

Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



"Parable of the Dishonest Steward" – Eugène Burnand

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II

Proper 20 ~ September 21, 2025 at 10 AM



The Reverend Andrew David Kruger ~ Rector & Presider

Anthony J. Rafaniello ~ Director of Music & Organist

Casey Woodruff ~ Senior Warden & Thomas Kaercher ~ Junior Warden

Welcome

Andrew Kruger

Handbell Prelude

"Celebration No. 1 in G" – Michael R. Keller

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

Gathering Hymn

Lobe den Herren

Hymnal 390

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-tion;
2 Praise to the Lord; o-ver all things he glo-rious-ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy way and de-
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-

a-tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign-eth: borne as on ea-gle-wings, safe-ly his
fend thee; sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal-va-tion: join the great throng, psal-ter-y,
saints he sus-tain-eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
ev-er at-tend thee; pon-der a-new what the Al-
prais-es be-fore him! Let the a-men sound from his

or-gan, and song, sound-ing in glad ad-o-ra-tion.
need-est hath been grant-ed in what he or-dain-eth?
might-y can do, who with his love doth be-friend thee.
peo-ple a-gain; glad-ly for ev-er a-dore him.

Acclamation

Enriching Our Worship 50

Presider

✱ Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People

Glory to God for ever and ever.

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.**

Blessing of the Sunday School Children and their Teachers

Andrew Kruger

The People sit. Children PreK-3 through Grade 4, gather in the crossing for the blessing.

Presider May God bless those who teach and those who learn,
✠ in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

II. Proclaiming and Receiving the Word of God

First Reading

Jeremiah 8:18–9:1

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: “Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?” (“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?”) “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.” For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 79:1-9

Deus, venerunt

Plainsong Psalter

All sing the Antiphon and Psalm.



Help us, O God our Sav - ior, and for - give us our sins.



TONE VII.1

- 1 Ö Göð, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your hóly témples; *
they have made Jerusalem a héap of rúbblë.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for
the bírds of thé air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the béasts of thé field.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every síde of Jerúsalem, *
and there was nó one to búry thëm.
- 4 We have become a repróach to our néighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to thóse áround üs.
- 5 How long will you be ángry, Ó LORD? *
will your fury blaze like fíre for évër?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who háve not knówn you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not cállèd upon yóur Náme.
- 7 For they háve devoured Jácob *
and made his dwélling á ruín.
- 8 Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swíft to méet us; *
for we have been bróught verý löw.
- 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glóry óf your Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, fór your Náme's sáke. [Ant.]

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Reader A reading from Paul's first letter to Timothy.

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand.

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
 all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
 thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,
 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

Presider

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'

"And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Presider

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

III. Responding to the Proclaimed Word of God

Homily

Andrew Kruger

Welcoming of Parents and Sponsors

Book of Occasional Services 172

The Presider invites forward the parents and sponsors of Theodore Rhys Aravena for baptism and addresses them.

Presider What do you seek for yourself and your child?

Answer Life in Christ.

Presider Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." Do you accept these commandments?

Answer I do.

Presider In baptism, you died with Christ to the forces of evil and rose to new life as members of his Body. Will you study the commitments of baptism, and strive to keep them in the companionship of this community?

Answer I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you open your heart and mind to receive anew the Good News of Jesus Christ?

Answer I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you be regular in attending public worship, to hear the Word of God and celebrate the mystery of Christ's dying and rising?

Answer I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you join us in our life of service to the powerless and the outcast?

Answer I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you work for mercy and justice?

Answer I will, with God's help.

The Presider then addresses the assembled People

Will you support these persons by your prayer and example, and help them to grow in the knowledge and love of God?

People **We will.**

The Presider extends hands over the parents and sponsors and says

May God, our heavenly Father, grant you the power of the Holy Spirit to grow in faith and understanding that you may lead your children in the way of Christ. **Amen.**

The child is presented by name to the Presider, who, with the thumb, marks a cross on the forehead, saying

Theodore, receive the sign of the Cross on your forehead and in your heart,
in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The parents then write their child's name in the book and return to their seats.

Nicene Creed

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**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

BOS 121

Presider Let us pray for this candidate, and all those preparing for Holy Baptism.

