

# Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



"The Wicked Husbandmen" – The Brothers Dalziel

## *The Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost* *With the Blessing of the Animals*

Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II

Proper 22 ~ October 4, 2026 at 10 AM



The Reverend Andrew David Kruger ~ Rector & Presider

Susan Caldwell Nelson ~ Musician-in-Residence & Organist

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

## Prelude

“Prelude on *Old Hundredth*” – Piet Post

“Praise him, all creatures here below”

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

## I. Gathering of God's People

## Gathering Hymn

Leoni

Hymnal 372

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name  
 2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;  
 3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:  
 4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.  
 ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.  
 in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.  
 his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:  
 Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,  
 Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,  
 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!  
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.  
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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

*Presider* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Presider* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

**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, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

## II. Proclaiming and Receiving the Word of God

### **First Reading**

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

*Reader*        A reading from the book of Exodus.

God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

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

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
**and the firmament shows his handiwork.**
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
**and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
**and their voices are not heard,**
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
**and their message to the ends of the world.**
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
**it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;**  
**it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
**nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
**the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.**
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
**the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; \*  
**the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.**
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
**sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
**and in keeping them there is great reward.**
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
**cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
**then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.**
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight, \*  
**O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

## Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-19

*Reader* A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Proclaiming Hymn

*Mit Freuden zart*

Hymnal 598

*The People stand.*

1 Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, up - on a cross they  
2 O awe - ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de -  
3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain re -  
4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in us thy new cre -  
bound thee, and mocked thy sav - ing king - ship then  
nied thee, and, doomed to death, must bring to doom  
fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war  
a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,  
by thorns with which they crowned thee: and still our wrongs  
the powers which cru - ci - fied thee, till not a stone  
we per - ish as we lose thee? From old un - faith  
we wait thy rev - e - la - tion: O love that tri -  
may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that  
was left on stone, and all those na - tions'  
our souls re - lease to seek the king - dom  
umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -  
stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round thee.  
pride, o'er-thrown, went down to dust be - side thee!  
of thy peace, by which a - lone we choose thee.  
fore thy cross, to fi - nish thy sal - va - tion.

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

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### III. Responding to the Proclaimed Word of God

#### **Homily**

Andrew Kruger

#### **Affirmation of Baptismal Faith**

BCP 292 alt.

*The Presider moves to the font and the People stand.*

Friends in Christ, Baptism is not the rite of a moment but the commitment of a lifetime. In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with our Lord.

Therefore let us reaffirm our Baptismal Vows together with all those who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this month.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

## **Blessing the Water**

Common Worship alt.

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord:

*People* **God is worthy of all thanksgiving and praise.**

*The Presider pours the water into the baptismal font.*

Blessèd are you, Sovereign God of all, to you be glory and praise for ever! You are our light and our salvation. From the deep waters of death you have raised your Son to life in triumph. Accept our sacrifice of praise, we pray, and sanctify these waters of your new creation, that we, with all who have been born anew by water and the Spirit, may be renewed in your image, walk by the light of faith, and serve you in newness of life; through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit we lift our voices of praise, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People* **Blessèd be God for ever.**

*The Presider sprinkles the People with the aspergillum.*

## Baptismal Chant

“We Shall Draw Water” – Paul Inwood



1. Truly God is our salvation; we trust, we shall not fear.  
For the Lord is our strength, the Lord is our song; he became our savior.
2. Give thanks, O give thanks to the Lord; give praise to his holy name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to all of the nations; proclaim his greatness.
3. Sing a psalm, sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds.  
Make known his works to all of the earth; people of Zion, sing for joy,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

## Blessing of the Animals

*The People stand.*

*Presider* Let us pray together the Prayer of St. Francis

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and  
where there is sadness, joy.  
O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

*The People sit, and the Presider moves among the assembly, each pet is presented by name to receive the blessing.*

“N., may you be blessed in the Name of God who created you,  
and may you and your owner enjoy life together with our God.”

## Prayers of the People

*Presider* Let us pray to the Lord.

