Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



"Found" – Trygve Skogrand

The Reign of Christ

Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II

Proper 29 ~ November 22, 2026 at 10 AM

The Reverend Andrew David Kruger ~ Rector & Presider

Susan Caldwell Nelson ~ Musician-in-Residence & Organist

Anthony J. Rafaniello ~ Director of Music

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

The Sanctuary Candle and the Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robert and Bertha Shimkus and Susan Banyasz given by the Shimkus Family.
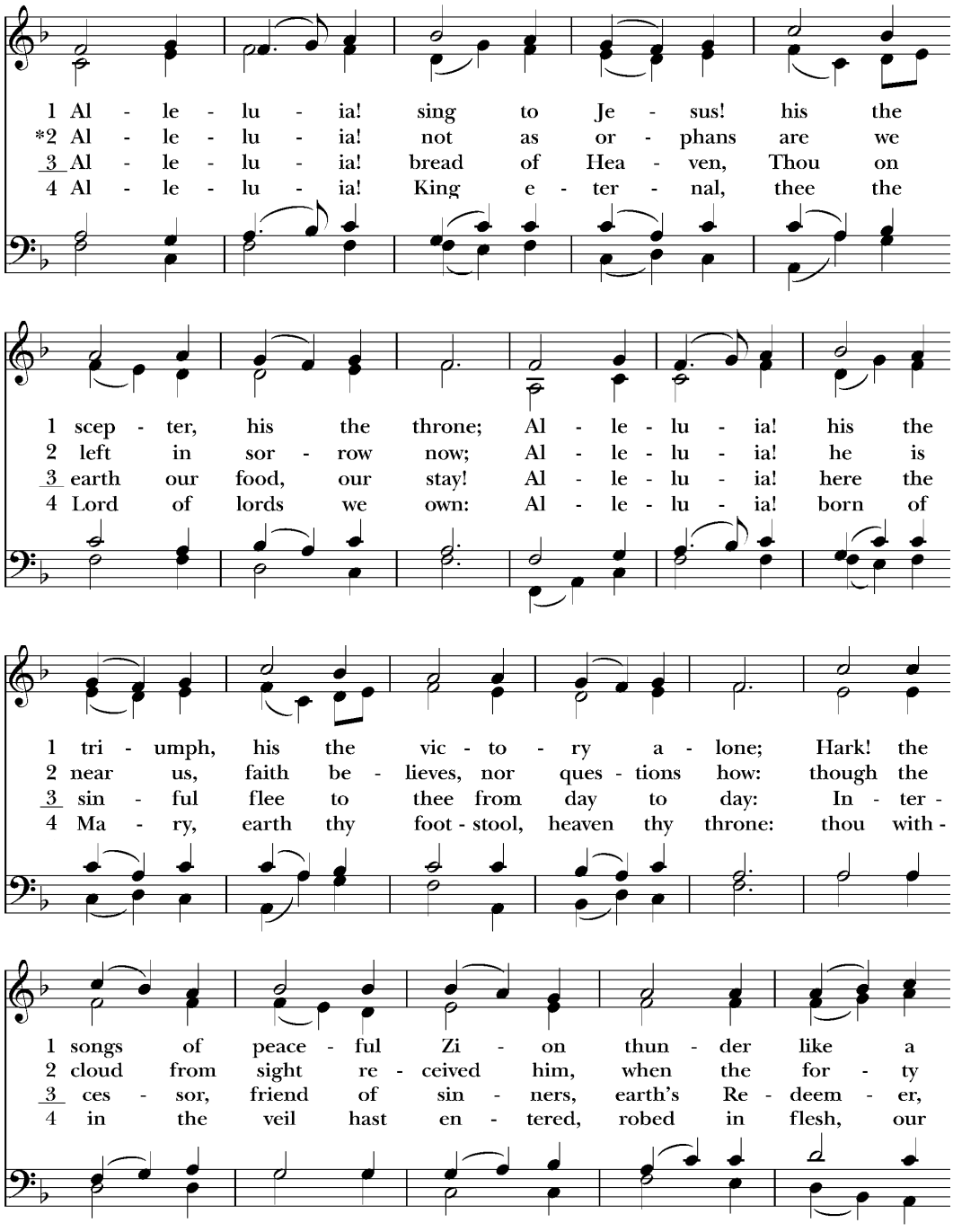
Welcome Andrew Kruger

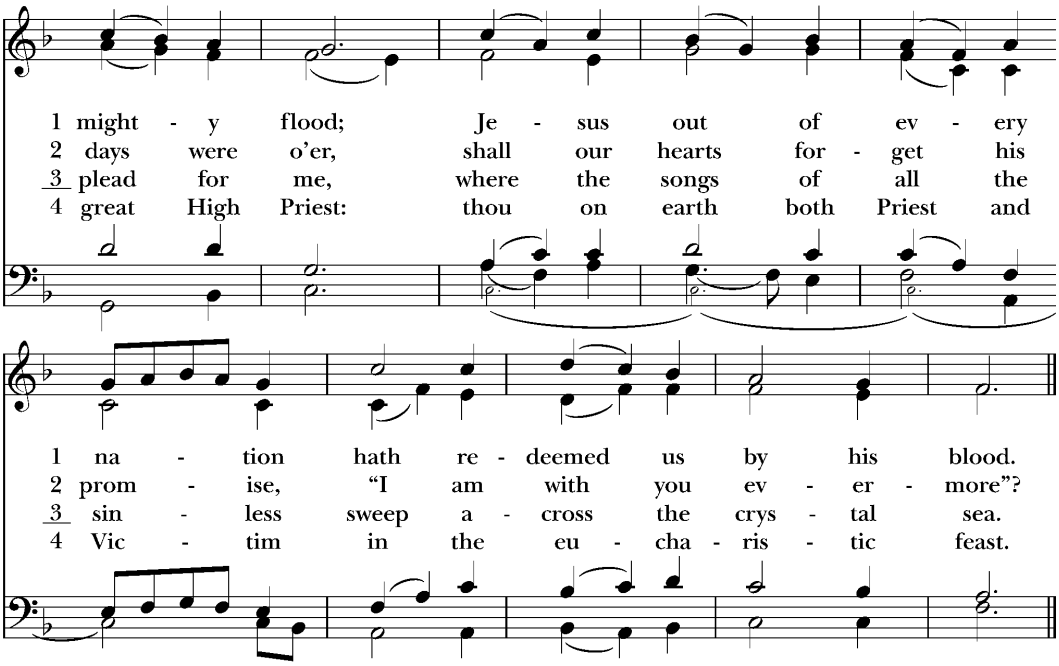
Handbell Prelude "Song of Joy" – Arnold Sherman

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

I. Gathering of God's People

Gathering Hymn *Hyfrydol* Hymnal 460





Gathering Sentences Enriching Our Worship 50

Presider Alleluia. Blessed be the one, holy and living God:

People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Alleluia.**

Rite of Enrollment for Confirmation The Book of Occasional Services 195

Junior Warden Kathy Murray presents the baptized to the Presider

Fr. Andy, we present to you Charlotte Bain, Julian Cammarota, Olivia Conceicao, Henry DeVelde, Leo DiFonzo, Ellia Fernandez, Emilia Fernandez, Wesley Guerrasio, Jacob Horlacher, Arwen Morgan Kelly, Jane O'Hagan, Dylan Rees, Genevieve Serapiglia, Josephine Serapiglia, Sophie Strawder, Tristen Strawder, and Miles Woodruff, who have been growing in their understanding of our call as Christians and now desire to prepare more intentionally to confirm their faith on Sunday, January 31, 2027.