The Intercessor continues

That he may grow in knowledge and love of you, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For his parents, that they may make known to him the riches of your Word, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

That in due season he may join us in works of justice and mercy, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For his sponsors, that in their lives they may show to this candidate a pattern of life in accordance
with the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, that we may abound in love and persevere in prayer, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the sick and the sorrowful, and for those in any need or trouble, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

The Presider says the following prayer with hands extended over the candidate.

Gracious and merciful God, protector of all who come to you, life of those who trust in you: We call upon you for these parents who desire for their child the grace of spiritual rebirth in the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Grant that Theodore receives the blessing of new life, grows into the full stature of Christ, knows your abundant grace, and enters into your eternal joy, who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Peace

BCP 360

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

Announcements

Andrew Kruger

IV. Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Offertory Sentence

Psalms 50:14

Presider 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

“One Faith, One Hope, One Lord” – Craig Courtney

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which He died.
One voice, one song, we lift in praise to Him who was and is and shall be evermore.

There is one body, one spirit, as you were called to one hope.
One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all, who is in you all.

Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts, we are given to each other for the unity of faith,
that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.

Offertory Hymn

East Acklam

Hymnal 424

The People stand and the ushers bring the collection plates and the gifts for St John's to the ministers.



St John's Offertory Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

Generous God, we present these gifts for St John's, a symbol of the work you have given us to do; use them, and use us, in the service of your world to the glory of your name. Amen.

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 A

BCP 361

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.**

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you desire everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

The earth is your handiwork, but it has brought you tears; you created the nations, but they have brought you grief. You sent your law and prophets, but your people served idols and wealth before you, and were unfaithful with all you entrusted to them.

When we despaired of ever being restored to health, you lived up to the name of “Savior”, sending us your child, Jesus the Christ – himself human – who gave himself as a ransom for all. Although his blood was shed in Jerusalem, you raised him to life and now and forever, he is our mediator in your presence, welcoming us with love and renewing us through prayer that we might live faithfully in all godliness and dignity.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

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._____

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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.”

Presider Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now 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

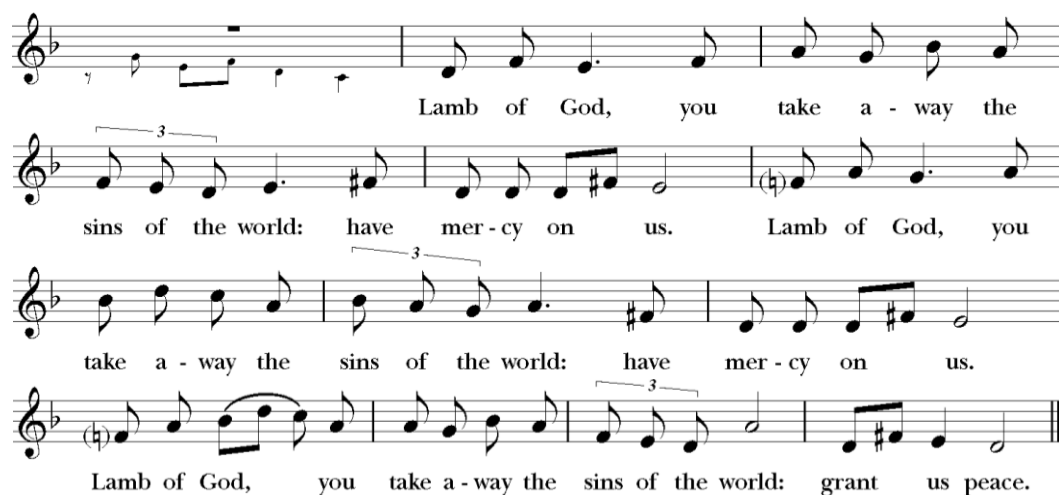
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The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei

Robert Powell

Hymnal S 163



Invitation

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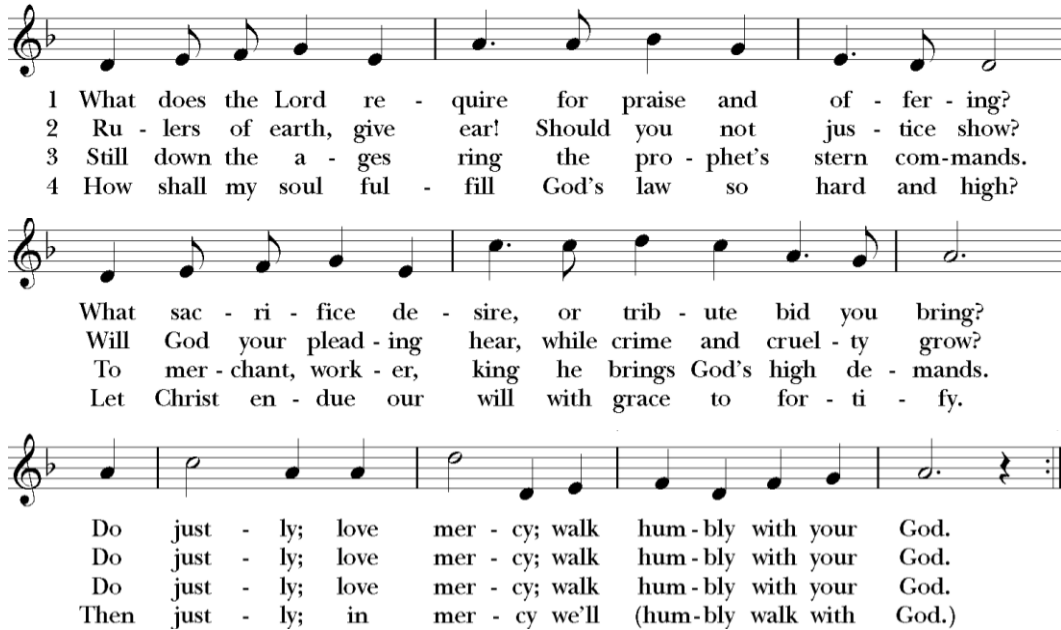
Presider The Gifts of God:
People **for the People of God.**

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

Sharpthorne

Hymnal 605



1 What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?
 2 Ru - lers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice show?
 3 Still down the a - ges ring the pro - phet's stern com-mands.
 4 How shall my soul ful - fill God's law so hard and high?

What sac - ri - fice de - sire, or trib - ute bid you bring?
 Will God your plead - ing hear, while crime and cruel - ty grow?
 To mer - chant, work - er, king he brings God's high de - mands.
 Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy.

Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Then just - ly; in mer - cy we'll (hum - bly walk with God.)

Second Communion Hymn

King

Hymnal 395

Introduction/Interlude



1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de - signs of
 2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - teries known or
 3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de - spised for
 4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - ily with a

farth - est space; let sun and moon and stars and light and
 yet un - told; let wa - ter's fra - gile blend with air, en -
 creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a dove, make
 bil - lion names; let ev - ery life be touched by grace un -

what lies hid - den praise your might.
 a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
 known on earth your heal - ing love.
 til we praise you face to face.

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

1. Your love, O Jesus has gathered us together.
2. May your love, O Jesus Christ, be foremost in our lives.
3. Let us love one another as God has loved us.
4. Let us be one in love together in the one bread of Christ.
5. The love of God in Jesus Christ bears eternal joy.
6. The love of God in Jesus Christ will never have an end.

Handbell Meditation

"Celebration No. 2 in E-flat" – Michael R. Keller

Post-communion Prayer

Common Worship

Presider Let us pray.

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.**

Blessing

Henri-Frédéric Amiel

Presider Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us.
So, be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.
✠ And the blessing of God,
who made us, who loves us,
and who travels with us be with you now and forever.
Amen.

V. Going out as God's People

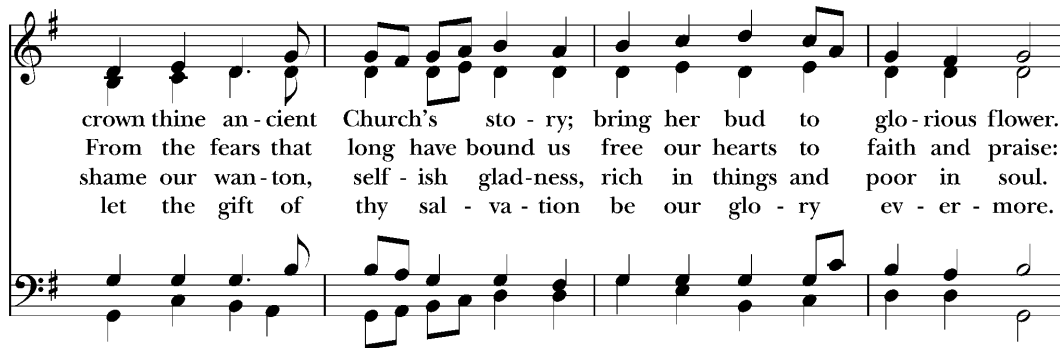
Sending Hymn

Cwm Rhondda

Hymnal 594



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;



crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.



Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -



hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
days, for the liv - ing of these days.
goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Dismissal

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Presider

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Sortie in B-flat – Léon Boëllmann

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.

Sunday School Today, for children in PreK-3 through Grade 4. After the blessing at the beginning of the service, the children go to class with their teachers and return to the Church for the Eucharist.

Children's Choir Rehearsal Today from 11:30 AM to 12 noon in the church.

St. John's Sandwich Sunday Today, people are needed to make sandwiches after services that day and deliver the sandwiches to St. John's, Elizabeth. Sandwich donations are listed in this week's email blast. Please contact Marion Nechuta at marionnechuta@yahoo.com or Helen Shteynberg at hshteynberg@gmail.com.

The Sacrament of Baptism Candidates will be enrolled today at the 10 AM Eucharist, and parents of candidates are required to attend the Baptismal Preparation Class on Saturday, October 11, from 10 AM to 12 Noon. Baptism will be offered on the Feast of All Saints (observed on Sunday, November 2).

Trinity Episcopal Senior Youth (TESY) Today, from 12 noon to 1:30 PM in Sherlock Hall. The topic is "Vision Boards: Back to School Goals." Contact Katie Annarelli at Kathleen.M.Annarelli@outlook.com to sign up.

What you need to know this week...

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

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

Handbells and Choir Rehearsals Wednesday, September 24; rehearsal for Handbells is 7 to 7:50 PM and Adult Choir is 8-9 PM.

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

What you need to know for the future...

Blessing of the Animals Sunday, September 28 at both 8 AM and 10 AM services. Bring your pets to both services.

Funeral Service for Alan Force Sunday, September 28 at 2 PM in the Church.

Acolyte Training Sunday, October 19 immediately after the 10 AM Eucharist for all current and aspirant acolytes.

Spiritual Hike with Outdoor Eucharist Saturday, October 25 at 9 AM. Meet in the parking lot of the Deserted Village (“Feltville”) in the Watchung Reservation. From there, it is a five-minute walk down a paved road to a secluded pergola to celebrate Eucharist. An easy one-hour hike will follow. This event was such a success over the summer that we are going to do it again. Celebrating Christ’s resurrection in the splendor of God’s creation adds another layer to the Eucharistic encounter. For those who choose not to hike, there is space to sit quietly. This is a great activity for families and promises to be a memorable event. Please contact Senior Warden, Casey Woodruff (woodruff5073@gmail.com) to register or with any questions.”

Thank You, Volunteers:

On behalf of our Trinity Buildings & Grounds team, I would like to thank you in a BIG WAY for all of your help this morning in beautifying the grounds at Trinity Episcopal Church. In just two hours, you:

- Spread seven cubic yards (= 7 tons) of gravel in the tenant’s driveway;
- Raised several slates in the Memorial Garden in order to improve drainage;
- Removed several dead/dying shrubs in front of TEDS (Trinity Episcopal Day School);
- Removed all weeds/sprouts around the Legacy trees, near the Spiritual Labyrinth, and at the entrance to TEDS and along its school walls;
- Sheared the shrubs and removed weeds at the entrance to Witherington Hall.

Besides beautifying the campus, you also turned a “work” day into a “fun” day – as it was a pleasure to get to know many of you better and appreciate the skills and fellowship that you brought to the project. And thank you for bringing your tools along to make the work easier for all. *(If you’re missing any tools – or found one that isn’t yours, please see Paul.)*



Also thanks to the inside crew for cleaning the inside tables, Sunday School Room and Anthony’s Office.

A special thanks goes to Cranford Scout Troop 80 for their muscle and enthusiasm. With their organizational skills, four Scouts and three Leaders made the projects go quickly and brought the spirit of community service with them.

Each of you could have been anywhere else on such a nice Saturday morning but you chose to help others and your church. This says a lot about you – and I’m sure God has noticed.

