

Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



“Jesus Giving the Keys to Peter” – Ludvik Simec

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rite I ~ Holy Eucharist

Proper 15 ~ August 23, 2026 at 9 AM



The Reverend Jack Zamboni ~ Presider & Preacher

The Reverend Andrew David Kruger ~ Rector

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 Alan Force by Marilyn Force*

The bells are rung and the People stand.

I. Gathering of God's People

Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer 323

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

BCP 323

Presider Let us pray.

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

Great Commandment

BCP 324

Presider Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul,
and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it:

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie

BCP 324

Presider Kyrie eleison.

People **Christe eleison.**

Presider Kyrie eleison.

Collect of the Day

BCP 181

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The People sit.

II. Proclaiming and Receiving the Word of God

First Reading

Exodus 1:8–2:10

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus.

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.”

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 124

Nisi quia Dominus

BCP 781

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;

- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-8

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

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

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

III. Responding to the Proclaimed Word

Homily

Jack Zamboni

Nicene Creed

BCP 326

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

BCP 328

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Sean, the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church; Sally, our Bishop; Andrew, our Priest; and Jack, our Presiding Priest, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Donald, our President; Rebecca Michelle, our governor; and Kathleen, the mayor of this town; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

BCP 330

Presider Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People kneel.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Absolution

BCP 332

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

The People stand.

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

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

Announcements

IV. Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Offertory Sentence

Psalm 50:14

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High.

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.*

The ushers bring the collection plates to the Holy Table, and the People stand.

Eucharistic Prayer II

BCP 340

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; because in Jesus Christ our Lord thou hast received us as thy sons and daughters, made us citizens of thy kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus

BCP 341

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
 Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
 Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
 Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
are yours, forever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking the Bread

BCP 337

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is observed, then the Presider says

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Prayer of Humble Access

BCP 337

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.
But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son
Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.**

Invitation

BCP 338

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

Holy Communion

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.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 339

Presider Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us,
in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of
thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness
towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy
everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us
with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works
as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom,
with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

And now may the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

V. Going out as God's People

Dismissal

BCP 340

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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 Jack 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...

The Rev. Jack Zamboni is our Sunday supply priest while Fr. Andy is on vacation. He first came to Trinity as a seminarian in 1981, remains grateful that it became his sponsoring parish for ordination, and enjoyed being the regular supply priest during Fr. Andy's sabbatical. Fr. Jack served as a priest in the Diocese of New Jersey for over 40 years, most recently as Rector of St. Francis, Dunellen and continues to serve on the Diocesan Reparations Commission. An accomplished singer who has appeared as a soloist with numerous choral groups in the area, he lives in Somerset, enjoys singing, cooking, bicycling, and staying connected with his son Jon and daughter-in-law Julie (in Brooklyn), stepson Kaji (Westminster CO), and sister Helen (Avon NY).

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

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.

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

Trinity Adult Choir This Wednesday, August 26 from 8 PM to 9 PM in Witherington Hall, rehearsal for those singing at St. John the Divine, NYC on October 4.

Compline This Thursday at 8 PM online.

What you need to know in the future...

Summer Schedule Today to next Sunday, August 30, there is only one Sunday service at 9 AM. During this summer period the fourth Sunday of the month is a Rite I said service, all other services are Rite II with music.

Feast of Creation in Christ Next Sunday, August 30 at 9 AM; a day of thanksgiving for creation and prayer for its care and renewal.

The Blessing of Students and Educators Sunday, September 6 during the 10 AM Eucharist. Children are invited to bring their backpacks to the service and will receive a special backpack tag.

Annual Cranford 9/11 Memorial Service Thursday, September 10 at 6:30 PM at the 9/11 park in Cranford.

Anti-Racism Training September 12, 19, 26, and October 3, 10, and with a follow-up session on November 7 from 7 PM-9 PM. Provided by the The Diocesan Anti-Racism Commission; \$100 per person. Registration link in the email blast.

Round Up Sunday September 13, only ONE service at 10 AM for Trinity's annual after-summer welcome-back service followed by a parish-wide BBQ. Everyone is encouraged to come and help kick-off the church year. Learn about the church ministries and volunteer opportunities to grow the body of Christ here at Trinity. There will be great food and games for all ages. Click on the QR code for attendance (to help plan the food) or to volunteer to help on the BBQ. For questions, please contact Tom Kaercher (908-757-9561 home, 908-591-0962 cell) or tkaercher7@gmail.com .



Sing at St. John's The Trinity Choir has been invited to sing at the Feast of St. Francis service at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City on Sunday, October 4, with a rehearsal on Saturday, October 3. 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. The trip will involve some expense, including the use of a TEDS bus and driver for transportation. To help sponsor this special opportunity, or would like more information, please speak with Anthony Rafaniello or contact the Parish Office.

