

Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



"The Survivors" – Käthe Kollwitz

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost *Dedication Sunday in Stewardship Season*

Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II

Proper 25 ~ October 25, 2026 at 10 AM



The Reverend Andrew David Kruger ~ Rector & Presider

Anthony J. Rafaniello ~ Director of Music & Organist

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

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

I. Gathering of God's People

Gathering Hymn

Abbot's Leigh

Hymnal 379

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
 3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind-ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

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

Collect for Purity

Book of Common Prayer 355

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria

Robert Powell

Hymnal S 280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

Blessing of the Sunday School Children and Teachers

Andrew Kruger

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

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Reader A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain – that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees – as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.”

Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All sing the Antiphon and Psalm.



Teach us, O LORD, to num - ber our days, that we may ap - ply our hearts to wis - dom.



TONE VIII.1

- 1 Lord, you have been our *réfuge* *
from one generation / to anóther.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the *land* and the *éarth* were born, *
from age / to age *yóu* are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the *dúst* and say, *
"Go / back, O *child* of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when *ít* is past *
and like a / watch in *thé* night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a *dréam*; *
we fade away sud/denly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and *flóurishes*; *
in the evening it is dried / up and *withered*.
- 13 Return, O LORD; how long will you *tárry*? *
be gracious / to your *sérvants*.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the *mórníng*; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the / days of *óur* life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suf/fered *advérsity*.
- 16 Show your servants your *wórk*s *
and your splendor / to their *chíldren*.
- 17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be *upón* us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
pros/per our *hándiwork*. [*Ant.*]

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Reader A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts.

As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

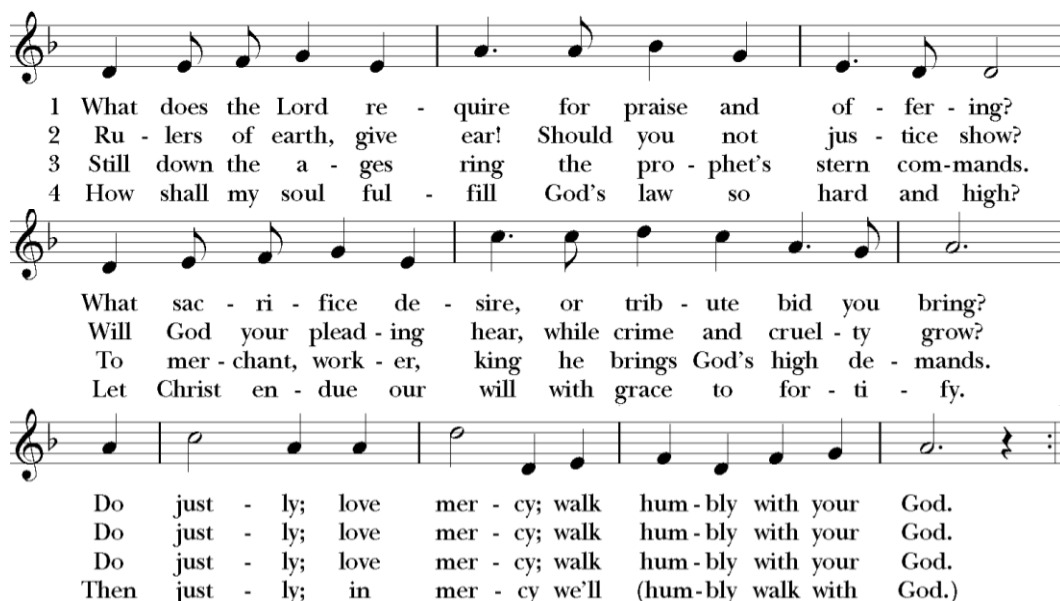
People **Thanks be to God.**

Proclaiming Hymn

Sharphorne

Hymnal 605

The People stand.



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.)

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

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

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

III. Responding to the Proclaimed Word of God

Homily

Andrew Kruger

Nicene Creed

Enriching Our Worship 53

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,
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

The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS)

Presider Let us pray to the Lord.

Trusting in God's abundance and welcome, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all creation.

The Intercessor prays

Gracious God, you have made plenty good room for us in your household. Inspire your church to be a place of welcome, generosity, and love. We thank you for the resources you have entrusted to us, and we pray for wisdom to use them in service of your mission.

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

God of community, you bind us together in relationships of care and compassion. Strengthen the bonds within this congregation, and guide us to extend hospitality to our neighbors near and far.

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

God of abundance, you invite us to respond with gratitude for all your gifts. Bless this stewardship campaign, that our pledges of time, talent, and treasure may be faithful signs of our trust in you.

