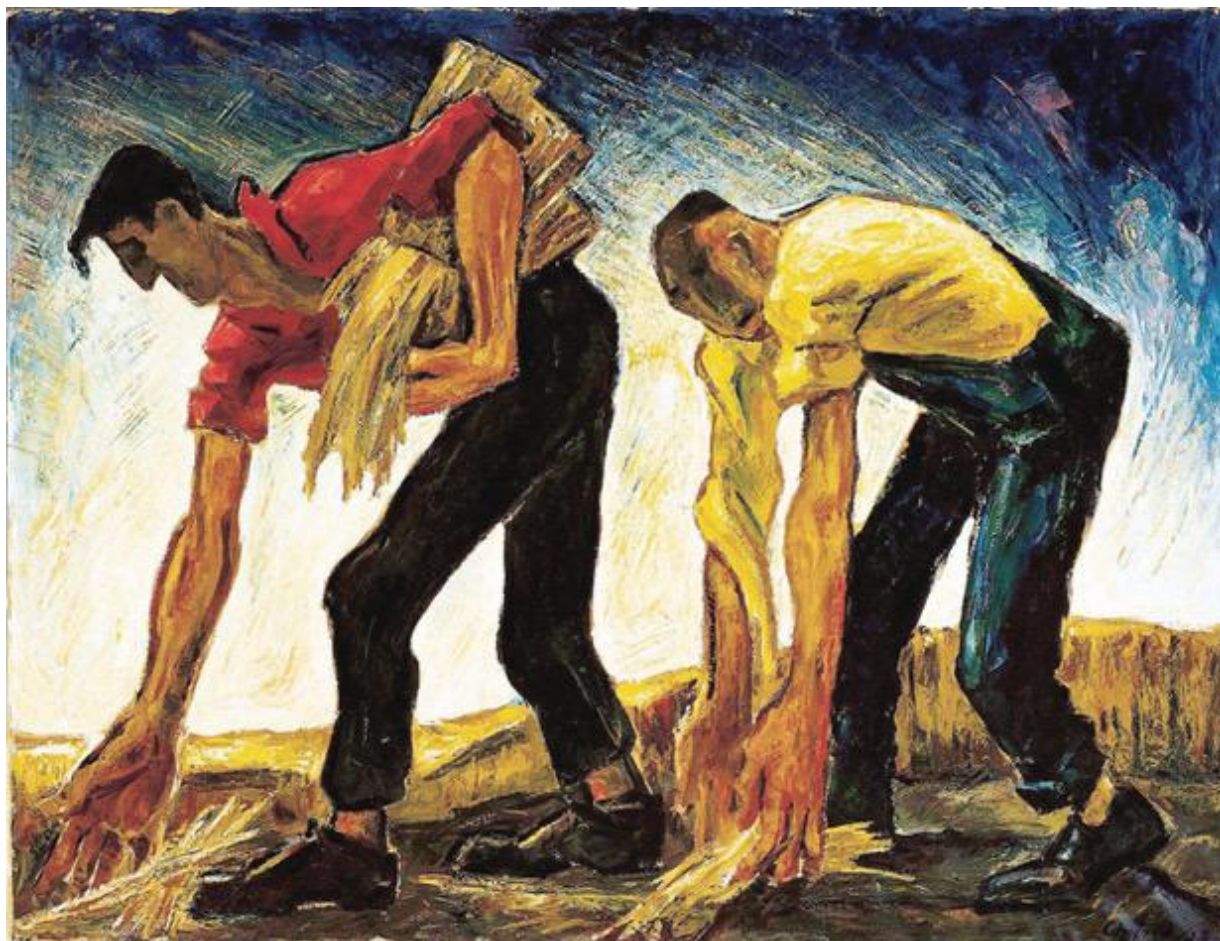


Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



"PH-77 (Wheat)" – Clyfford Still

The Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II

Proper 20 ~ September 20, 2026 at 10 AM



The Reverend Andrew David Kruger ~ Rector & Presider

Anthony J. Rafaniello ~ Director of Music & Organist

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

*The Sanctuary Candle and the Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Diane Conway from the Conway family*