*The Intercessor prays*

You are praised, O Lord, by our Brother Sun, who brings the light of day.  
May light be shed on your Church, that your faithful people may bear your likeness.  
Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

You are praised, O Lord, through our Sister Moon, and the stars in the heavens. You have made them bright, precious and beautiful. May the nations of the earth, whom they look down upon each night, be blessed with your peace.

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

You are praised, O Lord, through our Brothers, Wind and Air, and clouds and storms, and all the weather. May you rain down your grace upon our nation, and its leaders and people.

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

You are praised, O Lord, through our Sister, Water. Quench the thirst of the poor, the downtrodden, and those who are ill, or in trouble of any kind.

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

You are praised, O Lord, through our Brother, Fire, through whom you brighten the night. Grant rest eternal and light perpetual to the souls of the faithful departed.

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

*The Presider prays*

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; 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

# **IV. Celebrating at the Lord's Table**

## **Offertory Sentence**

Revelation 4:11

*The Presider says*

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

*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 Hymn

Old 100th

Hymnal 380

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

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let  
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and  
\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's  
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!  
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## 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 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 made us you own, through Christ Jesus, and given us a new righteousness based on faith.

You created the entire universe: the sky tells of your glory, day and night reveal the genius of your ways. You brought your people out of slavery and gave them your laws and commandments, that they might be rich in Spirit and clear in vision.

Though we repeatedly rejected your ways and destroyed your messengers, you sent your Son to us to renew heaven's call. Though the crowds recognized him as a prophet, those who coveted his inheritance seized and killed him. But you raised him from the dead, and now through the power of his resurrection he stands as the cornerstone of righteousness, the first fruits of the kingdom, and the incomparable prize towards which we press.

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

## **Sanctus**

*Robert Powell*

Hymnal S 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

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

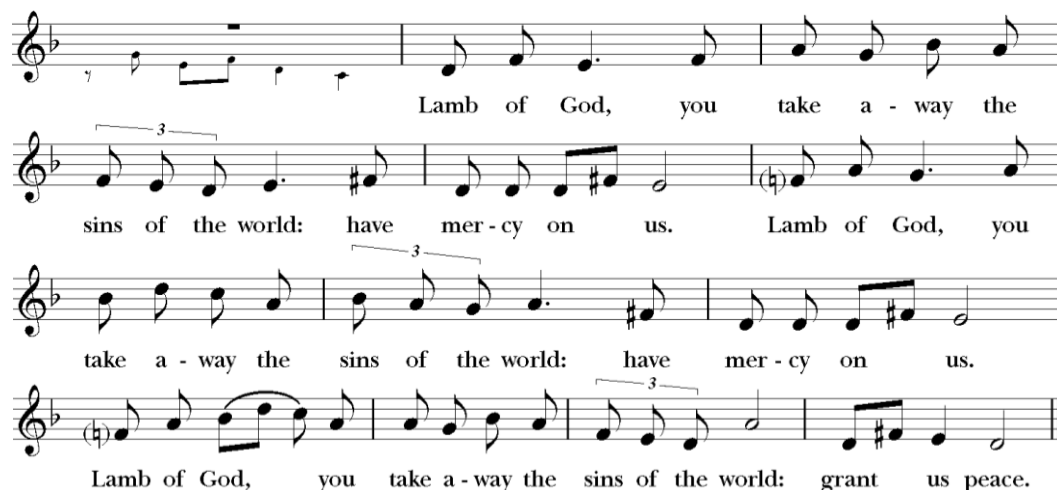
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*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

### Agnus Dei

Robert Powell

Hymnal S 163



### 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.

## Communion Hymn

*Unde et memores*

Hymnal 337



1 And now, O Fa - ther, mind - ful of the love that  
 2 Look Fa - ther, look on his a - noint - ed face, and  
 \*3 And then for those, our dear - est and our best, by  
 \*4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet, most

bought us, once for all, on Cal - vary's tree, and hav - ing with us  
 on - ly look on us as found in him; look not on our mis -  
 this pre - vail - ing pres - ence we ap - peal; O fold them clos - er  
 pa - tient Sa - vior, who canst love us still! And by this food, so

him that pleads a - bove, we here pre - sent, we here spread  
 us - ings of thy grace, our prayer so lan - guid, and our  
 to thy mer - cy's breast! O do thine ut - most for their  
 awe - some and so sweet, de - liv - er us from ev - ery

forth to thee, that on - ly of - fering per - fect in thine  
 faith so dim: for lo! be - tween our sins and their re -  
 soul's true weal! From taint - ing mis - chief keep them pure and  
 touch of ill: in thine own ser - vice make us glad and

eyes, the one true, pure, im - mor - tal sac - ri - fice.  
 ward, we set the pas - sion of thy Son our Lord.  
 clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to per - se - vere.  
 free, and grant us nev - er - more to part from thee.