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

God of creation, you have made a world with plenty good room for all living things. Teach us to care for the earth and to share its resources with justice and joy.

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

God of mercy, your dwelling place has room for all who suffer. Be present with those who are sick, lonely, grieving, or in any kind of need. Surround them with your healing and your peace.

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

God of hope, you prepare a place for us in your eternal home. We remember before you those who have died, confident that they now rest in your embrace.

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

The Presider prays

Loving God, you call us into your abundant life and promise that there is plenty good room for all your children. Hear our prayers and accept the offerings of our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

BCP 360

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Andrew Kruger

Stewardship Ministry Minute

Jennifer Cammarota

IV. Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Offertory Sentence

John 14:2

The Presider says

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

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

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest” – Healey Willan

Words: J.S.B. Monsell

Sing to the Lord of harvest,	By Him the clouds drop fatness,	Heap on His sacred altar
Sing songs of love and praise;	The deserts bloom and spring,	The gifts His goodness gave,
With Joyful hearts and voices	The hills leap up in gladness,	The golden sheaves of harvest,
Your alleluias raise!	The valleys laugh and sing.	The souls He died to save.
By Him the rolling seasons	He filleth with His fullness,	Your hearts lay down before Him
In fruitful order move;	All things with large increase;	When at His feet ye fall,
Sing to the Lord of harvest	He crowns the year with goodness,	And with your lives adore Him
A song of happy love.	With plenty, and with peace.	Who gave his life for all.

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

Offertory Hymn

Repton

Andrew Kruger

1. "My Fa - ther's house_ has_ ma - ny rooms;" so
2. The gifts we bring_ are_ first God's own, re -
3. Make now your dwell - ing, Lord, with us, as

speaks the Liv - ing Word. God's wel - come tran - scends
turned with thank - ful praise; God wid - ens heart and
we would dwell in you; lead ev - er on from

length and breadth; no hu - man heart can plumb the_ depth, of_
soul and mind, and calls us still new grace to_ find, through
grace to grace, till all cre - a - tion knows your_ face; all_

what God's love_ has_ stirred, of what God's love has stirred.
all our nights and_ days, through all our nights and days.
things re - stored a - new, all things re - stored a - new.

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.

Dedication of Pledges

The Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel alt.

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving. Receive these pledge cards, a token of our thanks for the awesome gifts that you have given to us. We offer them in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, and for all we are challenged to become, in this place. Let them be the first fruits of all we have, and not what we have left over, so that what we offer is a worthy sacrifice, and all for your great glory. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 1

EOW 57

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 have been our haven from generation to generation. From age to age, you are God.

You created the mountains, and brought the earth to birth. Through your servant Moses you led your people to freedom, and after seeing from afar the land of promise, he died, returning to dust like all the children of earth.

In your child, Jesus Christ one even greater than Moses has come to us. On him rests the Spirit of wisdom and truth, and on his words hang all the law and the prophets. Though he was killed by love's enemies, you raised him to life and seated him at your right hand. In him we have seen the splendour of your work and through him you have entrusted us with the wonderful news of your love for the world.

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



Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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

BCP 364

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

Agnus Dei

Robert Powell

Hymnal S 163

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Invitation

BCP 364

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

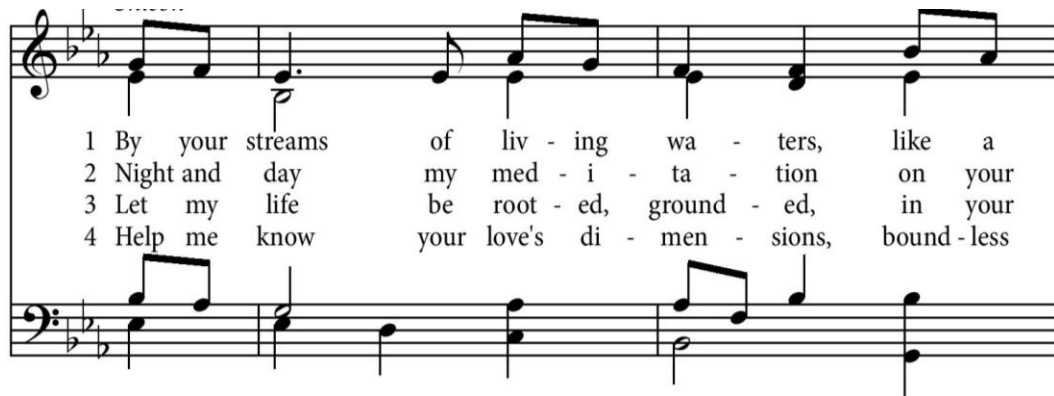
Gardiner

Hymnal 609

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed
3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the
4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to
5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low

1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -
4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less
5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy

1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.
2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.
3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.
4 throngs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;
5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.