Welcome

Andrew Kruger

Prelude

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

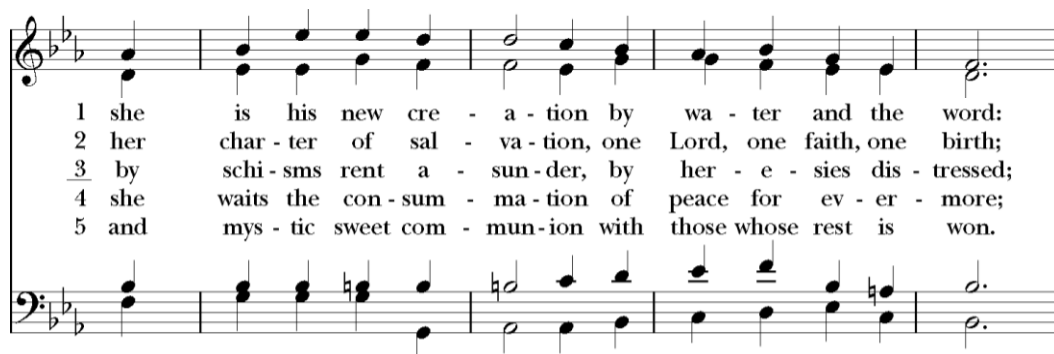
Gathering Hymn

Aurelia

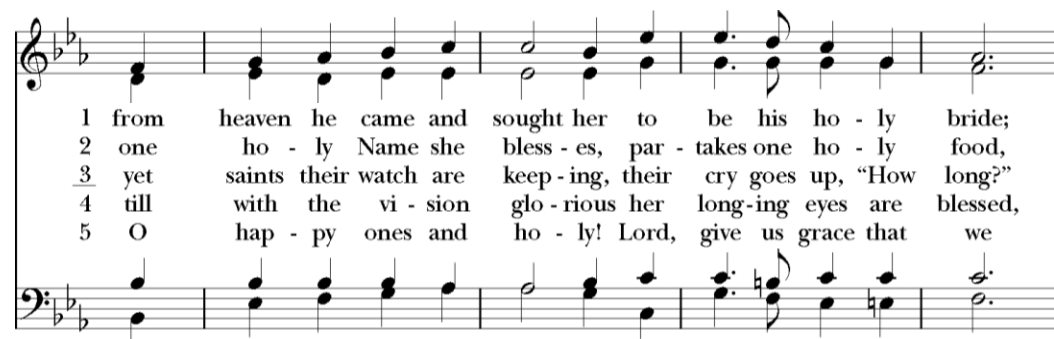
Hymnal 525



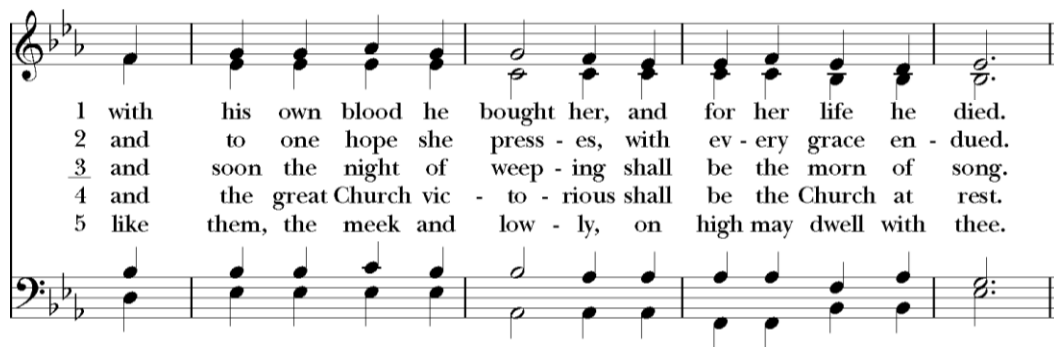
1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glorify to God for ever and ever.**

Collect for Purity

Book of Common Prayer 355

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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

II. Proclaiming and Receiving the Word of God

First Reading

Exodus 16:2-15

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him – what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

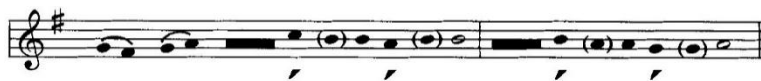
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All sing the Antiphon, then the verses are sung antiphonally, starting on the pulpit side.



