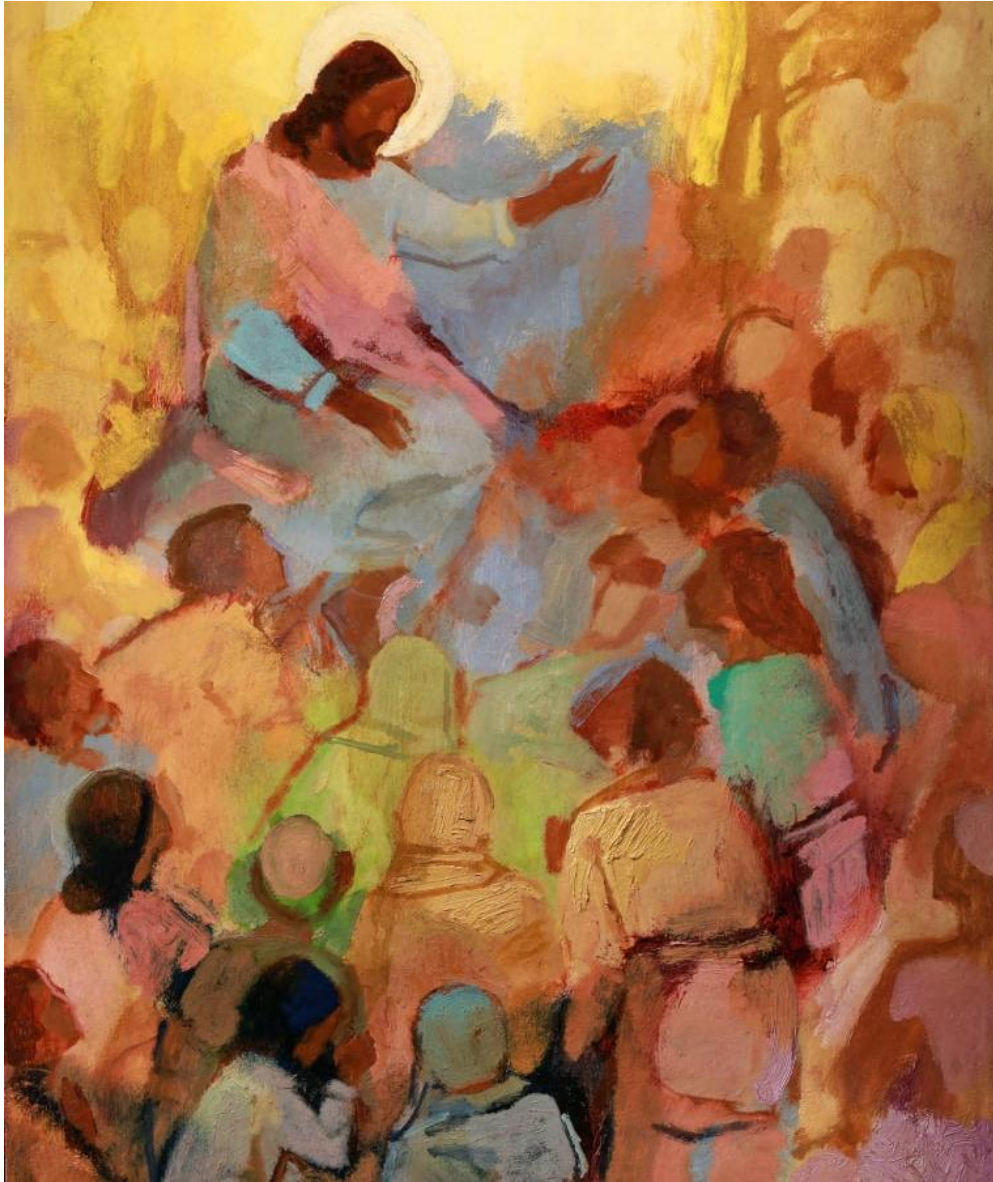


Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



"Teacher" – J. Kirk Richards

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II ~ May 10, 2026 at 10 AM



The Reverend Andrew David Kruger - Rector & Presider
Anthony J. Rafaniello - Director of Music & Organist
Casey Woodruff - Senior Warden & Kathleen M. Murray - Junior Warden

*The Sanctuary Candle and Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of all mothers for Mother's Day*

Prelude

“Chorale Prelude on *Rhosymedre*” – Ralph Vaughan Williams

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

I. Gathering of God’s People

Gathering Hymn

Lobe den Herren

Hymnal 390



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 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.