1 By your streams of liv - ing wa - ters, like a
 2 Night and day my med - i - ta - tion on your
 3 Let my life be root - ed, ground - ed, in your
 4 Help me know your love's di - men - sions, bound - less



strong and fruit - ful tree, let me grow, Lord, in your
 sav - ing word shall stay; guide my thoughts, and all my
 love, O Christ my Lord; from the rich - es of your
 depth and width and height; come Lord Je - sus, dwell with -



know - ledge and your faith - ful serv - ant be.
 liv - ing, in the straight and nar - row way.
 glo - ry, strength of soul be my re - ward.
 in me; with your full - ness make me bright.

Communion Meditation

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

Taizé Community

The musical score is written for two voices, Treble and Bass, in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is simple and homophonic, using mostly chords and single notes. The lyrics are in English and Spanish. The first system covers the first line of the song, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -
El Se - ñor es mi for - ta - le - za, el Se - ñor es mi can -

joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your
ción. Él nos da la sal - va - ción. En él con -

voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.
fí - o, no te - me - ré. En él con - fí - o, no te - me - ré.

Post-communion Prayer

Common Worship

Presider Let us pray.

The People stand.

People **We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste
of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

Commission and Blessing

Nathan Nettleton alt.

Presider Declare the message of the gospel
which God has entrusted to us,
and in wholehearted love for God and for others,
share not only the message, but your very selves.

And may God be your haven;
May Christ Jesus lead you into love - heart, soul and mind;
And may the Holy Spirit bless the work of your hands
and gladden all your days. **Amen.**

V. Going out as God's People

Sending Hymn

Coronation

Hymnal 450

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros-trate
2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar
3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of
3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

Dismissal

BCP 366

Presider

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 553 – Johann Sebastian Bach

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...

Pledge Dedication during today's service If you have not yet returned your pledge, please submit it to the office as soon as possible.

Bake Sale Today after each service by the Outreach Committee to raise money for Musaga Richards sponsorship. The goal is \$360. Musaga lives in the Good Shepherd Home in Cameroon, West Africa and the sponsorship provides him with clothes, food, education and medical expenses.

Sunday School Children (PreK-3 through Grade 4) gather in the church at the beginning of the service. Children and teachers receive a blessing after the collect of the day, depart for class, then return in time for Holy Communion. Younger children, supervised by their parents, are welcome in the nursery section of the narthex.

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

Children's Choir Rehearsal Today at 11:30 AM in the Church.

Vestry Meeting Today at 11:30 AM in Sherlock Hall, please pray for the leadership of our parish:

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in Trinity's Vestry for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach them in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide them to perceive what is right, and grant them both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Financial Snapshot As of September 30, \$168,000 has been received versus \$176,000 pledged YTD. Thanks is given for the continued support of the parish, if the financial situation has changed, or to adjust a pledge, please inform the financial secretary, Carol Beier.

Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle Both are individually available for personal attribution, to remember loved ones, to honor others, to celebrate lives. Anyone can make a request; there is no fee. Email the office by 4 PM Wednesday each week; multiple attributions are allowed. Altar flowers cost the parish \$75 per week, and are a line item in the church budget. Donations towards that are gratefully appreciated and may be made anonymously via the collection plate or through the office.

What you need to know this week...

The Daily Offices Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer are offered online from Monday-Friday at 8:30 AM and 5 PM. Add and update prayer requests via the link in the email blast. The list is prayed twice a day at Morning and Evening Prayer.

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

All Souls Service Wednesday, October 28 at 7:30 PM; remember all those whom we love but see no longer.

Handbell Choir Rehearsals None this Wednesday, October 28 due to the worship service (usually from 7 PM to 7:50 PM in the church).

Trinity Adult Choir This Wednesday, October 28 from 7 PM to 7:30 PM in the church due to the worship service.

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

What you need to know in the future...

The Sacrament of Baptism Baptism will be offered on the Feast of All Saints (observed on Sunday, November 1).

Rector in South Africa Fr Andy will return to South Africa to officiate his nephew's wedding, he will be away from Friday, November 6 through Saturday, November 13.

Acolyte & Thurifer Training Sunday, November 15 immediately after the 10 AM Eucharist for all current and aspirant acolytes.

Fellowship Luncheon Thursday, November 19, 12:30-2 PM in Witherington Hall. The Thanksgiving Feast is chicken pot pie and sides; instead of a speaker, everyone is given a chance to say a few words about what they're thankful for this year. It's a very special time.