Sing to the LORD, and re - mem - ber the mar - vels he has done, hal - le - lu - jah.



TONE VII.7

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and **cáll** up**ón** his Name;
make known his deeds **amóng** the **péoples**.
- 2 Sing to him, sing **práises** **tó** him,
and speak of all his **márvelóus** works.
- 3 Glory **ín** his **hóly** Name;
let the hearts of those who **séek** the **Lórd** rejoice.
- 4 Search for the **Lórd** and **hís** strength;
contínually **séek** his face.
- 5 Remember the **márvels** **hé** has done,
His wonders and the **júdgements** **óf** his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of **Ábraham** **hís** servant,
O children of **Jácob** his **chósen**.
- 37 He led out his people with **sílver** **ánd** gold;
in all their tribes there was not **óne** that **stúmbled**.
- 38 Egypt was **glád** of their **góing**,
because they **wére** **afráid** of them.
- 39 He spread out a **clóud** for a **cóvering**
and a fire to give light **ín** the night **séason**.
- 40 They **ásked**, and **qúails** appeared,
and he satisfied them with **bréad** from **héaven**.
- 41 He opened the **róck**, and **wáter** flowed,
so the river ran **ín** the dry **pláces**.
- 42 For God **remémbered** his **hóly** word
and **Ábraham** **hís** servant.
- 43 So he led forth his **péople** with **gládnness**,
his **chósen** with **shóuts** of joy.
- 44 He gave his people the **lánds** of the **nátions**,
and they took the **frúit** of **óthers'** toil.
- 45 That they might **kéep** his **státutes**
and observe his laws. **Hállelújah!** [Ant.]

Second Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

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

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand.

Proclaiming Hymn

Ora labora

Hymnal 541

1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle
2 Come, la - bor on. The en - e - my is
3 Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y
4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing
5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till

1 on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us
2 watch - ing night and day, to sow the tares, to
3 doubts and faith - less fear! No arm so weak but
4 an - gels can - not share— to young and old the
5 glows the west - ern sky, till the long sha - dows

1 waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant
2 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our
3 may do ser - vice here: by feeb - lest a - gents
4 Gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its
5 o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes

1 does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
2 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered not.
3 may our God ful - fill his right - eous will.
4 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
5 with the set - ting sun, "Ser - vants, well done."

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

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.

"When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.'

"When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'

"But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

EOW 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 81 alt.

The Presider says

Almighty God, keep us ever mindful of your role in our lives and lead us into the generosity, compassion, and fulfillment of your kingdom as we pray for ourselves and the world.

The Intercessor continues

Give all churches the desire to be generous in time, talent and treasure and especially in forgiveness.

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

Give this nation the vision to see that your ways are more loving and merciful than ours, and nurture in us the will to build your kingdom.

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

Give each person a renewed vocation to live in a way that brings joy and peace to others.

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

Give courage and strength to those who advocate for others, work to cure disease, or stand for justice.

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

Give healing and peace to those who are ill, anxious, imprisoned, alone or in despair.

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

Give hope to the dying, comfort those who grieve loss, and restore the relationships of those who are divided.

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

The Presider concludes

Generous God, you provide even for the dissatisfied and the grumbling: teach us the ways of your justice and lead us to practice your generosity, so that we will live lives worthy of the gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

BCP 360

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

Announcements

Andrew Kruger

Ministry Minutes

IV. Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Offertory Sentence

Psalm 50:14

The Presider says

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 Anthem

“Those Who Labor for the Lord” – Carl Haywood
Words: Beverly Easterling

Those who labor for the Lord,
here come, to find their rest.
All can have the welcome saved
for every weary guest.

Here the banquet now is laid,
and here the feast is set.
Here the hungry heart is fed,
and here the Christ is met.

Take the bread of Heaven now,
and taste the glorious wine.
Go, refreshed, your spirit blessed,
rememb'ring Christ's design.

