

# Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



*Giotto di Bondone "The stigmatization of St. Francis"*

## **The Feast of St Francis** ***With Blessing of the Animals***

Rite I Holy Eucharist  
October 3, 2021 at 8 AM

*The Reverend Andrew David Kruger, Presider*  
*Anthony Rafaniello, Director of Music and Organist*  
*John Beier, Senior Warden & Sydney O'Hagan, Junior Warden*

## Welcome

Andy Kruger

*At the end of the silence, the bells are rung and the People stand for the procession of the Cross.*

## Acclamation

BCP 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

Let us pray together the collect for purity.

**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.**

## Kyrie

BCP 324

*Presider* Kyrie eleison.

*People* **Christe eleison.**

*Presider* Kyrie eleison.

## Great Commandment

BCP 324

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.

## Collect of the Day

BCP 182

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant thy people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of thee, delight in thy whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The People are seated.*

## **First Reading**

Job 39:1–18

*Reader*      A reading from the book of Job.

‘Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?  
Do you observe the calving of the deer?  
Can you number the months that they fulfil,  
and do you know the time when they give birth,  
when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,  
and are delivered of their young?  
Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open;  
they go forth, and do not return to them.  
‘Who has let the wild ass go free?  
Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,  
to which I have given the steppe for its home,  
the salt land for its dwelling-place?  
It scorns the tumult of the city;  
it does not hear the shouts of the driver.  
It ranges the mountains as its pasture,  
and it searches after every green thing.  
‘Is the wild ox willing to serve you?  
Will it spend the night at your crib?  
Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,  
or will it harrow the valleys after you?  
Will you depend on it because its strength is great,  
and will you hand over your labour to it?  
Do you have faith in it that it will return,  
and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?  
‘The ostrich’s wings flap wildly,  
though its pinions lack plumage.

For it leaves its eggs to the earth,  
and lets them be warmed on the ground,  
forgetting that a foot may crush them,  
and that a wild animal may trample them.  
It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;  
though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear;  
because God has made it forget wisdom,  
and given it no share in understanding.  
When it spreads its plumes aloft,  
it laughs at the horse and its rider.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## **Psalm 121**

*Levavi oculos*

BCP 779

1. I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
**from where is my help to come?**
2. My help comes from the Lord, \*  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**
3. He will not let your foot be moved \*  
**and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.**
4. Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
**shall neither slumber nor sleep;**
5. The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
**the Lord is your shade at your right hand,**
6. So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
**nor the moon by night.**
7. The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
**it is he who shall keep you safe.**
8. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
**from this time forth for evermore.**

## Second Reading

Galatians 6:14-18

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

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The People stand.*

## Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

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

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

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Homily

Andrew Kruger

*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:  
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.**

## **Blessing of the Animals**

*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.**

*Fr Andy moves among the congregation to bless the animals.*

“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**

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 Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, William our Bishop, and Andy our 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 Joseph our President, Philip 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 [*especially...*], 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 331

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.**

## **Comfortable Words**

BCP 332

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*

## **Peace**

BCP 332

*The People stand.*

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

*People*        **And with thy spirit.**

*The people make a reverent bow to one another as an expression of peace. No physical contact is permitted.*

## **Announcements**

Andrew Kruger

## **Ministry Minutes**

Trinity Bible Study Groups

## **Offertory Sentence**

BCP 344

Worthy art thou, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power;  
for thou hast created all things, and by thy will they were created and  
have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

*The Presider prepares the Holy Table, then 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.

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**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, for ever 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. Please place your pledge and/or gift in the plate provided on the way to receive communion.*

## Commissioning Eucharistic Visitors

BOS 284, alt.

*The People stand. The Eucharistic Visitors take their place around the Holy Table and receive a pyx.*

*Presider* Though we are many, we are one body:

*People* **because we all share in the one bread.**

*Presider* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those who are absent may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

## 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.**

## Blessing

BCP 339

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.**

*The Ministers recess*

## Dismissal

BCP 340

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

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

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## Saint Francis of Assisi – Friar (1182-1226)

The son of a prosperous merchant of Assisi, his early youth was spent in harmless revelry and fruitless attempts to win military glory. Various encounters with beggars and lepers pricked the young man's conscience, and he decided to embrace a life devoted to Lady Poverty. Despite his father's intense opposition, Francis totally renounced all material values, and devoted himself to serve the poor. In 1210, Pope Innocent III confirmed the simple Rule for the Order of Friars Minor, a name Francis chose to emphasize his desire to be numbered among the "least" of God's servants. The order grew rapidly all over Europe. But by 1221 Francis had lost control of it, since his ideal of strict and absolute poverty, both for the individual friars and for the order as a whole, was found to be too difficult to maintain.

On Holy Cross Day, September 24, 1224, while he was praying on the Mountain of Verna, he had a vision of a seraph, who gave him the gift of stigmata, the five wounds of Christ. Suffering, he was first taken to different cities. But when his wounds did not heal, he was brought back to his hut. Francis spent his last days dictating his spiritual Testament. He lived two more years, suffering from constant pain and blindness, but his unconquerable joy never failed. He died singing Psalm 142 on the evening of October 3, 1226. Pope Gregory IX, a former patron of the Franciscans, canonized Francis in 1228. Of all the saints, Francis is the most popular and admired, but probably the least imitated; few have attained his total identification with the poverty and suffering of Christ.

*– redacted from Holy Women, Holy Men, Celebrating the Saints, et al.*

### What you need to know today ...

**Ministry at Trinity** Is the Holy Spirit filling you with a desire to serve God in the church and in the world? Explore the ministry opportunities at Trinity. [Click here](#) for a chart listing the various ministries and committees, the reason to join, and the contact information.