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

St John's Update – Gratitude, Grief & Discernment

From Father Andy:

For many years, Trinity's partnership with St. John's in Elizabeth has given practical expression to our love of God and neighbor. Through Sandwich Sunday, parishioners have prepared, transported, and distributed food for neighbors experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. This shared ministry has been sustained by many faithful hands, and I am deeply grateful to everyone whose generosity has made it possible.

I now need to share a difficult update.

In a conversation this week, Bishop Sally French explained that providing heat for St. John's church this winter would require significant expenditure. The diocesan property evaluator is expected to visit within a month to assess whether heating the building is feasible and sustainable. This immediate concern forms part of a wider picture: two of St. John's three buildings are structurally unsound, and the congregation faces considerable uncertainty. The Bishop described the situation as "tenuous."

At the same time, the move of St. John's Sunday service to the afternoon means that Sandwich Sunday can no longer continue under the changed circumstances. Neighbors who previously gathered after morning worship are no longer consistently present. The later schedule also makes it difficult to gather sufficient Trinity volunteers to return after our morning services to prepare, transport, and distribute sandwiches.

There is much here to grieve. We mourn the ending of a longstanding ministry, worry for a vulnerable congregation, and feel the sadness of seeing beloved buildings fall into decline. For several Trinity parishioners who were baptized and confirmed at St. John's, this news touches their own history of faith and belonging. Their grief is deeply personal. Let us allow one another room for these different sorrows, and hold the people and leadership of St. John's in our prayers.

Alongside grief, many of us will feel an immediate desire to find another way to serve. That impulse is a precious expression of our baptismal calling to seek and serve Christ in others. Bishop French encouraged us to explore other partnerships, specifically suggesting St. Elizabeth's and San José in Elizabeth. These are possibilities we can approach with openness, ready to learn about the life and ministry of those communities.

As we consider what comes next, it is helpful to remember the longer journey of discernment to which Trinity has already committed itself. The Vestry has agreed to establish a Mission Discernment Committee to help guide the whole parish through a process beginning this fall and unfolding through 2027 and beyond. At its heart is this question: ***What is God doing in and around our community, and how is Trinity being called to participate?***

During Lent 2027, we will explore the Church's history and our own parish story. Through the Paschal season, Acts will help us attend to the Holy Spirit's leading. Through the summer, we will listen to parishioners and neighbors, bringing what we learn into a season of discernment in the fall. Together, we will seek greater clarity about the commitments God is inviting us to make.

Trinity's worship, service, and care for our neighbors will continue throughout this process. Our eagerness to begin something new can be held within a patient attention to God and one another. Mission embraces the whole of our Christian life: proclaiming the gospel, nurturing faith, loving service, pursuing justice and reconciliation, and caring for creation.

Christ gathers us into communion and sends us out to share in God's work. The relationships formed through Sandwich Sunday remain part of the life we bring to that calling. With gratitude for all we have received, tenderness toward those who grieve, and a willingness to listen, we can trust the Holy Spirit to guide our next faithful steps.

Lectionary & Liturgy

As we continue to read the Gospel according to Matthew, we hear another of the confrontations between Jesus and the Pharisees. Last week they tried to discredit him with the people and the government; today they test his orthodoxy. Jesus answers their question in correct Jewish form and then counters with a question to them. This passage is leading toward the Christian belief that Jesus is more than a descendent of King David; he is the Son of God.

Today we hear today the conclusion of Moses' part of the story of God's People. God led him to the top of the mountain to see the land that had been the goal of the journey. After Moses' death in the wilderness, the people he led entered the Land of Promise. In the second reading, Paul continues his greetings to the Thessalonian church, reminding them of his original visit to them and of his love and affection for them.

In the Eucharist, we experience the dual nature of our own existence: related to God and yet human. We are not simply living at the human level but through baptism are bearers of divinity. In the mundane elements of common food and drink, we meet God. Likewise, in our lives our human nature is permeated by God's nature. This is the reason we can pray; this is the reason we are sent into the world to minister to others.