Easter Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer 355

Presider

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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*William Mathias*

Hymnal S 278

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.

Collect of the Day

BCP 225

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

Acts 17:22-31

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.'

"What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

"From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

"Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

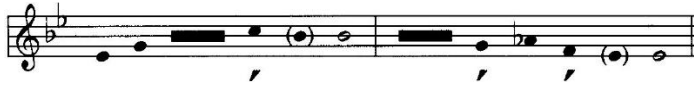
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All sing the Antiphon and Psalm.



Bless our God, who holds our souls in life, hal - le - lu - jah.



TONE V.3

- 7 Bless our God, you péoples; *
make the voice of his práise to bé heard;
- 8 Who holds our sóuls in life, *
and will not allow our féet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have próved us; *
you have tried us just as sílver ís tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens úpon óur backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and wáter; *
but you brought us out into a place óf refréshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay yóu my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I wás in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smóke of rams; *
I will give you óxen ánd goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who féar God, *
and I will tell you what hé has dóne for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my móuth, *
and his práise was ón my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my héart, *
the Lord would nót have héard me;
- 17 But in truth God has héard me; *
he has attended to the vóice of mý prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my práyer, *
nor withhéld his lóve from me. [Ant.]

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

Reader A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand and sing.

Paschal Troparion

Christos Anesti

Greek Orthodox

Chri - stos a - ne - sti ek ne - kron, tha - na - to
tha - na - ton pa - ti - sas ke tis
en tis mni - ma - si, zo - in cha - ri sa - me - nos.

Christ is ris - en from the dead, by death
tram - pling down up - on death and to
those in the tombs he has grant - ed life.

Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

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

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

III. Responding to the Proclaimed Word

Homily

Andrew Kruger

Nicene Creed

EOW1 53

Silence is observed and then 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

CW alt.

The Presider says

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

The Intercessor continues

That our risen Savior will fill us with the joy of the glorious and life-giving resurrection.

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

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter.

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

That God will grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love.

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

That those who lack food, work or shelter will be sustained and fulfilled.

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

That, by Christ's power, war and famine will cease through all the world.

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

That the light of Christ's presence will be revealed to the sick, the weak and the dying.

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

That all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day.

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

That the fire of the Holy Spirit will ignite us to bear faithful witness to the resurrection.

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

The Presider prays

Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers some day and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all women and men who have mothered others in any way—those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need; for the earth that bore us and provides our sustenance. We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother. **Amen.**

Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

Announcements

Andrew Kruger

IV. Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Offertory Sentence

1 Chronicles 29:11

The Presider says

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

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

“If Ye Love Me” – Thomas Tallis

Text: John 14:15-17

If ye love me keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you for ever;
even the spirit of truth.

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

Offertory Hymn

Vineyard Haven

Hymnal 392



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join
2 Let those refuse to sing that never knew our God; but
3 The heirs of grace have found glory begun below; cease
4 Then let our song abound and let our tears be dry; we're



in a song with sweet accord and thus surround the throne.
children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad.
les-tial fruits on earthly ground from faith and hope may grow.
marching through Emmanuel's ground to fairer worlds on high.



Refrain
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na! Re - jice, give thanks and sing.

Presentation of Gifts

An Anglican Prayer Book 1989

Presider
People

Source of all life, everything in heaven and on earth is yours:
All things come from you, and of your own do we give you. Amen.