The Feast of Creation in Christ

For the past two years, Trinity has observed this celebration under the title *The Feast of God the Creator*. During that time, the ecumenical bodies responsible for developing the observance – including those associated with the Revised Common Lectionary – have clarified its official name: *The Feast of Creation in Christ*. The new title reflects the feast's distinctive theological emphasis while remaining faithful to the same celebration we have already come to know.

The feast has its roots in the ancient Orthodox Christian observance of September 1 as a commemoration of God's creation of the world. In recent decades it has been embraced across the Christian Church as a day of thanksgiving for creation and prayer for its care and renewal.

Why *Creation in Christ*? The title comes from St. Paul's proclamation that "in him all things in heaven and on earth were created" [Colossians 1:16]. It reminds us that creation is not simply God's work in the distant past, but a mystery centered in Christ. Through Christ all things were created, in Christ all things continue to hold together, and in Christ all things will ultimately be brought to their fulfillment.

As we celebrate *The Feast of Creation in Christ* on Sunday, August 30, we join Christians around the world in giving thanks for the goodness of creation, praying for its healing, and renewing our commitment to care faithfully for the earth entrusted to us. In keeping with the feast's Orthodox roots, you are invited to light a beeswax candle at one of the icons before or after the liturgy.

Lectionary & Liturgy

Collect of the Day: This collect was new to the 1928 BCP. The preamble derives from a Gregorian collect whose petition is that the church may not be disturbed by the assault of the enemy. The petition of the Prayer Book collect is that the church, united through the gift of the Spirit, may make God's power manifest throughout the world. –[*Notes on the American Prayer Book* by Marion Hatchett]

Today we reach a watershed moment in Jesus' ministry as recounted by Matthew. Jesus asks his disciples who the people and they believe he is. It is Simon Peter who replies, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus affirms Peter's leadership of the church even though Peter will show lack of certainty in this confession later.

As we continue the story of God's people, last Sunday found them living a privileged life in Egypt. Several centuries have now passed and today we hear that a new king arose in Egypt "who did not know Joseph." The Hebrew people, the children of Israel, are now

slaves and suffering. However, to one of them is born a child who is saved and adopted, ironically, by the daughter of the Egyptian king. He, Moses, will be the central character in the next several weeks.

We continue to read from the Epistle to the Romans in the second lesson. The final section, which we begin today, deals with the way God's people are to live in relationship to each other and to the world. Today Paul focuses on the varied ministries of all members of the Church given to us in baptism.

All our attempts to explain our faith – from Peter's faltering faith to Paul's complex theology – rest upon the encounter we have as a people with God. That encounter leads always into the symbolic, the metaphorical and sacramental expressions of Christian worship and that always leads us into the various ministries to which God has called us. Our most profound theological expression is this action of Word and Sacrament, of story, song, meal, and bath, which is at the center of our worship.

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From the Diocese: Caring for Church Buildings in Seasons of Change

The real estate department of the Diocese doesn't just work on real estate deals; they also care for congregations and their spaces even after regular Sunday worship has stopped.

Across the Diocese of New Jersey, several congregations are navigating changes related to their buildings. Some are worshipping in alternative spaces as they prepare to leave their longtime buildings, while others continue to worship in their churches as they consider whether to sell their property. Several buildings are now closed and awaiting their next chapter. Throughout these seasons of change, the Diocese works to care for both the congregations and the sacred spaces entrusted to them.

In the closed churches, the Diocese maintains a regular schedule of Daily Office services, ensuring that prayer continues within churches that have shaped generations of faithful lives. Morning Prayer, Noonday Prayer, and Evening Prayer are held at different times and on a set schedule, depending on the church. The services are open to anyone in the surrounding community, including people who were once part of the congregation. For some, returning to pray in a familiar church offers a way to honor the life of a community while finding a way forward with faith and hope.

In the Episcopal tradition, churches are consecrated for the worship of God. Continuing the Daily Office in these spaces reflects the Diocese's commitment to keeping prayer at the heart of every season of a church's life.

This ministry is part of the work of the Rev. Tiffany Campbell, Deacon and Missioner for Churches, who works with Michael DiBlasio, Director of Real Estate Development, to care for these properties and to help determine the best path forward for each. Their work helps ensure that the buildings are cared for throughout these periods of change and that their sacred character is honored.

Caring for church buildings in seasons of change means honoring the generations of worship, baptism, marriage, and ministry that have taken place within them while trusting that God is not finished with these communities or these spaces. Even as circumstances surrounding a building change, the Church continues to pray, gather, and look ahead with hope.

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