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- † **Copyrighted Music** – Reprinted and streamed with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-727521. All rights reserved.
- † **Cover Art** – The sermon today draws on Rowan Williams' recent book, *Solidarity: The Work of Recognition*, and explores Jesus' words, "And a second is like it," and what it means to love our neighbors in a world where we are increasingly confronted with the suffering of people far beyond our immediate communities. The sermon focuses on moving beyond sympathy toward genuine recognition and solidarity. Käthe Kollwitz's *The Survivors* (1923) is a stark portrayal of those left to endure the consequences of war seems particularly appropriate. The German phrase "Krieg dem Kriege!" translates to "War against war!" in English. It is most famously the title of the 1924 anti-war photographic book *Krieg dem Kriege!* by German pacifist and anarchist Ernst Friedrich, which exposed the horrors and human costs of World War I.
- † **Gathering Hymn** – Words: Timothy Rees (1874-1939); a distinguished speaker both in English and Welsh and a respected hymnographer. Although a member of the Welsh establishment, he was on the side of the working man, taking a leading role in the promotion of occupational clubs and other activities for the jobless. Music: Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1992), the son and grandson of clergy. "No modern hymnal would want to omit this great 20th-century tune!" –[*Psalter Hymnal Handbook*] ©1942, renewal 1970 by Hope Publishing Company
- † **Gloria** – Words: Anonymous, 15th century medieval. Music: Robert Powell (1932-2025), American composer and organist.
- † **Collect of the Day** – The message is clear and forthright: only if we love what God commands can we render cheerful obedience, and for this we need the gifts of faith, hope, and charity. The Latin form has "that we may deserve to obtain what you promise," but Cranmer eliminated any idea of merit from the collect. –[*Notes on the American Prayer Book* by Marion Hatchett]
- † **Proclaiming 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]

- † *** 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** – This is a straight-forward setting of the Thanksgiving text by J.S.B. Monsell (1811-1875); Healey Willan (1880-1968) was a Canadian composer and organist serving high-profile churches in Toronto during his lifetime. Best known for sacred organ and choral pieces, he composed over 800 works and named a Companion of the Order of Canada in 1967. –[Julia Davids]
- † **Offertory Hymn** – Words: Andrew Kruger. Music: Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918); influenced as a composer principally by Bach and Brahms, Parry evolved a powerful diatonic style which itself greatly influenced future English composers such as Elgar and Vaughan Williams. His own full development as a composer was hampered by the immense amount of work he took on, but his energy and charisma, not to mention his abilities as a teacher and administrator, helped establish art music at the center of English cultural life.
- † **Proper Preface** – Nathan Nettleton is pastor to South Yarra Community Baptist Church, a small congregation located in an inner-city neighborhood of Melbourne, Australia; he also writes and teaches on Christian worship and Baptist identity. His website provides liturgical resources from which we have drawn this preface. –[© 2001 LaughingBird]
- † **The Lord’s Prayer** – John Dominica Crossan writes “What if the Lord’s Prayer is neither a Jewish prayer for Jews nor yet a Christian prayer for Christians? What if it is instead a prayer from the heart of Judaism on the lips of Christianity for the conscience of the world? What if it is instead a radical manifesto and a hymn of hope for all humanity in language addressed to all the earth?”
- † **First Communion Hymn** – Words: Frank Mason North (1850-1935). One of the earliest and finest modern “city hymns,” it focuses on the ills of our great urban centers (and ignores their benefits) with the insight and compassion of a Christian worker in the city slums. His descriptive phrases may have been startling then, but they are even more accurate descriptions of the massive cities in our world today. Primarily a churchman, he had intimate knowledge of urban life because of his work for the Methodist Church in New York City. –[*Psalter Hymnal Handbook*, 1987] Music: from *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; arr. William Gardiner (1770-1853).
- † **Second Communion Hymn** – Words: Joy F. Patterson Music: Roy Hopp Words 1994 & Music 1990 c Selah Publishing
- † **Communion Meditation** – Words and Music: Taizé Community –[© 1998, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent]. In 1955, Jacques Berthier (1923-1994), a French composer of liturgical music, was asked to compose music for the nascent community of 20 brothers at Taizé Community. In 1975, he returned and for the next 20 years built up a body of church music that is widely used in North American church music in both Roman Catholic and Protestant traditions. Until his death he served for 33 years as organist at St. Ignace Church, Paris; he requested that none of his own music be used in his funeral at Saint-Sulpice.
- † **Sending Hymn** – Words: Edward Perronet (1726-1792); all accounts show him to be a sharp-tongued, difficult personality, who would rather pick a fight over theology than display brotherly love. He split with the Wesleys over administering the Sacraments and his violent attacks on the established church, saying, “I was born and I am like to die in the tottering communion of the Church of England; but I despise her nonsense.” –[Greg Scheer, 1997] Music: Oliver Holden (1765-1844) wrote the tune specifically for the text. Reared in a small rural community with a minimal formal education, he worked as a carpenter and was involved in community service in Charlestown, holding posts in the Anti-Slavery Society and in the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

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