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



1 God, my King, thy might con - fess - ing, ev - er will I
 2 Hon - or great our God be - fit - teth; who his ma - jes -
 3 They shall talk of all thy glo - ry, on thy might and
 4 Nor shall fail from mem - ory's trea - sure works by love and
 5 Full of kind - ness and com - pas - sion, slow to an - ger,

1 bless thy Name; day by day thy throne ad - dress - ing,
 2 ty can reach? Age to age his works trans - mit - teth,
 3 great - ness dwell, speak of thy dread acts the sto - ry,
 4 mer - cy wrought, works of love sur - pass - ing mea - sure,
 5 vast in love, God is good to all cre - a - tion;

1 still will I thy praise pro - claim.
 2 age to age his power shall teach.
 3 and thy deeds of won - der tell.
 4 works of mer - cy pass - ing thought.
 5 all his works his good - ness prove.

Presentation of Gifts

An Anglican Prayer Book 1989

Presider

Source of all life, everything in heaven and on earth is yours:

People

All things come from you, and of your own do we give you. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer for Children

Common Worship

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.

Child Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

Parent Listen to the proper preface.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

You give us happy times and things to celebrate. In these we taste your kingdom, a feast for all your children.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

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._____

We thank you loving Father, because when we turned away you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and showed us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Child Why do we share this bread and wine?

Parent Listen to the words of institution.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: "This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me."

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: "This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins."

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Savior.

Child How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Parent Listen to the Doxology.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for 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

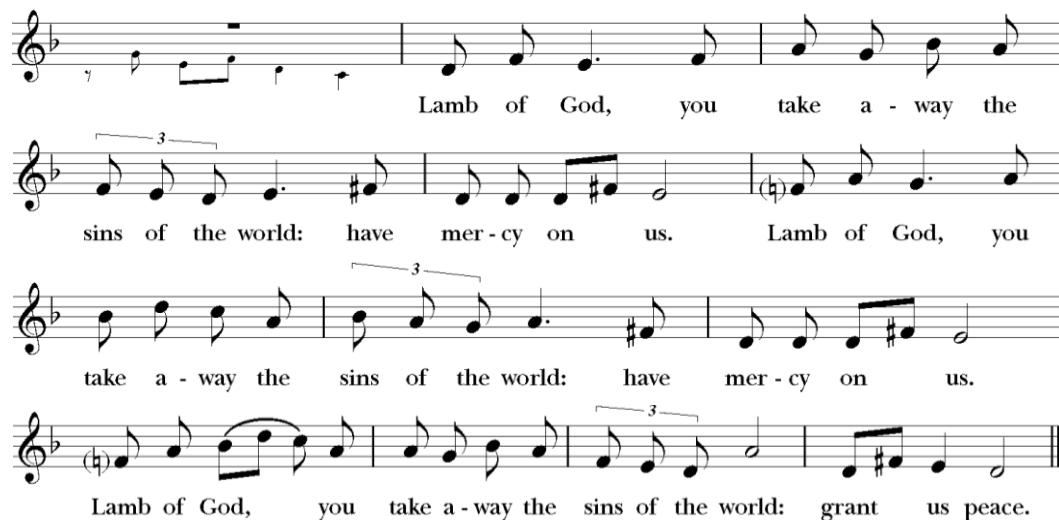
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The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei

Robert Powell

Hymnal S 163



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. You may choose to receive only the host. Wine is offered by way of a sip from the common cup. Gluten-free wafers are available by request to the priest.

First Communion Hymn

Holy Manna

Wonder, Love & Praise 761

1. All who hun-ger gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na
2. All who hun-ger, nev-er stran-gers, seek-er, be a
3. All who hun-ger, sing to-geth-er, Je-sus Christ is