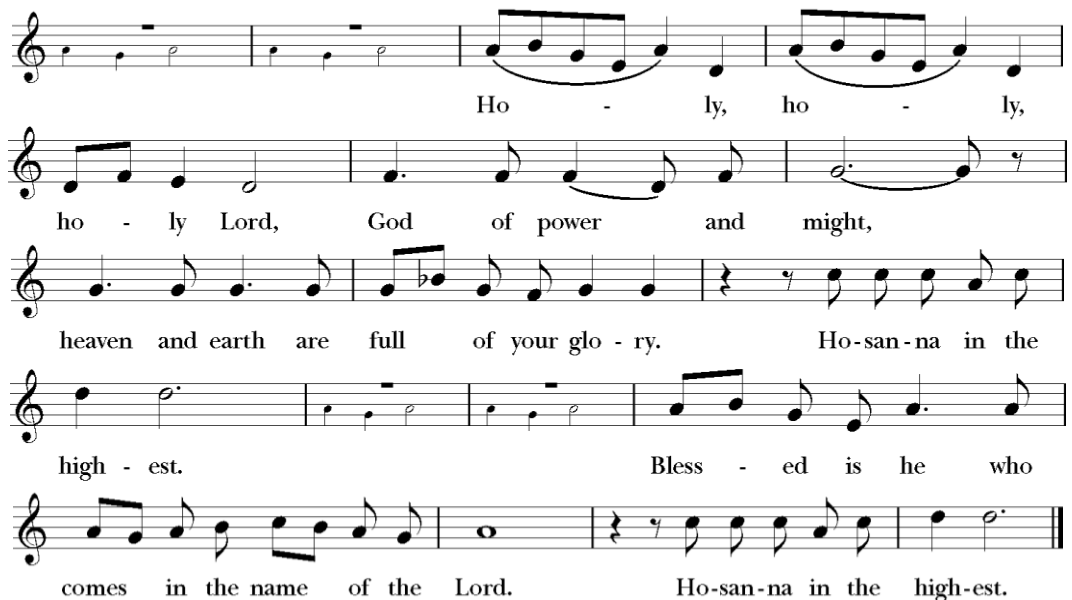
<p><i>Presider</i></p>  <p>The Lord be with you.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>And al - so with you.</p>
<p><i>Presider</i></p>  <p>Lift up your hearts.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p>
<p><i>Presider</i></p>  <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p>	
<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p>	

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S 128



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven 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.

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross we gain eternal life and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter, glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever.

The Risen Lord was recognized in the breaking of the bread, the fearful disciples received a blessing of peace, and the weary fishermen found a ready welcome on the lakeshore. To them all Christ renewed the pledge of his presence and the promise of new birth in the Spirit.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release when slaves walked free, at supper with his disciples, Jesus took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this to remember me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

People **Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the Body and the Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

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

Mathias/Kruger



Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.**

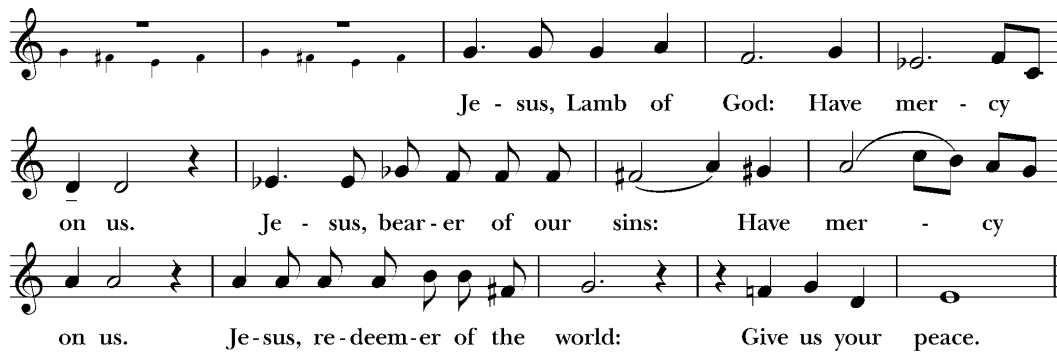
Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

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

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S 165



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your 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. Wine is offered by way of a sip from the common cup. You may choose to receive only the host. Gluten-free wafers are available by request to the priest.