Presider Have they studied the promises made at their baptism and striven to keep them in companionship with this community and the rest of the Church?

Sponsors They have.

Presider Have they attended worship regularly to hear God's word and to celebrate the mystery of Christ's dying and rising?

Sponsors They have.

Presider Have they participated in a life of service to those who are powerless and outcast, and worked for justice and peace?

Sponsors They have.

Presider Will you strive to set an example for us as a follower of Jesus?
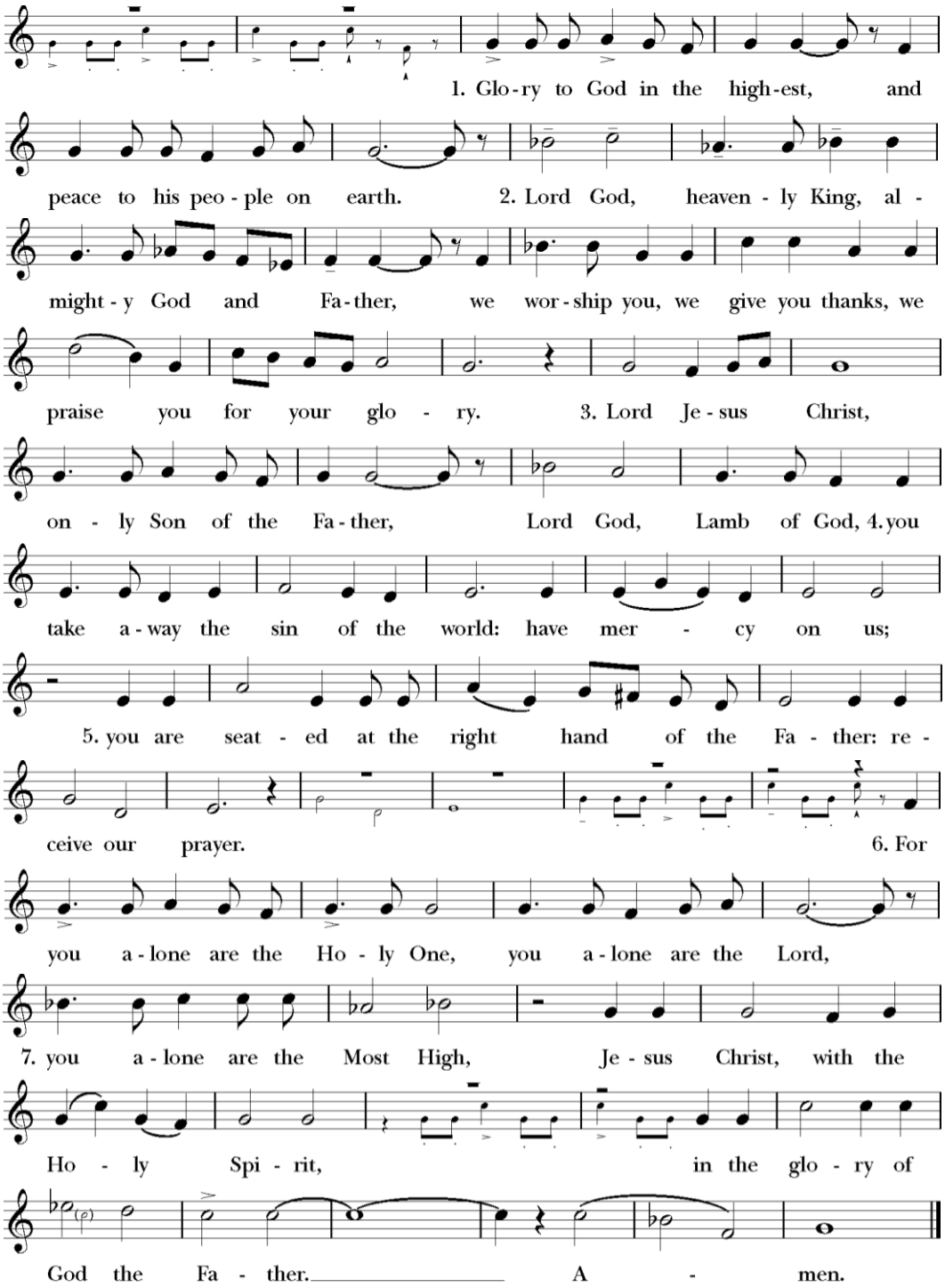
Candidates We will, with God's help.

Presider Will you accompany these candidates on the Way and help them to renew their commitment to Christ?

Sponsors We will, with God's help.

The candidates and sponsors return to their seats during the gloria

Gloria *William Mathias* Hymnal S 278



Collect of the Day BCP 236

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit. All participant in the Christmas Pageant gather in the crossing for the blessing.

Blessing of the Sunday School Children and their Teachers Andrew Kruger

Presider May God bless you as you prepare to enact again the coming of our Savior, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People **Amen.**

II. Proclaiming and Receiving the Word of God

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Reader A reading from the book of Ezekiel.
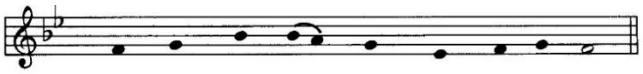
Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I, the LORD, have spoken.
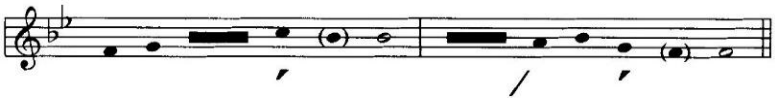
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 100 *Jubilate deo* Plainsong Psalter

All sing the Antiphon and Psalm.



Come be - fore God's pres - ence with a song.



TONE VIII.1

1 *Be joy*ful in the LORD, áll you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his / presence ẃith a song.