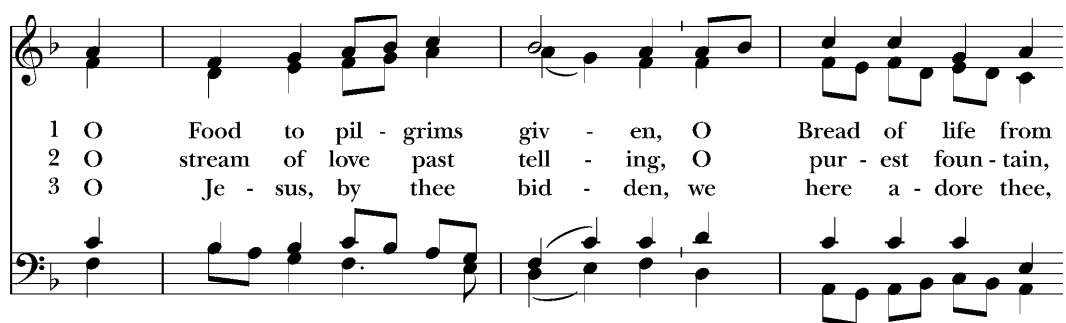
is our bread. Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring.
wel-come guest. Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing.
liv-ing bread. Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing.

Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who

days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
lost and scat-tered in com-mun-ion's love have stood.
from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal.
Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal.
Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal.

Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see that God is good.



1 O Food to pil - grims giv - en, O Bread of life from
 2 O stream of love past tell - ing, O pur - est foun - tain,
 3 O Je - sus, by thee bid - den, we here a - dore thee,



hea - ven, O Man - na from on high! We
 well - ing from out the Sa - vior's side! We
 hid - den in forms of bread and wine. Grant



hun - ger; Lord, sup - ply us, nor thy de - lights de -
 faint with thirst; re - vive us, of thine a - bun - dance
 when the veil is riv - en, we may be - hold, in



ny give us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.
 give us, and all we need pro - vide.
 hea - ven, thy coun - te - nance di - vine.

Communion Meditation

Confitemini Domino

Taizé Community

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo-nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, Al-le-lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Al-le-lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a communion meditation. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system includes the lyrics 'Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo-nus.' and the translation 'Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.' The second system includes the lyrics 'Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, Al-le-lu - ia!' and the translation 'Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Al-le-lu - ia!'. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with many chords and some melodic lines.

Post-communion Prayer

Common Worship

Presider Let us pray.

The People stand.

People **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.

Presider Live lives worthy of the gospel of Christ.
Stand firm in one spirit.
Strive with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

And may the power and the presence of God go with you.
May the Call of Christ lead you into fruitful labour.
And may the Holy Spirit fill you with the joy of grace.
Amen.

V. Going out as God's People

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Dismissal

BCP 366

Presider

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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...

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

Sunday School Open to children 3½ years to Grade 4. After the blessing at the beginning of the service, the children go to class with their teachers and return to the worship service for the Eucharist. Today is an intergenerational service; thus no Sunday School today.

Children's Choir Registration is open. Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings from 11:30 AM to 12 PM in the church and is recommended for novice readers in Grade 1 or older. Today is the first rehearsal. Please register your child using the QR code here:



The Sacrament of Baptism Application forms are available from Marion Nechuta, and must be submitted by today. Candidates will be enrolled next Sunday, September 27 at the 10 AM Eucharist, and parents of candidates are required to attend the Baptismal Preparation Class on Saturday, October 10, from 10 AM till 12 Noon. Baptism will be offered on the Feast of All Saints (observed on Sunday, November 1).

Outreach Through next week to September 27, there will be a collection for Disaster Relief for the ERD (Episcopal Relief & Development); donations by cash, check or breeze. The Committee thanks all who donated to the "Mothers & Newborn" project for the ERD in June. \$540 was collected which the parish has rounded up to \$600; the check will be sent to ERD shortly.

TEDS Aftercare Aides Needed Trinity Episcopal Day School (TEDS) is currently seeking aftercare aides to help supervise children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Aides must be 18 years of age or older and available to work from approximately 3 PM or 3:30 PM until 6 PM. This is a paid position. Responsibilities include supervising children during the aftercare program and assisting them with homework. Anyone interested in learning more is encouraged to contact Nancy Ditzel at teds205@gmail.com.

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. Add and update prayer requests online at the church website. The list is prayed twice a day at Morning and Evening Prayer.

Parish Office Hours Office Manager Marion Nechuta is available from Tuesday to Thursday from 12 noon to 3:30 PM.

