

Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



"The Last Sermon of Our Lord (Dernier Sermon de Notre-Seigneur)" - James Tissot

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rite I Holy Eucharist

May 9, 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 Altar Flowers are given, and the Sanctuary Candle burns, for the Glory of God
and in loving memory of John Lavery from the Robinson family*

Welcome

Andy Kruger

The Presider processes, the bell is rung, and the people stand.

Acclamation

BCP 323

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

Gloria

BCP 324

**Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Collect of the Day

BCP 173

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee
such good things as pass our understanding:
Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we,
loving thee in all things and above all things,
may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire;
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

Acts 10:44-48

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

1. Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
2. With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
3. The Lord has made known his victory; *
**his righteousness has he openly shown
in the sight of the nations.**
4. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
5. Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
6. Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
7. With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
8. Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
9. Let the rivers clap their hands, *
**and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.**
10. In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Reader A reading from the first letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world.

And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand.

Gospel

John 15:9-17

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

“You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

Andy Kruger

After the prayer the people are seated.

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*

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. No physical contact is permitted.

Announcements

Andrew Kruger

Offertory Sentence

BCP 344

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty. For all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine.

Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. *1 Chronicles 29:11*

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life. 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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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

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

Protocol for the Reception of Communion Bread

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

What you need to know today ...

The Banns of Marriage are published between Patti Fernicola and Jennifer Czylek. You are required to give your consent to their marriage, if you cannot you are to speak now or else for ever hereafter hold your peace. The wedding date is Saturday, May 29. This is the first time of asking.

Parish Office Marion Nechuta is in the office on Thursday afternoons to field phone calls only, no in-person contact is permitted at this time. Marion may be contacted via the parish email or her cell (908-451-4498) during the rest of the week from 2:30 PM to 5 PM.

Lilianna Ilich was baptized last Sunday, May 2; support the newest parishioner by watching the video recording of the service [here](#).

'The Liturgical Year through Stained Glass' is an instructional video created by Trinity's Confirmation class and using Trinity's stained-glass windows to illustrate the liturgical seasons; watch it [here](#).

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 parish office with any questions as to the process. Please note, the deadline is 4 PM Wednesday before the Sunday being requested; remember that there can be multiple attributions each week.

<i>May 16</i>	(flowers) in celebration of the baptism of Wesley William Ditzel IV and in celebration of Fr. Andy's birthday; (candle) in loving memory of Florence Drummond from Nancy Ditzel
<i>May 23</i>	In celebration of the birthday of Emma Willix (the 19 th) from Stephanie & Jim Willix
<i>May 30</i>	In loving memory of Charles Edward Post from Sophie Beier
<i>June 6</i>	In loving memory of Charles Pecoraro, from his daughter Dianne Pecoraro, and grandchildren Sal and Danielle Brown
<i>Sept 12</i>	In loving memory of Joan Collins-Beres from her daughter, Cheryl Pantina

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.

Intercessory Prayer List Each person on the list is prayed for at Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. You are encouraged to add and update your prayer requests; [please click on this link](#). Please remember to move the person you are praying for to the "Thanksgiving for Healing" section if and when that becomes appropriate.

What you need to know this week ...

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

Trinity Women's Group meets on the second Monday of the month from 7 PM to 8 PM online. All women of the parish are invited to explore the scriptures together. The next meeting is tomorrow, May 10.

Trinity Handbell Choir rehearsal is every Wednesday at 6:30 PM in-person Do you love the sound of the handbells and chimes? Do you think it's impossible for you to do? Let our music director help you find your inner rhythm. [Click here for more information and to sign-up](#), visit TrinityCranford.org and click *Music*, or contact Anthony Rafaniello (anthonyrafaniello@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Trinity Virtual Choir rehearsal is every Wednesday at 8 PM online Anyone who enjoys music should consider participating, even without the ability to read music. [Click here for more information and to sign-up](#), visit *TrinityCranford.org* and click *Music*, or contact Anthony Rafaniello (anthonyrafaniello@gmail.com) if you would like to participate or if you have any questions.

Women's Bible Study Thursdays from 10 AM to 11:30 AM via Trinity's online platform. Nancy Miller leaves the discussion on Catherine of Sienna and moves on to Mechthild (or Matilda) of Magdeburg (1207-1288), the first mystic to write in German, a Beguine, and a Christian medieval mystic, whose book *The Flowing Light of Divinity* is a compendium of visions, prayers, dialogs and mystical accounts.

Compline Consider ending your day with the peaceful prayer office of Compline, Thursday nights at 8 PM via Trinity's online platform.

COVID CONNECT helpline provides support to individuals who are experiencing mental health and substance abuse issues related to the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Call (833) 223-0011 Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 8 PM.