## Communion Meditation

*Bless the Lord*

Wonder, Love & Praise 825

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

## 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* Live by God's just demands.  
Let nothing claim your devotion above the Lord,  
and count nothing of value above knowing Christ.  
Press on towards the ultimate prize, of being one with him.

And may God's perfect word revive your soul;  
May Christ Jesus be your savior and your rock;  
And may the Holy Spirit strengthen you to press ever onward. **Amen.**

V. Going out as God's People

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

**Dismissal**

BCP 366

*Presider*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*Fanfare – Michael Helman*

**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.

## Baptismal Anniversaries

When we think about birthdays, we immediately recall the date we were born and took our first breath in this world. But if we take a moment to reflect, we will realize that we have another “birthday” of even greater significance: the day we became members of the body of Christ – our Baptismal birthday.

Through the waters of baptism, the Holy Spirit anoints us and sets our inner compass, to walk in a path that is pleasing to God, to do all good works that God has planned for us, and to “seek God’s face” [Psalm 27:8]. This is the path that ultimately leads us into abundant life both in this earthly existence, and in the world to come.

Whether baptized as a child or an adult, we prayerfully grow in our understanding and appreciation of our baptismal identity, as individuals and as a community. Usually, on the first Sunday of every month, we acknowledge those who have a baptismal “birthday” during the month in question and share in their renewal of baptismal vows.

This monthly recognition of our “birth from above” [John 3:3] allows us to develop a deeper appreciation for the essence of our baptism. Parishioners celebrating their Baptismal Anniversaries in October:

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| Emma Barone   | Oct. 26 | Terry Nechuta   | Oct. 17 | Harrison Guerrasio | Oct. 30 |
| Mary Ellinger | Oct. 1  | Anna Roberts    | Oct. 22 | Sal Brown          | Oct. 19 |
| Sarah Gluck   | Oct. 22 | Jim Willix      | Oct. 5  | Michael Nazzaro    | Oct. 8  |
| Allison Gluck | Oct. 9  | Phoebe Frumolt  | Oct. 31 | Victor Broccoli    | Oct. 19 |
| Abbie Sassi   | Oct. 6  | Mary Kate Walch | Oct. 30 |                    |         |

## What you need to know today...

**Stewardship Season** Collect stewardship letter and pledge card from the narthex, and commit to the financial flourishing of the parish.

**St. John the Divine** The Trinity Choir is away today and will return next week; they were invited to sing at the Feast of St. Francis service at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in NYC. It will be an extraordinary experience to sing in one of the great cathedrals of the world, as part of one of its signature celebrations. Please note there is no children’s choir rehearsal today.

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

**Blessing of the Animals** Today at both services. Bring your pets or photographs of your pets to both services. There is no Sunday School today so the children can stay with their pets during the service.

**Outreach Committee** Today at 11:30 AM, meeting in Witherington Hall.

**Confirmation Class** Today from 5 PM to 7 PM in Witherington Hall.

**TEDS Aftercare Aides Needed** Trinity Episcopal Day School (TEDS) is currently seeking aftercare aides to help supervise children in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Aides must be 18 years of age or older and available to work from approximately 3 PM or 3:30 PM until 6 PM. This is a paid position. Responsibilities include supervising children during the aftercare program and assisting them with homework. Anyone interested in learning more is encouraged to contact Nancy Ditzel at teds205@gmail.com.

## 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 online at the church website. 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.

