)

**Women's Bible Study** Thursday mornings from 10 AM to 11:30 AM via Trinity's online platform.

**Compline** Thursday nights at 8 PM via Trinity's online platform.

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

**Sandwich Sunday is next week, January 17** [Please click here](#) to sign up for items needed.

**Martin Luther King, Jr Day** Monday, January 18 is the Ninth Annual Service Fair, to be held virtually. The Interfaith Human Relations Committee of the Cranford Clergy and the Committee for the Dr. King Service Fair says that even a simple gesture of checking on a neighbor, calling a friend or shopping for others supports the community around us. In the spirit of Dr King, any act of kindness and service is an act and sign of greatness. A virtual service of reflection, conducted by the Cranford Clergy Council, will be broadcast at 7 PM on TV-35.

**The Greening Committee of Trinity Church** First meeting will be Tuesday, January 26 at 7 PM via Trinity's online platform. Prayerfully considering how we can honor our duty of being faithful stewards of our planet, the first meeting will include an exploration of the Genesis creation story, and a discussion of some of the projects we will take on. The committee is open to teens, older children and adults and anyone who has an interest in the environment and our role in it. To learn more, please contact Casey Woodruff (cwoodruff@jonbramnick.com or 908-868-4915).

## **Baptism Schedule for Easter**

Baptisms have not been performed since the pandemic started. Rather than performing 'private' baptisms (a contradiction in terms), families are encouraged to wait until Easter because Baptism is initiation into the body of Christ and therefore demands the consent and promises of support from the parish for the baptismal candidate. The sacrament of baptism will be offered at the Great Easter Vigil and on every Sunday during the season of Easter at the 8 AM physically-distanced service. Only one person, or multiple members of the same family, will be baptized at each service. Diocesan Guidelines allow for a maximum of 41 people in the church (due to the high infection rate, the parish has chosen to limit that to 26 for the moment). During the Easter season a significant number of 'seats' will be reserved for the catechumen and their family members. But due to the nature of baptism, some 'seats' must be available to members of the parish; also the baptisms will be streamed online. All services other than the Easter Vigil (Evan Ortiz will be baptized at 8 PM) are at 8 AM. Those seeking baptism for themselves or for their child are invited to request one of the following dates:

- † Easter Vigil, April 3 at 8 PM (Evan Ortiz)
- † Second Sunday of Easter, April 11 (Henry DeVelde)
- † Third Sunday of Easter, April 18 (Date available)
- † Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 25 (Date available)
- † Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 2 (Lilianna Ilich)
- † Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 9 (Date available)
- † Last Sunday of Easter, May 16 (Date available)
- † Day of Pentecost, May 23 (Date available)

## Baptismal Anniversaries

When we think about birthdays, we immediately recall the date we were born and took our first breath in this world. But if we take a moment to reflect, we will realize that we have another “birthday” of even greater significance: the day we became members of the body of Christ...our Baptismal birthday. Through the waters of baptism, the Holy Spirit anoints us and sets our inner compass, to walk in a path that is pleasing to God, to do all good works that God has planned for us, and to “seek God’s face” [Psalm 27:8]. This is the path that ultimately leads us into abundant life both in this earthly existence, and in the world to come.

Whether baptized as a child or an adult, we prayerfully grow in our understanding and appreciation of our baptismal identity, as individuals and as a community. On the first Sunday of every month we acknowledge those who have a baptismal ‘birthday’ during the month in question and share with them in the renewal of baptismal vows. We hope this monthly recognition of our “birth from above” [John 3:3] will allow us to develop a deeper appreciation for the essence of our baptism.

*God of mercy and love, new birth by water and the Spirit is your gift, a gift none can take away; grant that your servants may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of love, patience and gentleness, the spirit of wonder and true holiness. Amen. – [New Zealand Prayer Book]*

### **Parishioners Celebrating Their Baptismal Anniversaries in January**

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|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| Sophie DeMarco | January 21 | Erica Knapp    | January 12 |
| Wesley Ditzel  | January 10 | Patrick McKell | January 14 |
| Aiden Hosler   | January 15 |                |            |

**Notice is hereby given that according to the State Law governing the Episcopal Church, and the Constitution of the Parish, the Annual Parish meeting will be held on January 24, 2021, in the context of the 10 AM online service; there is only one service that day. Election of new vestry members, convention and convocation delegates, revised Parish By-Laws, and a review of the 2020 Annual Report will be presented.**

**The Supplemental Special Rules of Order for Virtual Attendance at the Parish Annual Meeting, authorized by our Diocese, are here.**

**Any parishioners may be nominated for an office via the online nomination form.**

**Today is the last day for submissions – 6:00 PM is the final deadline.**

**Upload any and all reports here no later than January 15, 2021**