2 Know this: The LORD himsélf is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep / of his pásture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his cóurts with praise; *
give thanks to him and / call upón his Name.

4 For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlásting; *
and his faithfulness en/dures from áge to age. *[Ant.]*

Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

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

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.
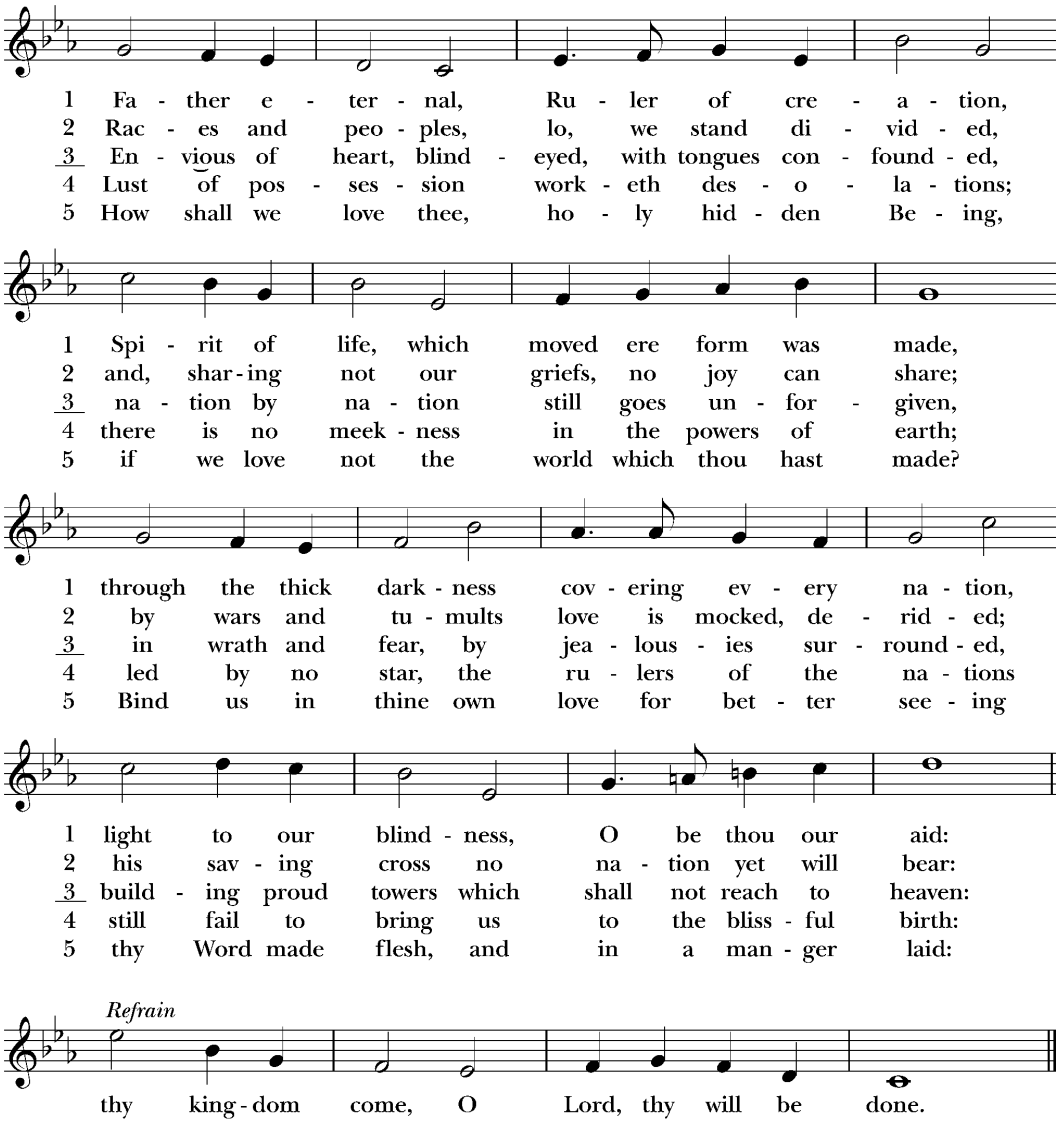
I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Proclaiming Hymn *Langham* Hymnal 573

The People stand.



Holy Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

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

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

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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.

Litany The Book of Occasional Services 162

Presider Let us pray for our confirmation candidates, and all those preparing for the sacramental rite of confirmation.

The Intercessor prays

For the confirmation candidates, that they may be sustained by the grace of the Holy Spirit, persevere in the knowledge of Christ's love, and rejoice in all God's works.

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

That they may join us in works of justice, mercy, and self-denial.

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

For their catechists, that they may make known to them the riches of the Word of God.

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

For their sponsors, that in their lives they may show to these candidates a pattern of life in accordance with the Gospel.

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

For their families and friends, that they may place no obstacles in the way of these candidates, but rather assist them to follow the promptings of the Spirit.

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

For this congregation, that we may abound in love and persevere in prayer.

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

For Bishop Sally, and for all the clergy and people.

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

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority.

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

For the sick and the sorrowful, and for those in any need or trouble.

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

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed.

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

The Presider concludes

O Jesus Christ, true Light who enlightens the world: Shine, we pray, in the hearts of our confirmation candidates, that they may clearly see the way that leads to life eternal, and may follow it without stumbling; for you O Christ, are the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; and you live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Peace BCP 360

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

Announcements Andrew Kruger

IV. Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Offertory Sentence Psalm 96:8

Presider Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

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 "King of Glory, King of Peace" – Eric H. Thiman
Text – George Herbert