**Handbell Choir Rehearsals** This Wednesday, October 7 from 7 PM to 7:50 PM in the church.

**Trinity Adult Choir** This Wednesday, October 7 from 8 PM to 9 PM in the church.

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

**Knitting Circle** This Saturday, October 10 at 10 AM in Witherington Hall.

## What you need to know in the future...

**Trinity Women's Group** Monday, October 12 at 7 PM online.

**Trinity Fellowship Luncheon** Thursday, October 15 from 12:30-2 PM in Sherlock Hall. The speaker is Father Andy, who will talk about his Sabbatical time in South Africa. Our meal is the October Halloween regular: "Ghoulish" Meatloaf, "Tombstone" Potatoes, etc. Call Susan Nelson (908-397-3944) or Susan Olszewski (908-757-9561) for information.

**Outdoor Eucharist & Spiritual Hike** Saturday, October 17 at 9 AM. See below for details.

**Acolyte & Thurifer Training** Sunday, October 18 immediately after the 10 AM Eucharist for all current and aspirant acolytes.

**TESY's Fall Fellowship Event** Sunday, October 18 at 1 PM in Witherington Chapel.

**Family Game Night** Saturday, October 24 from 5 PM to 8 PM in Sherlock Hall. All ages are welcome. Enjoy a light dinner, play an old favorite, learn a new game, or bring one to share.

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

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

**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.

## Outdoor Eucharist and Spiritual Hike

Experience a unique encounter with the Eucharist celebrated in the splendor of God's creation. This popular semiannual event returns for the fourth time against the backdrop of stunning fall foliage, on Saturday, October 17 at 9 AM. Everyone will meet in front of the Trailside Nature Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. From there, it is a very short walk to a seating area where a special outdoor Eucharist liturgy will be celebrated. An easy one-hour hike will follow. Those who choose not to hike can sit quietly in the beauty of the Watchung Reservation after the service.

This is a great activity for families and has always been a memorable event for everyone who attends. Please contact Senior Warden, Casey Woodruff (woodruff5073@gmail.com), to register or with any questions.

## Lectionary

In today's liturgy, we have a parable warning us as God's people to be faithful to God, lest God turn away from us. This parable may have been a simple story about the need to seize the opportunity God holds out. Matthew has taken images, especially from today's Old Testament reading, and allegorized the original story to make a point which the Church in his day needed to hear and which we need to hear today.

For months, we have been reading the history of the establishment of God's people, beginning with Abraham and Sarah. It has led us to the Exodus from Egypt. Today the journey through the wilderness has come to Mount Sinai. Here God establishes the law by which his people are to live in the giving of the Ten Commandments. Paul calls on the church in Philippi to hold fast to their faith and practice. We are not to be anxious about anything, rather we should expend our energy reaching out to be the kind of people God calls us to be. For we are citizens of heaven, Paul tells us, and we are destined for glory.

God's people need the warnings of the prophets and of Jesus to balance our knowledge that we have been redeemed. While God's action of redeeming us is set and established, we must nevertheless live the lives of redeemed people. Our weekly gatherings in Eucharist are not meant to lull us into complacency but to strengthen us and equip us to follow the Way of Christ.

