

# Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



*"The Man Born Blind" by Ronald Raab*

## **The Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost** ***Stewardship Season — Consecration Sunday***

Rite I Holy Eucharist  
October 24, 2021 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*

*The Sanctuary Candle and the Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God,  
and in thanksgiving for the abundance of every perfect gift from God*

## Welcome

Andrew Kruger

*At the end of the silence, the bells are rung and the People stand for the procession of the Cross.*

## 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

Let us pray together the collect for purity.

**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 183

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The People are seated.*

## **First Reading**

Jeremiah 31:7-9

*Reader*        A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 126**

*In convertendo*

BCP 782

1. When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
    **then were we like those who dream.**
2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
    **and our tongue with shouts of joy.**
3. Then they said among the nations, \*  
    **"The Lord has done great things for them."**
4. The Lord has done great things for us, \*  
    **and we are glad indeed.**
5. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
    **like the watercourses of the Negev.**
6. Those who sowed with tears \*  
    **will reap with songs of joy.**

7. Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
**will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

## Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

*Reader* A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The People stand.*

## Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

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

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

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again."

Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

*Presider*      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Homily**

Andrew Kruger

## **Nicene Creed**

BCP 326

*The People stand.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,  
Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate  
from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

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

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

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, William our Bishop, and Andy our Priest, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Joseph our President, Philip our governor and Kathleen the mayor of this town, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

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

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

## Confession of Sin

BCP 331

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*The People kneel.*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name.  
Amen.**

## Absolution

BCP 332

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

## Comfortable Words

BCP 332

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

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

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

## Peace

BCP 332

*The People stand.*

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

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

*The people make a reverent bow to one another as an expression of peace.*

## Announcements

Andrew Kruger

## Ministry Minute

Sarah Gregory

## Offertory Sentence

BCP 343

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights... Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first-fruits of his creatures.

*James 1:17-18*

## Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, giver of all good things: Receive the pledges we offer this stewardship season so that we can mirror the self-offering of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Presider prepares the Holy Table, then the People stand*

## 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. Through Jesus Christ our great High Priest; in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before thee a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in thy sight. 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

*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.*

*The ushers guide the people to receive Holy Communion. On this Consecration Sunday, please remember to place your Pledge Card in the basket provided.*

## Commissioning Eucharistic Visitors

BOS 284, alt.

*The People stand. The Eucharistic Visitors take their place around the Holy Table and receive a pyx.*

*Presider* Though we are many, we are one body:

*People* **because we all share in the one bread.**

*Presider* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those who are absent may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

## Post Communion Prayer of Self Dedication

BCP 832

*Presider* Let us pray.

**Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to thee, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly thine, utterly dedicated unto thee; and then use us, we pray thee, as thou wilt, and always to thy glory and the welfare of thy people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Blessing

BCP 339

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

*The ministers recess*

## Dismissal

BCP 340

*Presider* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



## What you need to know today ...

**Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle** Each week both are available for personal attribution, to remember loved ones, to honor others, to celebrate lives. Email the office for the process. The deadline is 4 PM Wednesday each week; multiple attributions are allowed.

**Candy Bar Bingo** Today after the 10 AM service (approximately 11:30 AM). The price per card is one full-size candy bar. Four Bingo games are played; the same card is used for all 4 games and there is a limit of 3 cards per person. Bring the family! Win candy!

**Fellowship after Worship** We have shared the Word, we have shared the Eucharist, after the service join us under the tent to share our thoughts, our hopes, our dreams, our journey together before walking into the mission fields to build the Kingdom.

**NexTrex Plastic Film Recycling Challenge** The goal is to collect 500 pounds of approved plastic film in six months; a Trex bench will be awarded to the parish if that is attained. [Click here](#) to see the details. The Trinity Greening Committee registered Trinity Church as a participant; to facilitate the collection of approved plastic items, white plastic bins have been placed around the campus in the coming weeks. [Click here to watch a video clip](#) or contact Tom Kaercher of the Greening Committee at 908-757-9561.

**CROP Walk** Thank you to those who participated in last Sunday's fundraiser. \$742 was raised; Trinity's Outreach Committee will add \$500, therefore Trinity will donate a total of \$1,242 to Church World Services.

**Parish Pledges** The parish leadership is so grateful for your faithfulness. Please continue to mail pledges – labeled "To Financial Secretary" – to Trinity Church, 205 North Avenue East, Cranford, NJ 07016.

**Transportation to Church on Sunday** Do you need a lift to Church, or would you like to offer a lift to Church? Cheryl Pantina is coordinating transportation, please contact her to make arrangements (908-623-7046)

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

**Parish Office hours** Marion Nechuta is in the office from 10 AM to 12:30 PM on Tuesday and Wednesday, and 1 PM to 3:30 PM on Thursday. It is advisable to call ahead before arriving. Marion may also be contacted via the parish email or phone.

**The Daily Offices** Morning and Evening Prayer are held online Monday through Friday at 8:30 AM and 5 PM respectively.

**Intercessory Prayer List** Each person is prayed for at Morning and Evening Prayer. [Click on this link](#) to add and update prayer requests. Remember to move that person to "Thanksgiving for Healing" if and when that becomes appropriate.