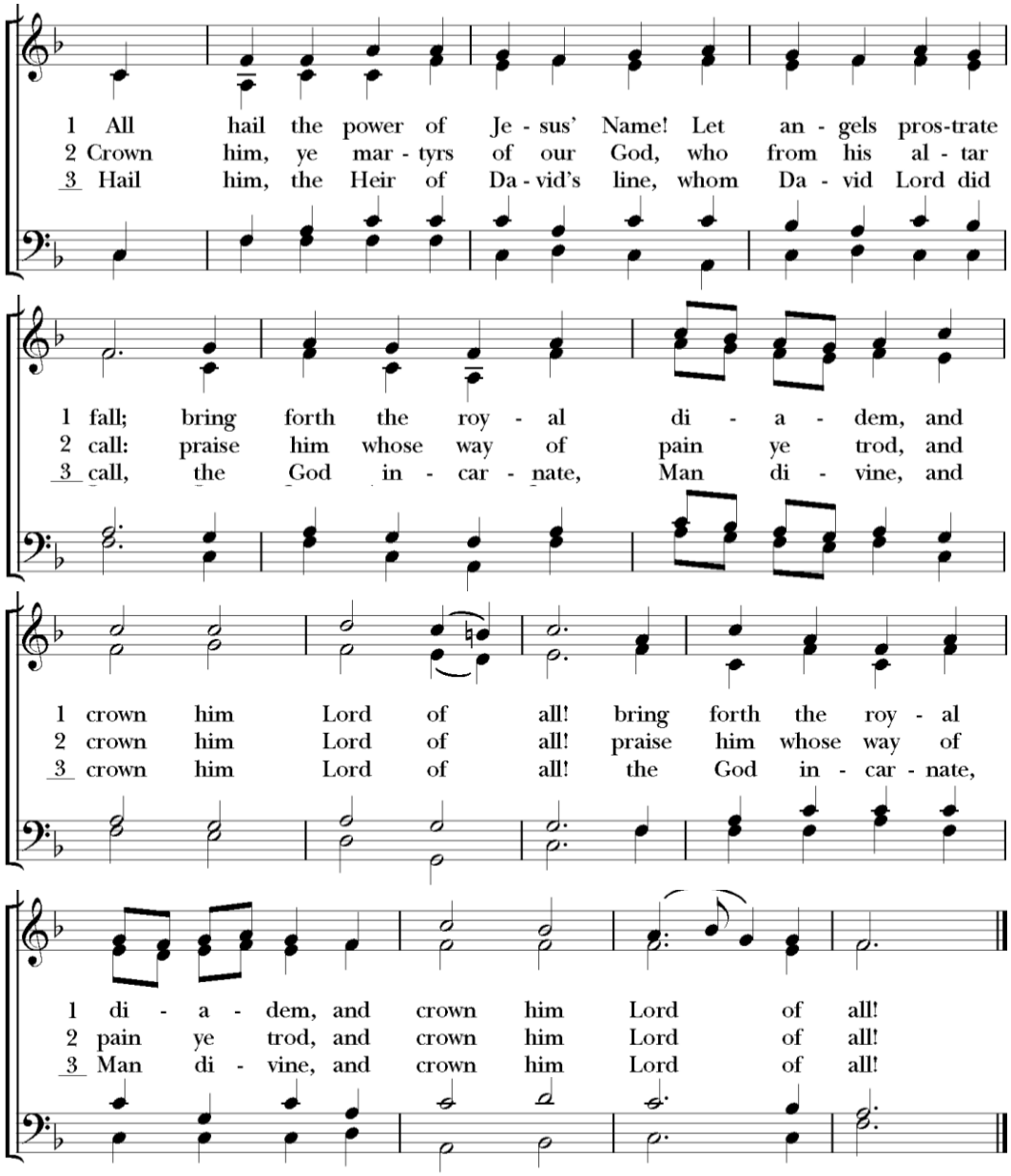
King of glory, King of peace, I will love Thee
And, that love may never cease, I will move Thee.
Thou has granted my request, Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast, Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing Thee,
And the cream of all my heart, I will bring Thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me,
And alone, when they replied, Thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise Thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise Thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enrol Thee;
Even eternity's too short to extol Thee. Amen.

Offertory Hymn *Coronation* Hymnal 450

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

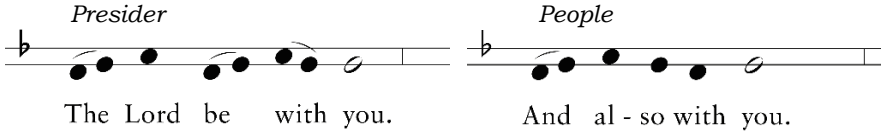


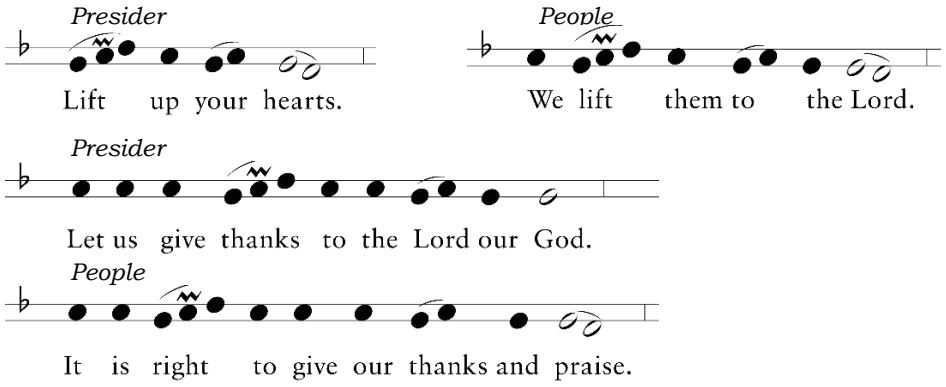
Presentation of Gifts An Anglican Prayer Book 1989

Presider Source of all life, everything in heaven and on earth is yours:

People **All things come from you, and of your own do we give you. Amen.**

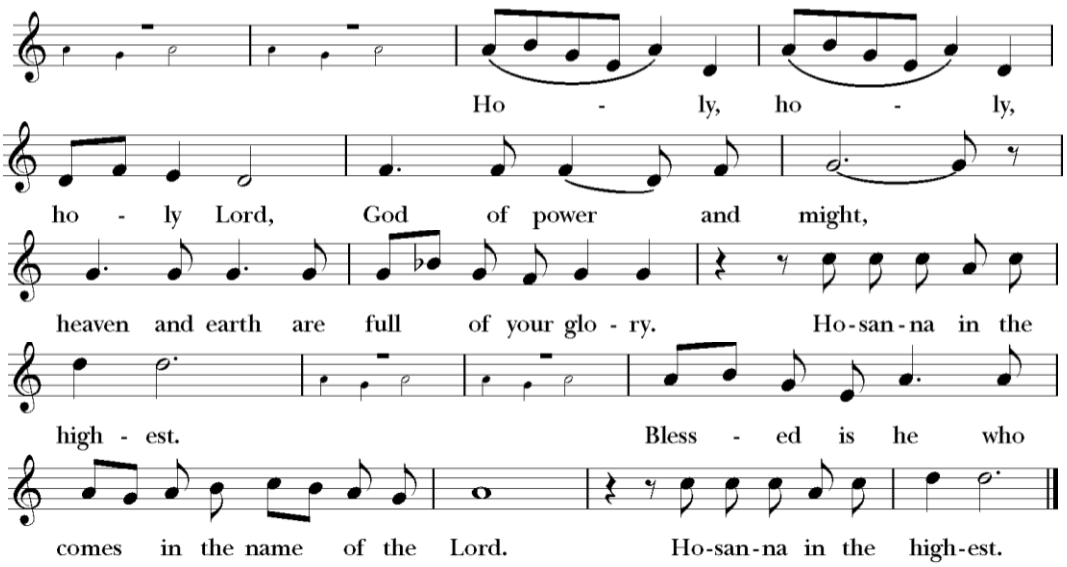
Eucharistic Prayer I EOW 57





It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus *William Mathias* Hymnal S 128



Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."
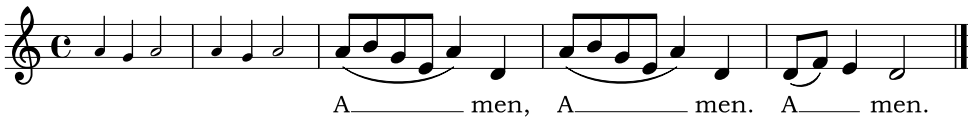
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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 Mathias/Kruger



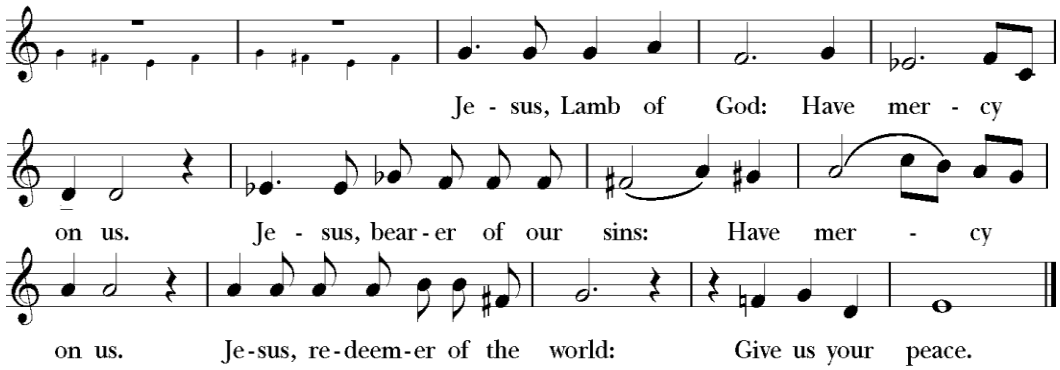
Lord's Prayer BCP 364

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.

Agnus Dei *William Mathias* Hymnal S 165

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



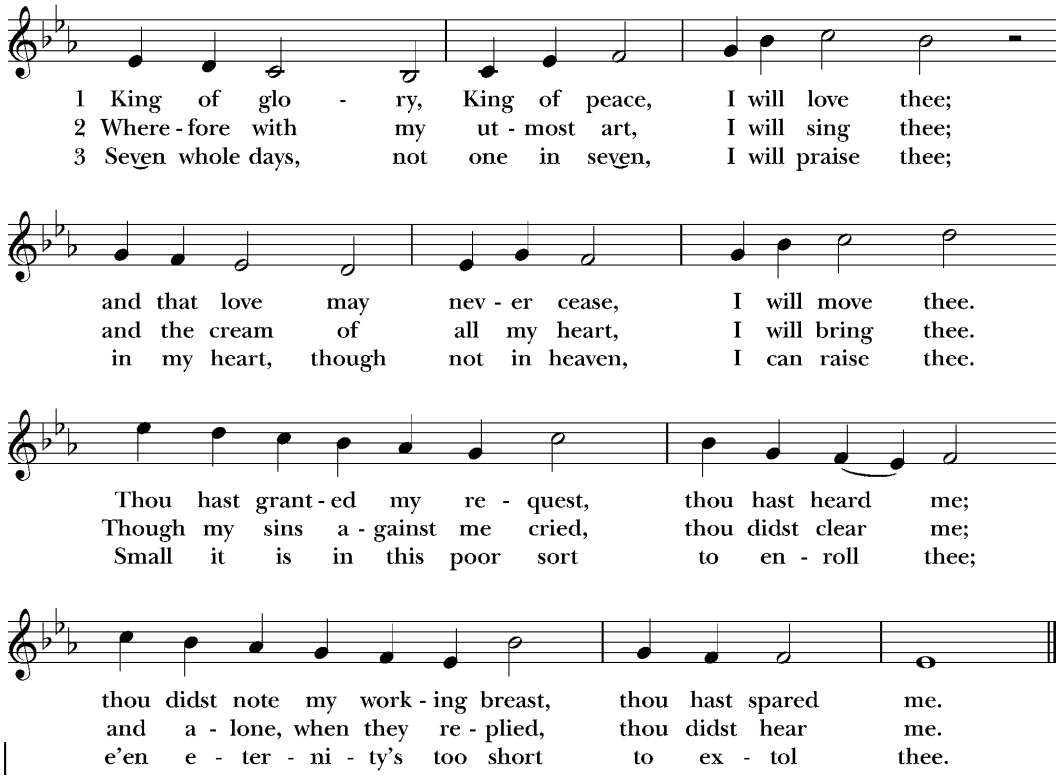
Invitation BCP 364

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

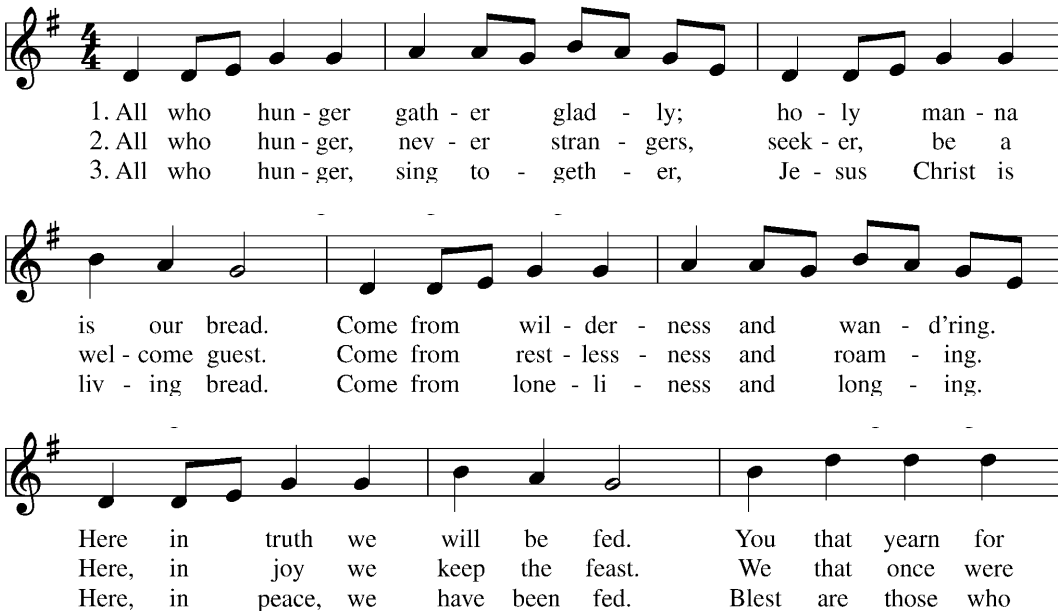
The ushers guide the people to receive Holy Communion.