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## Liturgy

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- † **Cover Art** – “The Wicked Husbandmen” from The Parables of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by The Brothers Dalziel, after Millais, 1864.
- † **Prelude** – Piet Post (1919-1979) was a Dutch composer and organist.
- † **Gathering Hymn** – Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy based on Jewish doxology by Maimonides in the latter part of the 12<sup>th</sup> century. A 14<sup>th</sup> century metrical version of that doxology, *Yigdal Elohim* (“magnify the Lord”), is variously attributed to Daniel ben Judah or to Immanuel ben Solomon, both of whom lived in Rome. Music: Thomas Olivers heard a setting for this by Meyer Lyon performed in the Great Synagogue in London and that inspired his English paraphrase. “I have rendered it from the Hebrew, giving it, as far as I could, a Christian character, and I have called on Leoni [the cantor Lyon] who has given me a synagogue melody to suit it.”
- † **Gloria** – Words: Anonymous, 15<sup>th</sup> century medieval. Music: Robert Powell (1932-2025), American composer and organist.
- † **Collect of the Day** – The 1549 ending “giving unto us that that our prayer dare not presume to ask, through Jesus Christ our Lord,” was closer to the Latin versions than the fuller ending of 1662. Our sense of our own unworthiness often makes us unwilling to pray, yet through prayer we receive forgiveness for our sins as well as “other good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ.” –[*Notes on the American Prayer Book* by Marion Hatchett]
- † **Proclaiming Hymn** – Words: by permission of the family of Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969), priest, author, editor, educator, hymn writer, and lecturer in the Episcopal Church. In the 1920s, he advocated for what became known as the Social Gospel: supporting the League of Nations, advocating US immigration reform, and opposing the Ku Klux Klan and Fundamentalism. Music: melody from “Une pastourelle gentille” 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David* 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glusbens gefasset* 1566.
- † **Affirmation of Baptismal Faith** – Erasmus proposed a ritual in 1522 for adolescents to renew their baptismal vows; his suggestion was censored, and his book placed on the Index in 1559. As a liturgical rite, the Renewal emerged from the Reformation – it was first recorded in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer as part of the confirmation rite. The ritual is conducted in both the Protestant and revised Catholic liturgies on similar lines. The presider faces the people, gives a short address and conducts a “dialogue” in the vernacular with the whole congregation.
- † **Baptismal Chant** – Words: Isaiah 12:3, 2, 4-6. Music: Paul Inwood (b. 1946) –[© 1986 OCP Publications]. “Well known as a liturgist as well as musician, his presentations are dynamic and spiced with humor. He has a gift for getting large choirs of people who have

never sung together before to sound terrific and give inspired performances in a short space of time; and those who have attended his retreats for church musicians will testify that they are moving experiences as well as spiritually nourishing.” –[Magnificat Music]

- † **Aspergillum** – What is that thing called that the priest sprinkles the congregation with? The laurel twig used to sprinkle holy water in Roman sacrificial rites was replaced in Christian rites by a liturgical implement used to sprinkle holy water. It comes in two common forms: a brush that is dipped in the water and shaken, and a silver ball on a stick. Some have sponges or internal reservoirs that dispense holy water when shaken, while others must periodically be dipped in an aspersorium (holy water bucket, known to art historians as a *situla*).
- † **Offertory Hymn** – Words: a Christian hymn written by Isaac Watts (1674-1748) in 1719 as a metrical paraphrase of Psalm 117, the shortest chapter in the Bible. Music: from *Supplement to the New Version of Psalms* by Dr. Brady and Mr. Tate, 1708. It is “one of the noblest and most loved tunes in all of Christendom.” –[*Psalter Hymnal Handbook*]. This Genevan psalm tune is often attributed to Louis Bourgeois, who edited the original *Genevan Psalter*. Most hymnals contain this tune, called “the classic of English doxologies” –[*The Gospel in Hymns*, Albert Bailey].
- † **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?”
- † **Communion Hymn** – Words: William Bright (1824-1901), English ecclesiastical historian and Anglican priest. Music: William Henry Monk (1823-1889); as organist and choirmaster at St. Matthias (Stoke Newington, 1852-1889), he began daily choral services with the choir leading the congregation in music chosen according to the church year, including psalms chanted to plainsong.
- † **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: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933), who wrote, “These verses are simple expressions of common Christian feelings and desires in this present time – hymns of today that may be sung together by people who know the thought of the age. They are not afraid that any truth of science will destroy religion, or any revolution on earth overthrow the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, this is a hymn of trust and joy and hope.” Music: Sung to the music of Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); it has the “ability to carry massive ideas in its fifteen syllables per double line.” –[Austin Lovelace, *Anatomy of Hymnody*] “The words begin to bounce, and suddenly I’m singing it the way it was meant to be sung – at least in style.” –[Jerry Jenkins, *Hymns for Personal Devotions*] “This hymn is generally considered by hymnologists to be one of the most joyous expressions of hymn lyrics in the English language.” –[Kenneth Osbeck, 1982] –[©1942, 1970 Hope Publishing Co.]
- † **Postlude** – Michael Helman is a composer of organ, handbell and choral music and currently Director of Music/Organist at Faith Presbyterian Church in Cape Coral, Florida.

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