**TEDS Chapel** Every Wednesday morning at 10 AM, Father Andy leads a Chapel service in the church for the children of our day school.

**Handbell Choir Rehearsal** This Wednesday, from 6:45-7:45 PM in the church and continuing weekly.

**Adult Choir Rehearsal** Wednesdays from 8-9 PM in the church. Sunday call time for rehearsal is 9:30 AM before the 10 AM service.

**Compline** Consider ending your day with the peaceful prayer office of Compline, Thursday nights at 8 PM online.

**12 Step Programs** Trinity is host to 3 recovery groups:. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Open Speaker Meeting every Tuesday night at 8 PM (hybrid); DAA (Drug Addicts Anonymous), Thursday nights at 8 PM; and AA Women's Open Step Meeting every Friday at 12 noon.

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

**Baptism** Trinity will keep the feast of All Saints – one of the 4 Sundays the BCP sets aside for baptism – on October 31 this year. Phoebe, the daughter of Samantha Kaplan and Brandon Frumolt, will be baptized on that day. Normally infants and their parents would be enrolled several weeks before receiving the sacrament. Out of an abundance of caution and a desire to limit infants' exposure to possible COVID infection, we will wait to re-institute enrollment to a time when the Pandemic has subsided.

**Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed**, also called All Souls' Day is an opportunity for us to remember close family and friends who have passed away. The service is on Wednesday, November 3 at 7 PM. [Click here](#) to add the names of your loved ones who have passed to the list which will be prayerful recited during the service. During the Sixteenth Century All Souls devolved into a ritual of bargaining with God whereby prayers and masses were offered for loved ones in exchange for the alleviation of their suffering in purgatory. Our Anglican ancestors were rightly suspicious of this bargaining and conflated All Souls into the celebration of All Saints. The 1979 BCP officially restored the observance in the Episcopal Church, renaming it the Commemoration of All Faithful Departed. With the re-naming came a renewed focus on the power and hope of our Lord's Resurrection.

**Pajamas needed** TEDS participates in the Scholastic Pajama Program. For every pair of pajamas donated, Scholastic Books donates a book to go with them. Pajamas and books are donated to Union County families in need. Needed are brand-new pajamas in all sizes from newborn to adult. Pajamas must be complete sets—top and bottom or an appropriate nightgown.

Donations may be dropped off at the school or with Nancy Ditzel. The deadline is December 10. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Stewardship Ministry Minute Delivered by Beth Rees  
at 10AM on Sunday, October 17**

Hi! Good morning! For those of you who don't know me, I'm Beth Rees.

I'm here to deliver this Ministry Minute as a part of Stewardship season. Last Sunday, stewardship packs were delivered in church and then sent via mail. The Stewardship season concludes next Sunday, October 24, with Consecration Sunday and the blessing of pledges.

As I ask you to give your support to the church, I want to talk about what Trinity Church means to me and to my family. We started coming to Trinity when we moved to Cranford in 2012. It was here that I formally joined the Episcopalian Church, after years of attending services elsewhere. My son Gavin started coming to church with me when he was one year old. My daughter Dylan was baptized here.

Over the past 9 years we've moved to a new house. The kids have changed schools more than once. I've been a stay-at-home mom, a grad student, an adjunct professor, and now a full-time high school English teacher. We've weathered two major hurricanes. We're still getting through a major pandemic. Trinity has been our constant through it all.

You don't usually see me in a full church service because I tend to head out in the first few minutes with the Sunday School kids. It's really important to me that our church offers its kids Sunday school classes, a Christmas pageant, youth activities, opportunities to participate in the worship service. The church in Delaware, where I grew up, always felt like home to me. As kids, as teenagers, we felt loved and supported by our congregation. I want all of the kids here at Trinity to experience that same powerful connection, to feel like this church is their home. Trinity's future rests on the shoulders of this young generation, and it's so important to provide them fellowship and community, to manifest God's love through our actions.

Trinity means so much to all of us, for all sorts of reasons. Please think of these reasons as you fill out the pledge card. Thank you.

## **Lectionary: Proper 25 – Year B**

In the first reading Jeremiah tells that one day God will reach out to his people and call all of them back. No one will be left out, but all will come rejoicing into God's family. The story of the blind man in today's Gospel reading is a sign that what Jeremiah foretold is coming true in the ministry of Jesus. Our second reading continues the letter to Jewish Christians. This was probably written after Jerusalem and its Temple were destroyed, thus there were no more sacrifices offered. The writer reminds his readers that Jesus' own self-offering makes continued sacrifices of animals by fallible human priest no longer necessary. Jesus' one sacrifice of himself is eternally effective for all humanity.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus heals a blind man. It is the man's faith which gives him his sight. The rules of religion understood blindness to be caused by sin, so this man was excluded from the life of the people. Jesus, however, welcomes him, heals him, and includes him among his followers. In the Eucharist our use of physical bread and wine as the elements of spiritual communion with God remind us of this truth. We become part of the once-for-all sacrifice of Jesus so that we can live in his life eternally. We cannot live apart from God or apart from moral responsibility to all people. In baptism, our spiritual blindness is healed, and we are called to grow into a Body of people committed to justice, reconciliation, and righteous living.

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