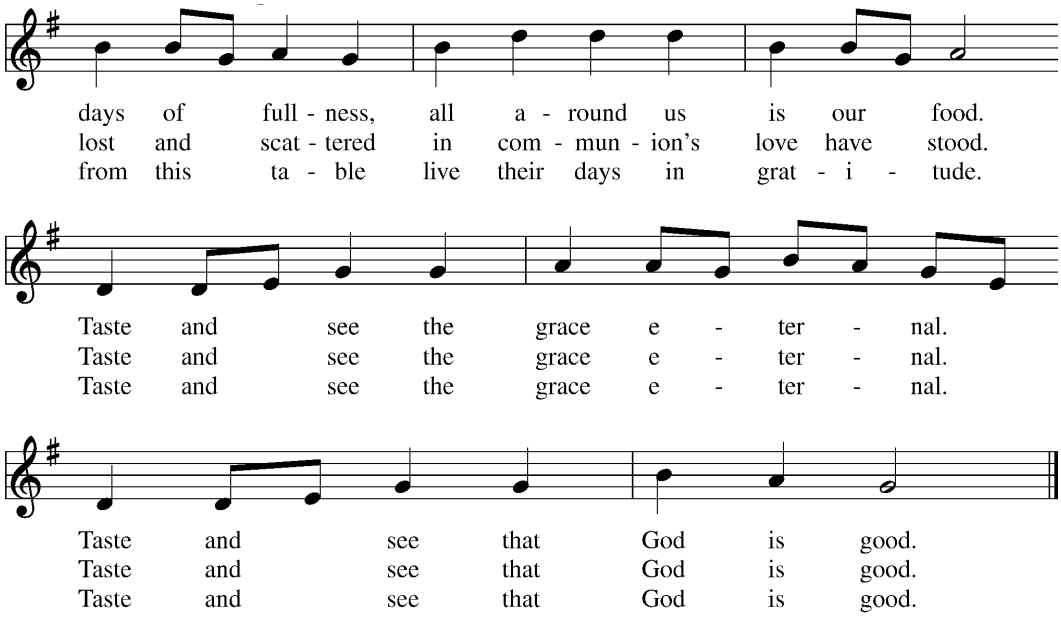
All who hunger for God, including children, are cordially invited to share the Gifts of God offered at this table. Whoever you are, wherever you are in your life's journey, you are welcome here. All persons may, but no person must, receive communion in both kinds to receive the full spiritual benefits 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 *General Seminary* Hymnal 382



Second Communion Hymn *Holy Manna* Wonder, Love & Praise 761





Handbell Meditation "Holy Manna" – Susan E. Geschke

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.
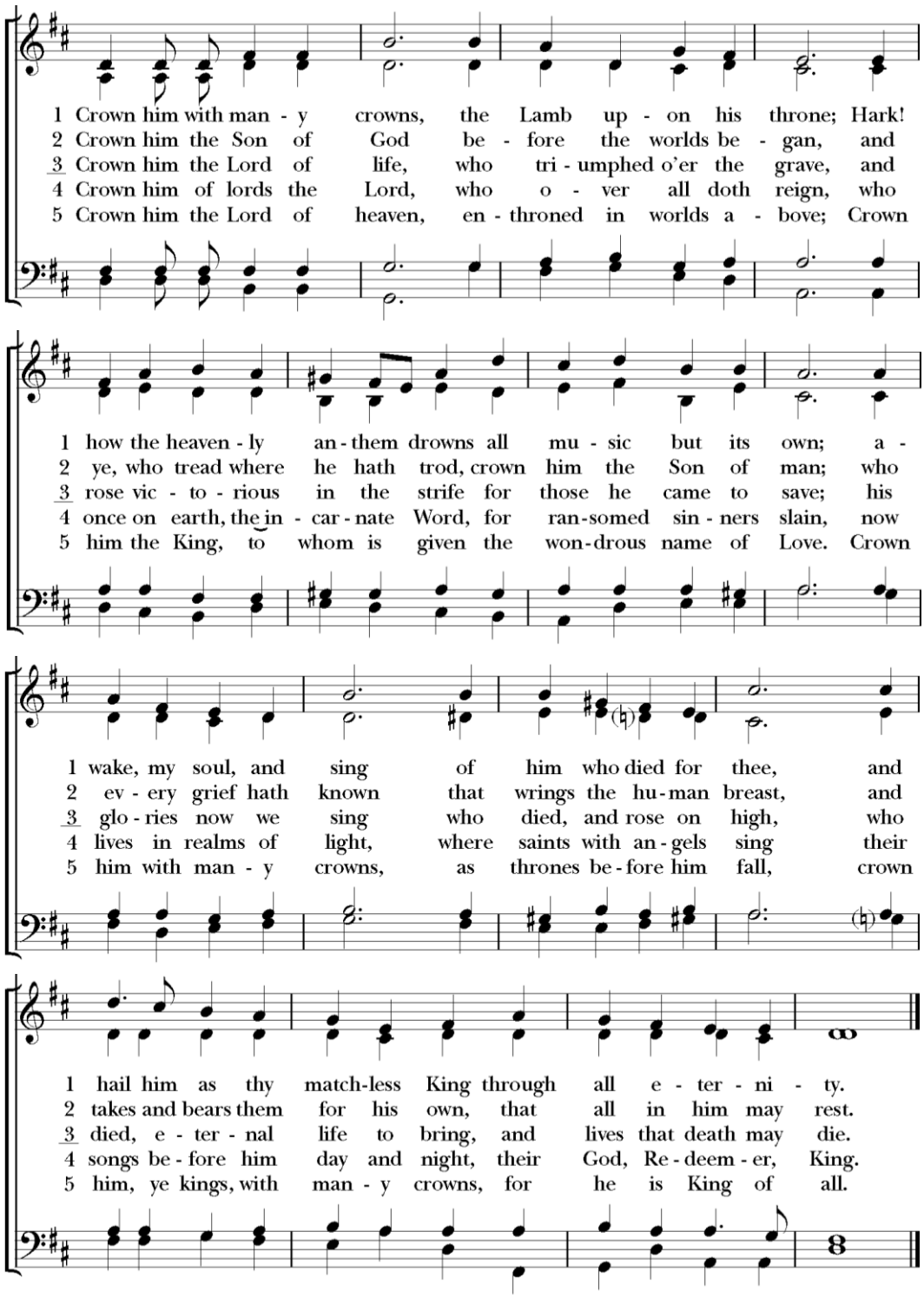
Commission and Blessing Nathan Nettleton alt.