Thank you, again, and have an enjoyable week! Paul Trader, Trinity Building & Grounds Team

Lectionary & Liturgy

In the liturgy, the spiritual and the material are joined in Holy Communion. This reflects the Christian concern with both matter and spirit. We cannot be faithful to the gospel if we limit our values to either one alone. Today's gospel reading about the unjust steward makes the point that how we use our material wealth is directly related to our relationship with God. If a "worldly" person like the steward uses money to secure friends, how much more should we, the children of God, use our material wealth to gain favor with God and our fellow human beings.

The first reading from Jeremiah reveals how the message of God rejecting the kingdom of Judah pained him. The prophet laments the state of his people even though he knows that their suffering is a result of their own choice to reject their God and their refusal to repent. Today we continue the series of readings from the first epistle to Timothy. These letters, written after Paul's death by his followers, give practical advice to Christian communities about church life. The church is to be an intercessory body of people who, through their prayer for all persons (even the emperor, their enemy), are the means of bringing about God's salvation.

God's love is for all of creation and we are called in both liturgical worship and daily living to be God's instrument in bringing everything and everyone into God's Kingdom.

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- † **Handbell Prelude & Handbell Meditation** – Michael R. Keller (b. 2001) holds both a bachelor's and a master's degree in music performance, has more than two hundred musical works listed in the catalogs of a dozen publishers, and has authored handbell method materials and an instructional videotape that teaches ensemble techniques in a sequential manner. He is also the founder and director of two community handbell choirs for middle high and senior high youth. –[© 1993 Agape, Hope Publishing]
- † **Gathering Hymn** – Words: Joachim Neander (1630-1680), a Calvinist schoolmaster. –[© Church Pension Fund] “A magnificent hymn of praise to God, perhaps the finest creation of its author, and of the first rank in its class.” –[John Julian, *A Dictionary of Hymnology*] The most common translation is this one by Catherine Winkworth, published in 1863. Although hymnologist Lionel Adey praises other translations by her, he critiques her changes to the sense of Neander's text as an example of “muscular Christianity tinged with Philistinism.” Music: melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863
- † **Gloria** – Words: Anonymous, 15th cent. medieval. Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932,) an American composer and organist “whose output bridges denominational boundaries and serves the larger Church. He has made ecumenical sharing a reality – and always with a genteel touch.” –[GIA] His conservative, neo-Romantic style stems from his approach to composition. “I write for choirs of 25 because that's what most are. Most are not of cathedral ability or size. My pieces are practical and useful for specific occasions.” –[© Church Publishing]
- † **Collect of the Day** – This collect reflects the tumultuous times of the barbarian invasions. The translation is from William Bright's *Ancient Collects*, and is included in the BCP for the first time. Colossians 3:2 provides the biblical reference. –[*Notes on the American Prayer Book* by Marion Hatchett]
- † **Plainsong Psalter** – Editor and choral director James Litton was on the Standing Commission on Church Music, publishing *Hymnal 1982* and Fellow of Royal School of Church Music, one of 7 Americans to receive the honor. –[©1988 Church Pension Fund]
- † **Proclaiming Hymn** – Words: Irish, ca. 700 AD; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931). Music: Irish ballad.
- † *** 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** – “One Faith, One Hope, One Lord” with music and text by Craig Courtney, based on Ephesians 4.
- † **Offertory Hymn** – Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000) –[©1970 Hope Publishing]. Erik Routley considered him to be the most important British hymn writer since Charles Wesley. His hymns reject fundamentalism and show concern with social issues. They “fill the gap between the hymns of the first part of this century and the ‘far-out’ compositions that have crowded into some churches in the last decade or more.” Regarding hymn singing, “It’s such a dangerous activity; you get this glow which you can mistake for religious experience.” Music: Francis Jackson; born in 1917, he passed away in January 2022 at 104 years old. –[©1960]
- † **Proper Preface** – Nathan Nettleton is pastor to South Yarra Community Baptist Church, 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: Albert Bayly (1901-1984); based on Micah 6:6-8, he presents the prophet “in the light of the climax and fulfillment of the Old Testament revelation in the coming of Christ.” It asks questions and states commands as if Micah were a modern-day prophet. Bayly wrote, “hymns may deal with the most profound ideas, but unless these are expressed in the simplest and clearest possible way they can be nothing but words to many of those who sing them.” He used more contemporary language and concepts “embodying space-age imagery and warnings of nuclear destruction., marking a resurgence of the social gospel hymn.” –[Carlton Young] “The pioneer of the remarkable revival of hymn writing in Britain in the 1960s and 1970s.” –[Fred Pratt Green] –[©1949 Oxford University Press] Music: Eric Routley (1917-1982) –[©1969 Hope Publishing]. “One of Routley’s best! The rugged tune fits well with the stern prophetic message.” –[*Psalter Hymnal Handbook*]
- † **Second Communion Hymn** – Words: Jeffrey Rowthorn (1934-2025). –[© 1979 Hymn Society of America] Music: David Hurd (b. 1960).
- † **Communion Meditation** – Words: Latin, 8th century. Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994) –[©1978, 1980, 1981, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA]
- † **Sending Hymn** – Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969) was a well-known and controversial preacher in the early twentieth century. After Fosdick left his position at one church, John D. Rockefeller asked him to become pastor of Park Avenue Baptist Church in NYC, but Fosdick thought the church was too wealthy, and agreed only on condition that a new church would be built in a less fashionable place. The site selected for Riverside Church was on the banks of the Hudson, not far from Harlem. Music: John Hughes (1873-1932), a Welshman who spent most of his life as a railway worker. This tune was at first circulated in leaflet form because hymnal editors considered it too vigorous to be a proper hymn tune. They eventually succumbed to popular pressure.
- † **Postlude** – from the *Suite No. 4 in B-flat major*, published in 1947 by Léon Boëllmann, who was born in the Alsace, dying a few weeks after his 35th birthday. “A dedicated teacher, trenchant critic, gifted composer and successful performer who coaxed pleasing sounds out of recalcitrant instruments.”