**Fellowship after Worship** We have shared the Word, we have shared the Eucharist, after the service join us under the tent to share our thoughts, our hopes, our dreams, our journey together before walking into the mission fields to build the Kingdom.

**Confirmation Class** Tonight from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM in Witherington Hall; the instructors are Marion Nechuta and John Beier.

**Disaster Relief for Haiti** \$1,095 was collected from the generous donations of the congregation; the Diocese will match that up to \$750, bringing the total to \$1,845. The Outreach Committee thanks everyone for their efforts.

**Parish Pledges** The parish leadership is so grateful for your faithfulness. Please continue to mail pledges – labeled "To Financial Secretary" – to Trinity Church, 205 North Avenue East, Cranford, NJ 07016.

**Transportation to Church on Sunday** Do you need a lift to Church, or would you like to offer a lift to Church? Cheryl Pantina is coordinating transportation, please contact her to make arrangements (908-623-7046).

### **What you need to know this week ...**

**Parish Office hours** Beginning this week, Marion Nechuta is in the office from 10 AM to 12:30 PM on Tuesday and Wednesday, and 1 PM to 3:30 PM on Thursday. It is advisable to call ahead before arriving. Marion may also be contacted via the parish email or phone.

**The Daily Offices** Morning and Evening Prayer are held online Monday through Friday at 8:30 AM and 5 PM respectively.

**Intercessory Prayer List** Each person is prayed for at Morning and Evening Prayer. [Click on this link](#) to add and update prayer requests. Remember to move that person to "Thanksgiving for Healing" if and when that becomes appropriate.

**Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle** Each week both are available for personal attribution, to remember loved ones, to honor others, to celebrate lives. Email the office for the process. The deadline is 4 PM Wednesday each week; multiple attributions are allowed.

**Handbell Choir Rehearsal** This Wednesday, from 6:45-7:45 PM in the church and continuing weekly.

**Adult Choir Rehearsal** This Wednesday, from 8-9 PM in the church and continuing weekly. Sunday call time for warm-up and rehearsal is 9:30 AM; the choir sings at the 10 AM service.

**Northern Convocation** This Thursday, October 7; the meeting begins at 7 PM online.

**Compline** Consider ending your day with the peaceful prayer office of Compline, Thursday nights at 8 PM online.

**Trinity Men's Group Retreat/Hike** Saturday, October 9 meet at Deserted Village in the Watchung Reservation at 9:30 AM for fellowship, followed by a brief prayer service at 10 AM, then a hike around Deserted Village and Blue Brook, ending by 12 noon. This is the third quarterly retreat/hike ([click for directions](#)). Contact Casey Woodruff (908-868-4915; cwoodruff@jonbramnick.com) with any questions.

### **What you need to know for the future ...**

**Outreach Committee meeting** next Sunday, October 10 at 11:30 AM under the tent, following the second worship service.

**ECW Women of Honor 2021** October 16, 2021 at 10 AM. Every 3 years, the ECW of the Diocese of NJ has held a luncheon to honor a woman from each parish who exemplifies the qualities of ECW ministry. This year, Trinity's nominee is Bonnie Gentesse. Restrictions have resulted in a change to an online program; details will be made known shortly.

**Donations of Fall and Winter Clothing to St. John's** Deliver these items to Marion Nechuta at 310 W. Clay Avenue, Roselle Park by Saturday, October 16 so they may be delivered with the sandwiches on Sunday, October 17.

**St. John's Pantry in Elizabeth** Food is needed to stock the shelves; [please click this link](#). Deliver the items to Marion Nechuta at 310 W. Clay Avenue, Roselle Park by Saturday, October 16.

**Making Sandwiches** Saturday, October 16 between 10 AM and 12 noon in Sherlock Hall. An opportunity for parish fellowship while helping to feed the less fortunate. For more details and to participate, please call Marion Nechuta (908-451-4498).

**The next Sandwich Sunday is October 17** [Please click this link](#) for items needed and deliver them to Marion Nechuta at 310 W. Clay Avenue, Roselle Park by Saturday, October 16.

**Cranford CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 17** Walkers are needed; meet at 1:45 PM at the Methodist Church at the corner of Walnut and Lincoln Avenues. Please see Marion Nechuta or call (908-451-4498) for collection envelopes and information. CROP Hunger Walk raises money to feed people, sets up water systems, gives tools and training to families on how to grow food, and gives livestock to families, both as a food source and to establish economic stability. The fund-raising event is administered by Church World Services.

**Parish Spiritual Conference** Saturday, October 23 from 9 AM to 12 noon in Sherlock Hall. Fr Andy will lead a morning of spiritual conversations and exercises on the themes of Baptism, Bible, Eucharist and Prayer. The materials are based on Rowan Williams' short and simple, but also deeply profound little book, *Being Christian*. It is strongly advised that participants obtain the book and read it beforehand. The conference includes refreshments outside, under the TEDS tent. [Sign up to attend the conference here](#).

**Baptism** Trinity will keep the feast of All Saints – one of the four Sundays the BCP sets aside for baptism – on Sunday, October 31 this year. Parents who desire the sacrament of baptism for their child/ren may download an [application form here](#). Complete and return the form to Marion at the parish office no later than Sunday, October 9. Arrangements are being made to stream the service to Sherlock Hall where most of the congregation will be accommodated. In this way our vulnerable infant candidates for baptism, who are not able to mask, will be relatively safe inside the church building. All adult candidates and at least one parent of infant candidates are required to participate in the Parish Spiritual Conference (see above) and the Baptismal Rehearsal (Saturday, October 30 from 10 AM to 11 AM) as part of preparation for the sacrament.