Presider Recognize Christ in friend and stranger,
and as Christ has been gracious to you,
so be gracious to those in need.

And may God give you a place of rest on rich pasture;
May Christ Jesus be the shepherd king who binds your wounds;
And may the Holy Spirit give you wisdom
and reveal to you the fullness of the one who fills all in all.
Amen.

V. Going out as God's People

Sending Hymn *Diadamata* Hymnal 450



Dismissal BCP 366

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

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

Postlude *Bryn Calfaria* ("Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor") – Wayne L. Wold

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…

Stewardship As the fiscal year draws to a close, Trinity extends its sincere thanks to all who have given faithfully throughout the past year. Parishioners are encouraged to take this opportunity to ensure that their pledges are up to date, helping Trinity close out the year on a strong financial footing. Anyone with questions about their pledge balance is welcome to contact Trinity's Financial Secretary, Carol Beier, at Beier (jcsbeier@verizon.net).

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

Trinity Episcopal Senior Youth Today from 5 PM to 7 PM in Sherlock Hall. TESY gathers for an evening of faith, food, and loft discussions. Email Katie Annarelli (kathleen.m.annarelli@outlook.com) or Casey Woodruff (woodruff5073@gmail.com) if your teen will be attending.

Collection for Two Thanksgiving Baskets Outreach is collecting items for Cranford Family Care; there is a link in the email blast for items needed. Please note, there is no need for turkeys; another company is supplying them. Today is the deadline. Thank you.

Scholastic Pajama Program TEDS is once again participating in this program where for every pair of pajamas donated, Scholastic Books will donate a book to go with them. They will be donated to families in need right here in Union County. Needed: Brand new pajamas (all sizes from newborn to adult) must be complete sets – a top and bottom. All donations may be dropped off at the school or see Nancy Ditzel with your donations. The final day for donations is Tuesday, December 1.

Christmas Wreaths and Grave Blankets Cranford Troop 80 Boy Scouts from Trinity will be selling both after services at coffee hour. Wreaths will be delivered to the church the following Sunday, and special arrangements can be made for deliveries. Funds raised help support Troop activities, service projects, and summer camps. Thank you for supporting our Scouts.

Sanctuary Candle During Advent, while there are no flowers on the altar, we can still remember our loved ones and the attributions on the front cover will read as follows: "The Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of _____."

Christmas Flowers As part of the preparation for celebrating the Nativity of Our Lord, please contribute towards this year's flowers. The deadline is Sunday, December 13. Envelopes marked for this purpose are in the narthex of the church. Alternatively, give to Trinity online and write 'Christmas Flowers' in the memo line. All remembrances must be logged online by completing the form which can be accessed via the QR code. Loved one's names will be on the Christmas bulletins and will be prayed for at Morning Prayer during the season of Christmas.

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 this week on Wednesday from 12 noon to 3:30 PM.

Cranford Community Thanksgiving Service Monday, November 23, 7 PM at Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim, 338 Walnut Av, Cranford.

Handbell Choir Rehearsals There is no rehearsal due to the holiday, normally it is Wednesday from 7 PM to 7:50 PM in the church.

Trinity Adult Choir There is no rehearsal due to the holiday, normally it is Wednesday from 8 PM to 9 PM in the church.

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

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.

What you need to know in the future…

Apply to be appointed as Youth Representative on Trinity's Vestry Deadline is next Sunday, November 29. See this week's email blast for application link. The search is for high school students in their Sophomore or Junior year to represent the youth of Trinity.

Advent Taize Service Sunday, December 6 at 7:30 PM in the church. Please contact Marion at the parish office if able to assist with set up on Sunday, December 6 immediately after the 10 AM Eucharist, and/or with clean up on Tuesday, December 8 at 12 noon.

TESY Trip to St. John the Divine On Saturday, December 12, join Trinity Episcopal Student Youth (TESY) for a fun day in NYC, exploring the holiday lights and enjoying the annual Christmas concert at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. To register, contact Casey Woodruff (woodruff5073@gmail.com) or Katie Annarelli (kathleen.m.annarelli@outlook.com).

Sacrament of Baptism Candidates will be enrolled on Sunday, December 13 at the 10 AM service and baptized on the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (Sunday, January 10). Parents of candidates are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. Application forms are available from Marion Nechuta and must be submitted by Sunday, December 6.

Christmas Cookie Fellowship Hour Sunday, December 13; please bring in a few dozen favorite treats for the congregation to enjoy. The sign up is in this week's eblast. Ask questions to Cynthia Kolby (908-451-4370) or Carol Beier (jcsbeier@verizon.net).

The Reign of Christ Sunday

The Feast of the Reign of Christ (or Christ the King) celebrates Christ's messianic kingship and sovereign rule over all creation. At the conclusion of the Christian year, the church gives thanks and praise for the sovereignty of Christ, who is Lord of all creation and is coming again in glory to reign. Also known as the *Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*, it is contained in the Revised Common Lectionary. When Pope Pius XI instituted a special feast honoring Christ "the King" in 1925, he was grieving for a world that had been ravaged by the First World War and which had begun to bow down before the "lords" of exploitative consumerism, nationalism, secularism, and new forms of injustice. Our gatherings for worship are meant to be points of departure for us to move into the world in active works of ministry to the hungry, the helpless, the imprisoned, the lonely, the sick, and dying. The reign of Christ must begin with members of his body the Church making him known in the world, especially to the least of his sisters and brothers.

Lectionary & Liturgy

Today is the final Sunday of the Church year, on which we celebrate the Kingship of Christ. Since last Advent, we have been reading the Gospel according to Matthew most Sundays. In this final reading from it, we have Jesus' description of the final judgment. Those who will be welcomed into his Kingdom are those who show their love to Christ by caring for the outcast and helpless. The prophet Ezekiel, centuries before Christ, foresaw the coming of the Shepherd-King, sent by God to his people. This kingship would be one of caring love and of peace to the entire human race. In the second reading, an extended passage describes Christ as the final fulfillment of God's plan for the universe. We who are the beneficiaries of that plan for our lives are gathered up into Christ who is our head and who gives his own being to all that exists. Our gatherings for worship are meant to be points of departure for us to move into the world in active works of ministry to the hungry, the helpless, the imprisoned, the lonely, the sick, and the dying. The reign of Christ must begin with members of his body the Church making him known in the world, especially to the least of his sisters and brothers.