The Arc of the Office Tomorrow, Monday, September 21 following Morning Prayer, and beginning just before 9 AM online. This Bible Study, led by Fr Andy, meets again to explore the Apocrypha generally and the Book of Judith specifically, which will be read in sequence in the Daily Office from September 18–25. All are welcome.

Handbell Choir Rehearsals This Wednesday, September 23 from 7 PM to 7:50 PM in the church.

Trinity Adult Choir This Wednesday, September 23 from 8 PM to 9 PM in the church.

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

What you need to know in the future...

Trinity Episcopal Senior Youth (TESY) Next Sunday, September 27 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM in Witherington Chapel. The focus will be a discussion of loft renovation. All confirmed youth and 2026 confirmation candidates are invited.

The Colgate Thirteen Friday, October 2 at 7PM. Colgate University's premier a cappella group, and one of the nation's oldest collegiate all-male a cappella groups, will bring its classic sound to Trinity Church. The concert is open to the public, and a free-will offering will be collected to help cover the group's visit to Cranford.

Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 4 at both services. Bring your pets or photographs of your pets to both services.

Outreach Committee Sunday, October 4 at 11:30 AM, meeting in Witherington Hall.

Confirmation Class Sunday, October 4 from 5 PM to 7 PM in Witherington Hall.

Sing at St. John's The Trinity Choir has been invited to sing at the Feast of St. Francis service at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City on Sunday, October 4, with a rehearsal on Saturday, October 3. It will be an extraordinary experience to sing in one of the great cathedrals of the world, as part of one of its signature celebrations.

Acolyte & Thurifer Training Sunday, October 18 immediately after the 10 AM Eucharist for all current and aspirant acolytes.

Family Game Night Saturday, October 24 from 5 PM to 8 PM in Sherlock Hall. All ages are welcome. Enjoy a light dinner, play an old favorite, learn a new game, or bring one to share.

St Mark's Gospel Saturday, November 28 from 10 AM to 12:30 PM in Witherington Chapel. The Gospel will be read from cover to cover.

Outdoor Eucharist and Spiritual Hike

Experience a unique encounter with the Eucharist celebrated in the splendor of God's creation. This popular semiannual event returns for the fourth time against the backdrop of stunning fall foliage, on Saturday, October 17, at 9 AM. Everyone will meet in front of the Trailside Nature Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. From there, it is a very short walk to a seating area where a special outdoor Eucharist liturgy will be celebrated. An easy one-hour hike will follow. Those who choose not to hike can sit quietly in the beauty of the Watchung Reservation after the service. This is a great activity for families and has always been a memorable event for everyone who attends. Please contact Senior Warden, Casey Woodruff (woodruff5073@gmail.com), to register or with any questions.

Lectionary & Liturgy

The theme of today's liturgy is set by the Gospel reading. The parable of the laborers in the vineyard is one of Jesus' most important statements concerning God's call to all people. That call is always open regardless of our past level of commitment. Those who accept it late are rewarded equally with those of long standing in the Kingdom. It is also a warning to those who have been committed to God for many years, lest they think themselves superior to those newly responding to the call of God.

We continue the story of the Exodus. The Israelites are free, but now the people complain of hunger and wish to be back in Egypt. But God acts and provides them with food in the desert as a sign of his love, even when they are ungrateful. Today we begin reading Paul's letter to Philippi. Written to encourage that church, the letter comes from a period when Paul was imprisoned and his own life was in danger.

God's promise to us is not a reward for doing things right. It is our heritage as children and heirs of God's promise. When we gather to sing and tell the story of God's salvation, we discover anew our identity and the identity of all people. Not content to have us merely as creatures, God has made us sons and daughters who feast at the table of God's home, which is our home as well.