First Communion Hymn

Kingsfold

Hymnal 292



1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast
2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be
3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy
trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -
given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe
throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -
forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and
from the bount - eous heaven. At - tem - per fair with
pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee
thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and
gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that
all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and
thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.
kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

Second Communion Hymn

Down Ampney

Hymnal 516

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,
 and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;
 O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place
 and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Taizé Chant

Llénanos Señor

Taizé Community

Llé - na - nos, Se - ñor, de tu paz. Por - que só - lo e - res
 Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are
 san - to. Llé - na - nos, Se - ñor, de tu paz, ¡A - le - lu - ya!
 ho - ly. Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Al - le - lu - ia!

Post Communion Prayer

CW

Presider Let us pray.

The People stand.

**Lord God our Father, through our Savior Jesus Christ
you have assured us of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Blessing

CW

The Presider blesses the people

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Lasst uns erfreuen

Hymnal 400

1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -

1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
4 way, O__ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
5 part, O__ sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
7 ness, O__ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the

1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain
O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal

BCP 366

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

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

Postlude

“Postlude in F Minor” – Luise Adolpha Le Beau

Banns of Marriage

The Banns of Marriage are published between Axelle Bougouma and Adrian Untermeyer. 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 16 at 11 AM in the Church. This is the third and final time of asking.

What you need to know today...

Happy Mother's Day!

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

Children's Choir The choir rehearses at 11:30 AM in the church.

"Care for Moms & Newborns" The Outreach Committee is collecting donations May 10-31 for this project, through Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD), which connects expectant mothers with local health care providers and critical education programming about food and nutrition to keep both mother and baby healthy.

"Well and Water Systems" \$1,624 was collected for this project through ERD. Outreach thanks the congregation for their donations.

What you need to know this week...

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

Trinity Women's Group This Monday, May 11 from 7 PM to 8 PM online.

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

Handbells and Choir Rehearsals This Wednesday, May 13; rehearsal for Handbells is 7 to 7:50 PM and Adult Choir is 8-9 PM.

Ascension Day A Rite II said service will be offered this Thursday, May 14, at 12 PM at Trinity to observe the Feast of Ascension.

What you need to know in the future...

Sandwich Sunday Next Sunday, May 17; contact Marion Nechuta (marionnechuta@yahoo.com or 908-451-4498) for more information. There are several ways to participate in this ministry (links to sign up are in the email blast):

- Sign up to supply items needed for the bags and the sandwiches
- Friday, May 15 from 6 PM to 7 PM – assemble food bags in Sherlock Hall
- Sunday, May 17 – assemble sandwiches between services and after 10 AM service
- Sunday, May 17 after Fellowship Hour – transport the sandwiches and food packets to St John's and help serve food

Fellowship Luncheon Thursday, May 21, 12:30 to 2 PM in Witherington Hall. The guest speakers are from the Union County Office of Health Management. The topic is "Osteoporosis, Arthritis & Fall Prevention" as well as details about their Chronic Disease Prevention Program sponsored by the NJ Department of Health. The theme is Cinco de Mayo with fajitas and other treats.

Annual Trinity Sunday Barbeque Sunday, May 31 after the 10 AM Eucharist. Click on the QR code or see this week's email blast.



Cranford High School Madrigal Choir Sunday, May 31 at 1:30 PM in the church. The choir presents its annual spring concert; the performance is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Cranford High School choral program.

Trinity Men's Group Saturday, June 6 at 8 AM in Witherington Hall.

Taizé Service and Potluck Dinner Thursday, June 11 starting at 7 PM hosted at Trinity. Connect with our neighbors from St John's in Elizabeth.

ECW Trinity Book Scholarship Applications are being collected until July 21. Application may be found on the email blast.

Lectionary & Liturgy

As we continue the Great Fifty Days of celebrating our redemption through the death and resurrection of Jesus, today's Gospel reading continues Jesus' words on the night before he died. The sign of our love of him is to follow his commandments and, above all, to love one another as he loves us. He promises not to leave his people alone but will send to them the Holy Spirit, the source of our unity with God and of Jesus' revelation of himself to us.

Today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles finds Paul preaching not to Jews and Greek converts to Judaism (as he usually did), but to the Greek philosophers in Athens. He proclaims that their unknown god is the God of the entire universe and the creator of all things. This God has been made known in the dying and rising of Jesus. Peter's epistle about baptism continues in our second reading calling on all the baptized to understand the difficulties of living in this world as our own sharing in the dying and rising of Jesus.