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Trinity Men's Group	Come and enjoy fellowship and discussion around the Word	Terry Nechuta 908-956-5848
Trinity Women's Group	Read, discuss and inwardly digest the scriptures in fellowship with other women	Carol Beier 908-578-3473
Stephen Ministry	Consider inviting a Stephen Minister to walk with you on your journey	Fr Andy Kruger 609-933-5227
Episcopal Church Women (ECW)	Fellowship with other women from Trinity and support various church functions and causes	Holly Ives 908-277-2821 Doreen Taylor 908-313-8829
Sunday School Class	Planting the seeds of Faith in the lives of our young people	Kate DiFonzo 973-896-4805 Jennifer Cammarota 908-499-6325
Confirmation Class	A safe space for the young people of our parish to ask and explore the hard questions of the Faith	John Beier 908-578-9799 Marion Nechuta 908-451-4498 Beth Rees 917-836-1997
Outreach	We are Christ's hands, feet, eyes and ears	Marion Nechuta 908-451-4498 Helen Shteynberg 908-803-0310
Choir & Handbells	"Those who sing, pray twice." – St. Augustine	Anthony Rafaniello 860-205-7143
Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs)	Administer the Chalice of life & bring the Scriptures to life	Bonnie Gentesse 908-377-4344 Kavita Medanki 347-226-8103
Ushers	The front line of welcoming at Trinity	Heather Burnett 973-495-2535 David Burnett 908-591-2331
Acolytes	Lift High the Cross & Shine the Light of Christ	Fr. Andy Kruger 609-933-5227
Altar Guild	Come and work behind the scenes for our great good, and for God's greater glory	Carol Beier 908-578-3473
Building and Grounds	Help maintain the beauty and functionality of our inheritance	Tom Kaercher 908-591-0962 John Zebrowski 908-358-4254
Stewardship Committee	Supporting Trinity financially is both the privilege and the cost of discipleship	Peter Waldron 908-917-0298
Counters	Ensure accurately recorded giving	Marion Nechuta 908-451-4498
Fellowship Luncheon	Join us for Feasting and Fellowship and interesting speakers	Susan Olszewski 908-591-5370 Susan Nelson 908-397-3944
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Ministry of the Imprisoned	Minister to those who are incarcerated and discover that you are serving Christ himself	Casey Woodruff 908-868-4915
Trinity Episcopal Senior Youth (TESY)	Come and enjoy food, fellowship, faith with other young people from our parish	Kate Annarelli 727-482-1314 Bobby Barone 973-985-3719 Sarah Burnett 908-671-6707 Calvin Woodruff 908-873-8218
Land Acknowledgement	Explore the history of the land on which we worship	Fr. Andy 609-933-5227
TEDS	Help to strengthen the ties between church and school	Nancy Ditzel 908-295-6204