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† **Gathering Hymn** – Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900) from *Lyra Fidelium; 12 Hymns on the 12 Articles of the Apostles' Creed*. In the mid-19th century, the Anglican Bishop of Natal, John Colenso expressed critical views of Scripture and the Christian faith. Rev. Andy Kruger suggests: “Stone is painted as a champion of orthodoxy, and Bishop Colenso as a heretic. While that was how many viewed it at the time, Colenso was, in my opinion, an incredible visionary who was ahead of his time. He was the first bishop of the Diocese in which I was ordained, and so my perspective is certainly not unbiased. However, it was Colenso who understood that converting the isiZulu people did not mean forcing them to

dress as Europeans, or compelling them to give up their name for God. To this day, the isiZulu name for God (*Unkulunkulu*, the highest god and creator of humanity in Zulu culture) is used in the Zulu BCP thanks to the depth of Colenso's theology. His 'heretical' views of scripture included reading the creation stories in Genesis as poetry rather than history, which has become the consensus position among biblical scholars. In my view, and in the view of most South Africans, Colenso is a hero of the faith and not a heretic." Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876); though opinions vary (Henry J. Gauntlett deemed it 'inartistic, secular twaddle'), it has been firmly associated with this text since they first appeared together in the 1868 edition of *Hymns Ancient and Modern*. –[Laura de Jong, Hymnary.org]

- † **Gloria** – Words: Anonymous, 15th century medieval. Music: Robert Powell (1932-2025), American composer and organist who spent his career serving churches across the Southern and Eastern United States, and served as organist at Trinity Methodist Church in Greenville, SC. "I write tunes and play hymns. And I would have it no other way!"
- † **Collect of the Day** – This collect reflects the tumultuous times of the barbarian invasions; translation from William Bright's *Ancient Collects* and is included in the Prayer Book for the first time. Colossians 3:2 provides the biblical reference. –[Notes on the American Prayer Book by Marion Hatchett]
- † **Proclaiming Hymn** – Words: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897) based this on passages in which Jesus employs the metaphor of the harvest (Matthew 9:37-38 and John 4:35-37). Music: Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953), English organist; his wife was the daughter of an Anglican bishop. They moved to the United States in 1913 when he accepted a position at St. Thomas Episcopal, NYC, where he served for 30 years.
- † *** Nicene Creed** – 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 Anthem** – Words: Beverly Easterling (b. 1949) is a lyricist who has collaborated with Robert Powell and lives in Alexandria, Louisiana. Music: Dr. Carl W. Haywood (b. 1949) has sustained a long tenure at Norfolk State University; he frequently serves as a clinician, adjudicator, guest conductor, and lecturer for schools, colleges, and churches throughout the country. He also serves as a National Conductor for the 105 Voices of History, the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Choir.
- † **Offertory Hymn** – Words: Richard Mant (1776-1848). Music: included in the significant hymnal *Psalmody Sacra* (1715); about 00 of the tunes are attributed to Christian F. Witt (1660-1716) an editor and compiler of that collection. The title relates to a story about Rev. C.A. Dann's banishment (and eventual restoration) from his pulpit at St. Leonard's Church in Stuttgart in the early nineteenth century.
- † **Proper Preface** – Nathan Nettleton is pastor to South Yarra Community Baptist Church, a small congregation located in an inner-city neighborhood of Melbourne, Australia; he also writes and teaches on Christian worship and Baptist identity. His website provides liturgical resources from which we have drawn this preface. –[© 2001 LaughingBird]
- † **First Communion Hymn** – Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993) died after a brief, arduous battle with liver cancer; she served the United Church of Canada as a parish minister, prison chaplain, and editor of a worship journal. –[Sing! A New Creation © 1991, GIA Publications] "She left behind a ministry that combined a compassionate concern for the needy, her gift of writing, and a consuming love of liturgy." Written "on a commuter bus after a particularly bad day at the jail" as a prison chaplain. Music: from William Moore's *Columbian Harmony*, 1825.
- † **Second Communion Hymn** – Words: Latin, 1661; tr. John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945). Music: melody att. Heinrich Isaac (1450-1517), one of the most prolific composers of the time; harmony by J. S. Bach (1685-1750), who used it as the basis of his *St Matthew Passion*.
- † **Taizé** – Words & Music: © 2001, 2011 Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications.
- † **Sending Hymn** – Words: William Williams (1717-1791); the most famous hymn writer of Welsh Methodism, the "sweet singer of Wales" interweaves imagery from Exodus to evoke a sense of God's guidance through strife. He made an extraordinary record as an itinerant evangelist; taking the whole of Wales for his parish, he traveled for 43 years, an average of 2230 miles a year, at a time when there were no railroads and few stage-coaches. Music: John Hughes (1873-1932), a Welshman and a railway worker. The tune name literally means "Rhondda valley," after the Rhondda River that flows through a coal-mining district of Wales. At first circulated only in leaflet form because hymnal editors considered it too vigorous to be a proper hymn tune. They eventually succumbed to popular pressure. Trivia: Fosdick wanted a different tune for his text writing, "My secretary has already written you the answer to your question about my hymn's divorce from Regent Square and remarriage to Cwm Rhondda. The Methodists did it! And both here and abroad they are being followed" –[*Hymnal Companion to Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, Paul Westermeyer]