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† **Cover Art –** "Found" is by the Norwegian artist Trygve Skogrand (b. 1967). "I grew up in a vicarage in the Norwegian countryside. This childhood created a spiritual foundation and a connection to nature that is fundamental to my work. I'm originally educated as a civil engineer, before re-educating and starting to work as an artist in my early thirties. The main subject of my art is mystery, expressed through the dialogue between nature, humanity, and spirituality. Elements of myth are always present in my work." The image is particularly appropriate for the Feast of the Reign of Christ. By placing Jesus the Good Shepherd in a contemporary setting, Skogrand challenges our conventional understanding of power and kingship. Christ's sovereignty is revealed not through domination, but through the power of divine love that seeks the lost, heals the wounded, and restores what has been broken.

† **Prelude** – © 1990 Agape, div Hope Publishing; one of five pieces learned at last week's handbell workshop held at the church

† **Gathering Hymn** – Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898), supplying a then-acknowledged lack of Eucharistic hymns in Church of England hymnals; written while lying bedridden with a near fatal illness in 1866 and inspired by Revelation 5:9. Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887), trained in the business world, he became the manager of a marine insurance company in Scotland; composed when he was only 19, the Welsh title translates as "pleasant" or "tuneful."

† ***Gloria*** – Words: Anonymous, 15th cent. medieval. Dating back to the 2nd century, Christians still recite these words as part of weekly worship. Composed for the Elizabethan Madrigal Singers when William Mathias, a Welsh composer, was only 20 years old. –[©1976 Oxford University Press]

† **Collect** – A loose translation by Capt. Howard E. Galley of the collect of the Feast of Christ the King in the Roman Missal. Christ is the king who frees those who are bound and unites under His gracious rule all who are divided. –[*Notes on the American Prayer Book* by Marion Hatchett]

† **Proclaiming Hymn** – Words: Laurence Housman (1865-1959) often seemed to fall afoul of the censors, though, for religious and political reasons. A committed socialist and pacifist, in 1907, he helped found the Men's League for Women's Suffrage. Music: Geoffrey Turton Shaw (1879-1943).

† **Gospel –** The Christian gospel, for Augustine, wasn't just the answer to an intellectual question (though it was that); it was like a shelter in a storm, a port for a wayward soul, nourishment for a prodigal hungering, whose own heart had become, he said, "a famished land." It was, he said, like someone had finally shown him his home country, even though he had never been there.

† *** 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** – Words: George Herbert. "With some exceptions, the quaintness of his lyrics and the peculiarity of several of their metres have been against their adoption for congregational purposes." –[William T. Brooke] Music: Eric Harding Thiman (1900-1975) was an English composer, conductor and organist; by 1939 he was a leading non-conformist organist in England.

† **Offertory Hymn** – Words: Music: 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 worked with the Wesleys until they split over the question of administering the Sacraments and his violent attacks on the established church. He once remarked, "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 serving in the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

† ***Sanctus –*** Became part of the Roman Eucharistic Prayer around 450 AD, fairly late as by then the text of the Roman Canon was fixed and regarded as possessing great authority. It appears in the 1549 BCP in its current form. The 1552 Book of Common Prayer omitted it and, though it is now permitted, "the choice whether or not to use the Benedictus is still for some a matter of Eucharistic theology and churchmanship." –[Paul Thomas, *Using the Book of Common Prayer*] The first part is based on Isaiah's song of the seraphim –[Isaiah 6:1-3; cf., Revelation 4:8]. The second part is taken from Matthew 21:9, describing Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, which is based on the first half of Psalm 118:26. In its present liturgical context it points to the expected presence of the Lord in the eucharistic gifts.

† **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: George Herbert (1593-1633). Music: David Charles Walker (1938-2018), Episcopal priest (Diocese of L.A.), hospital chaplain, teacher at GTS, and an organist/choirmaster, serving many people through his long career. "It was all just part of my personal journey, to serve in a variety of facets of ministry and I enjoyed all of it," Walker told The Episcopal News after his 2003 retirement from Good Samaritan. Of his time at GTS, he said, "Every day became an adventure. That was around the time the new prayer book was coming out. There was no music for the new texts. The psalms were hard to set to music. I'd set a chant and everyone would break up laughing because some texts read well but don't sing well. I had to invent nearly everything we used." As a composer, he is well-known for this hymn tune. –[©1976, 1993 Selah Publishing]

† **Second Communion Hymn** – Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993) died after a brief, arduous battle with liver cancer; she served the United Church of Canada as a parish minister, prison chaplain, and editor of a worship journal. –[Sing! A New Creation © 1991, GIA Publications] "She left behind a ministry that combined a compassionate concern for the needy, her gift of writing, and a consuming love of liturgy." Written "on a commuter bus after a particularly bad day at the jail" as a prison chaplain. Music: from William Moore's *Columbian Harmony*, 1825.

† **Handbell Meditation** – "Holy Manna" by Susan E. Geschke –[© 2013 Choristers Guild]

† **Sending Hymn** – – Words: Music: Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894). Music: George Job Elvey (1816-1893) composed specifically for this text. "This is another of those hymns that can be sung at different paces, but which don't lend themselves to changes in volume. Rather, it builds with pomp, the second half of each verse making you want to stand to sing." –[Albert Bailey, *The Gospel in Hymns*]

† **Postlude –** Wayne L. Wold (b. 1954) retired in 2020 after 30 years at Hood College in Frederick, MD; he continues there as College Organist and Instructor of Organ, Harpsichord, and Composition. He is a parish musician and since 2013 is Director of Music Ministry at First Lutheran Church of Ellicott City, MD.

Advent, Christmas and Epiphany Worship Schedule

Sunday, November 29	First Sunday of Advent	8 AM, Rite I and 10 AM, Rite II
Sunday, December 6	Second Sunday of Advent	8 AM, Rite I and 10 AM, Rite II
Sunday, December 6	Taizé Service	7:30 PM
Sunday, December 13	Third Sunday of Advent	8 AM, Rite I and 10 AM, Rite II
Sunday, December 20	Fourth Sunday of Advent	8 AM, Rite I and 10 AM, Rite II
Thursday, December 24	Christmas Pageant	4:30 PM Rite II Eucharist with the blessing of the creche
Thursday, December 24	Lessons & Carols	10:30 PM Traditional Anglican feast of music and scripture
Friday, December 25	Christmas Day	9 AM One single worship service, Rite I
Sunday, December 28	First Sunday after Christmas	9 AM One single worship service, Rite II
Sunday, January 3	Epiphany (observed)	8 AM Rite I Eucharist and 10 AM Rite II Eucharist
Sunday, January 10	Baptism of our Lord	8 AM Rite I Eucharist and 10 AM Rite II Eucharist

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