Our sharing in his redemptive death and in his resurrection was not completed in baptism; it was only begun. We are to live out that passage from death to life with his living presence through the Holy Spirit in our daily living.

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- † **Cover Art** – “Teacher” by Joel Kirk Richards (b. 1976), a contemporary artist whose work engages with themes of antiquity, religion, spirituality, equality, and love. His work asks questions about modern practice of religion as it relates to historical narratives and mythologies, prioritizing the poetry of devotional text over dogma or historical accuracy. Stylistically, Kirk's work bridges or walks a tightrope between classical and abstract expressionism.
- † **Prelude** – “Chorale Prelude on *Rhosymedre*” from *Three Chorale Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes* by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); named after the village in North Wales where the 19th-century Anglican priest John David Edwards served as vicar. Vaughan Williams used it as the basis of the 2nd movement. It was played at the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, and at the weddings of her two sons: Prince William (in 2011) and Prince Harry (in 2018).
- † **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.
- † **Collect of the Day** – The inspiration is 1 Corinthians 2:9. In the Latin there is a distinction between the uses of the word “love” in this collect. The word in the phrases “those who love” and “that we, loving” is related to the verb *diligere* (“to choose”). This has to do with an act of will. We pray that God may pour into our hearts the affect of such love (*tui amoris affectum*), which is rooted in an emotion (*amore*-love), that we may obtain the promises. The prayer recalls 1 John 4:19, “We love, because he first loved us.” –[*Notes on the American Prayer Book* by Marion Hatchett]
- † **Nicene Creed** – This version is 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 was a later development implemented only in the Western Church and without approval of a General Council.
- † **Offertory Anthem** – A four-part anthem by Thomas Tallis (1505-1585). The earliest sources for the anthem date from the reign of Edward VI and an example of Tudor music. It was sung when Pope Benedict XVI was at Westminster Abbey in 2010 and also at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle in 2018.
- † **Offertory Hymn** – Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); “as Watts sees it, religion does not take pleasure away for Christians but simply diverts it from the things of the world to the things of God.” –[David W. Music] “Happy will be that reader whose mind is disposed, by his verses or his prose, to imitate him in all but his non-conformity, to copy his benevolence to men, and his reverence to God.” –[Memorials of Westminster Abbey] Music: Richard Wayne Dirksen (1921-2003), American musician and composer, organist and choirmaster of the Washington National Cathedral, 1977-1988. “Widely acclaimed as one of the finest hymn tunes of our day” –[the editors of *Hymnology*] [©1974 Harold Flammer]
- † **First Communion Hymn** – Words: Edward White Benson (1829-1896), who spent the last 13 years of his life as Archbishop of Canterbury. Music: English melody thought by some scholars to date back to the Middle Ages; adapted by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). After having heard the tune in Kingsfold, Sussex, England (thus its name), he introduced it as a hymn tune in *The English Hymnal* (1906).
- † **Second Communion Hymn** – Words: originated as an Italian poem. *Discendi amor santo* by medieval mystic poet Bianco da Siena (1350-1399). Music: For its publication in *The English Hymnal* of 1906, Ralph Vaughan Williams composed this tune, named after Gloucestershire village of his birth. When he died, it was sung at his funeral in Westminster Abbey as his ashes were interred in the Musicians' Corner. –[By permission OUP]
- † **Taizé Chant** – Words & Music © 2014 Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications.
- † **Sending Hymn** – Words: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226). In the year 1225, completely blind and nearing death, he arrived at the Convent of St. Damian. Universally known for preaching to the animals, his whole life was one of service to God and humanity. It was there that he wrote “Canticle of the Sun” (a meditation on Psalm 145), later paraphrased into this hymn and translated by the Rev. William H. Draper (1855-1933). Music: melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623; adapt. for *The English Hymnal* of 1906 by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). This arrangement has become the standard for English-speaking churches; by permission of Oxford University Press.
- † **Postlude** – Luise Adolpha Le Beau (1850-1927) was a German composer of classical music. Like many other 19th century female composers, Le Beau began her career in music as a pianist, and later earned her living teaching, critiquing, and performing music.
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