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Through baptism, each of us is called to share in God's mission; these ministries are some of the ways we do that together at Trinity

Ministry/Committee	How We Serve	Contact Person & Number
Trinity Men's Group	Deepen faith through Scripture, prayer, and fellowship with other men of the parish.	Terry Nechuta 908-956-5848
Trinity Women's Group	Deepen faith through Scripture, prayer, and fellowship with other women of the parish.	Carol Beier 908-578-3473
Stephen Ministry	Accompany others through difficult seasons with Christ-centered, confidential care and compassionate listening.	Andy Kruger 609-933-5227
Episcopal Church Women (ECW)	Build fellowship among the women of Trinity while supporting the life, ministry, and outreach of the parish.	Holly Ives 908-277-2821 Doreen Taylor 908-313-8829
Sunday School Class	Help form the next generation in the faith and life of the Church.	Kate DiFonzo 973-896-4805 Jennifer Cammarota 908-499-6325
Confirmation Class	Help young people explore the Christian faith, ask difficult questions, and discern what it means to follow Christ.	John Beier 908-578-9799 Marion Nechuta 908-451-4498
Outreach	Serve Christ in our neighbors and help Trinity respond to the needs of the wider community.	Marion Nechuta 908-451-4498 Helen Shteynberg 908-803-0310
Choir & Handbells	Offer musical gifts in the service of prayer, praise, and the worship of the whole congregation.	Anthony Rafaniello 860-205-7143
Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs)	Proclaim God's Word and share in the ministry of Christ's Table.	Bonnie Gentesse 908-377-4344 Kavita Medanki 347-226-8103
Ushers	Extend Christ's welcome to all who gather for worship and fellowship at Trinity.	Heather Burnett 973-495-2535 David Burnett 908-591-2331
Acolytes & Thurifers	Serve at the altar and help lead the congregation in the beauty and reverence of our common worship.	Andy Kruger 609-933-5227
Altar Guild	Prepare the holy things and sacred spaces through which the parish gathers to worship God.	Carol Beier 908-578-3473
Building and Grounds	Steward the buildings and grounds entrusted to us for worship, fellowship, formation, and mission.	Kathy Murray 908-377-1865
Stewardship Committee	Help Trinity grow in gratitude and generosity so that our resources may serve God's purposes in the parish and beyond.	Kathy Murray 908-377-1865 Casey Woodruff 908-868-4915
Counters	Exercise faithful stewardship by ensuring that the gifts entrusted to Trinity are handled accurately and responsibly.	Marion Nechuta 908-451-4498
Fellowship Luncheon	Strengthen the bonds of Christian community through shared meals, conversation, learning, and hospitality.	Susan Olszewski 908-591-5370 Susan Nelson 908-397-3944
Fellowship Coffee Hour	Extend the fellowship of the Eucharistic community through hospitality, conversation, and welcome.	Marion Nechuta 908-451-4498 Holly Ives 908-277-2821 Susan Olszewski 908-591-5370
Ministry of the Imprisoned	Support those who are incarcerated, recognizing and serving Christ in those too easily forgotten.	Casey Woodruff 908-868-4915
Trinity Episcopal Senior Youth (TESY)	Grow in faith, friendship, and service alongside other young people of the parish.	Kate Annarelli 727-482-1314 Casey Woodruff 908-868-4915
TEDS	Strengthen the shared ministry of church and school as we nurture children in faith, confidence & curiosity.	Nancy Ditzel 908-295-6204