What you need to know for the future ...

Baptisms During the Easter Season The sacrament of baptism is being offered at the Great Easter Vigil and on Sundays during the season of Easter at the 8 AM in-person and physically-distanced service. Please pray for the candidates, their parents, and sponsors as they prepare for the sacrament of baptism. Below are the names of the catechumens in order of their date for baptism.

- † Last Sunday of Easter, May 16 (Wesley Ditzel IV)
- † Day of Pentecost, May 23 (Matias Juarez)

Sandwich Sunday Consider participating in this important outreach effort to feed the poor. St. John's Episcopal in Elizabeth is our sister parish; it is a privilege to team up with their efforts to alleviate hunger. Traditionally held on the third Sunday of the month; the next Sandwich Sunday is next week. Click [here](#) to learn about the necessary items which are needed to be delivered to Marion Nechuta by this Friday, May 14. Volunteers are needed to make the sandwiches this Saturday, May 15; those are delivered Sunday afternoon. To learn about this vital outreach; contact Marion Nechuta (908-451-4498) or email the office.

Children's Service On the third Sunday of the month, the 10 AM online Service of the Word with Spiritual Communion is directed towards the family with increased participation from our younger members, thus, next Sunday, May 16 (also, there is no Sunday school).

Sunday School Class is usually held on Sunday morning during the 10 AM service until May 30. For information, please contact the co-superintendents Marion Nechuta (marionnechuta@yahoo.com) or Dr. Elizabeth Rees (bethrees09@gmail.com).

CCC/IFHRC Scholarship The recipient of the Cranford Clergy Council/Interfaith Human Relations Committee (CCC/IFHRC) Scholarship must be a graduating senior from any public or private school and is a congregant of a Cranford House of Worship. The students must be active in their church or synagogue and must plan to continue their education by attending college or vocational school. This award is not based on academic or athletic achievement, but on how their faith has encouraged them to serve God and people through volunteerism in their House of Worship and Community. Applications must be completed and submitted by Noon on June 1.

Calling all graduates [Register](#) for this year's Baccalaureate celebration with Bishop Stokes, featuring the presentation of scholarships, a virtual parade of graduates, and more!

Trinity Men's Group meets on the first Saturday of the month from 8 AM to 9 AM online. All men of the parish are invited to explore the scriptures together. Last week, the discussion centered on the book of the prophet Isaiah. The group's next meeting is June 5.

Assistance with clothing and footwear for families in need will be offered by Calvary Tabernacle on Saturday, June 5. Click [here](#) for more information.

Outdoor In-Person Eucharist on Sunday, June 6 at 10 AM. The parish will bid farewell to Joe and Julia Bardzilowski during this service as they prepare for their move out of the area. There will be a fellowship hour after the service with an ice cream truck and other snacks.

Game Night Confirmation Class vs. Sunday School Sunday, June 13 from 5 PM to 6:30 PM under the tents. Games for all ages; which team will win the most? A link to register will be provided closer to the date.

Saint John's Episcopal Church in Elizabeth is our sister parish. Their Pantry is getting bare. Please help in stocking it; [click here](#) for more details about the items needed and deliver them to Marion Nechuta at 310 W. Clay Avenue, Roselle Park.

Cranford's Equity and Inclusivity Initiative invites young adults (ages 14 to 20) to discuss issues of race and ethnicity. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Mystagogia is the period when believers contemplate the Church's life and sacraments. As part of the *Year of Eucharist*, the 150th Liturgical Committee offers an online class delving into the mysteries of the Eucharist. The class takes the form of an instructed Eucharist followed by

discussion time. Click [here](#) to view the most recent Mystagogia class on the Trinity website. The next class will be announced.

Lectionary & Liturgy

In the last weeks of Eastertide, our liturgical readings explore the results of the dying and rising of Jesus. Both the Gospel reading and the reading from 1 John speak of the self-giving love of God, revealed in Jesus' Passover from death to life, as the primary characteristic of our lives in Christ.

In this Sunday's reading from Acts, Peter and some other Jewish Christians were astounded to see Gentiles in the household of Cornelius receive the Holy Spirit just as they had on the Day of Pentecost. Peter's last reservations about welcoming Gentiles into the Church are erased and he and the other joyfully lead them to the waters of Baptism.

This Sunday was once called Rogation Sunday because medieval Christians went in processions (rogating) around the parish praying for the newly planted crops during this week. This is a good time to seek more effective ways to care for our environment and to witness that God's love is not only for humanity but also for the entire creation.

Joined together by God's spirit in baptism, bound up in the dying and rising of Jesus, related by creation to all the earth, we the people of God bring all our lives and one another into the saving love of God in Eucharist.

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