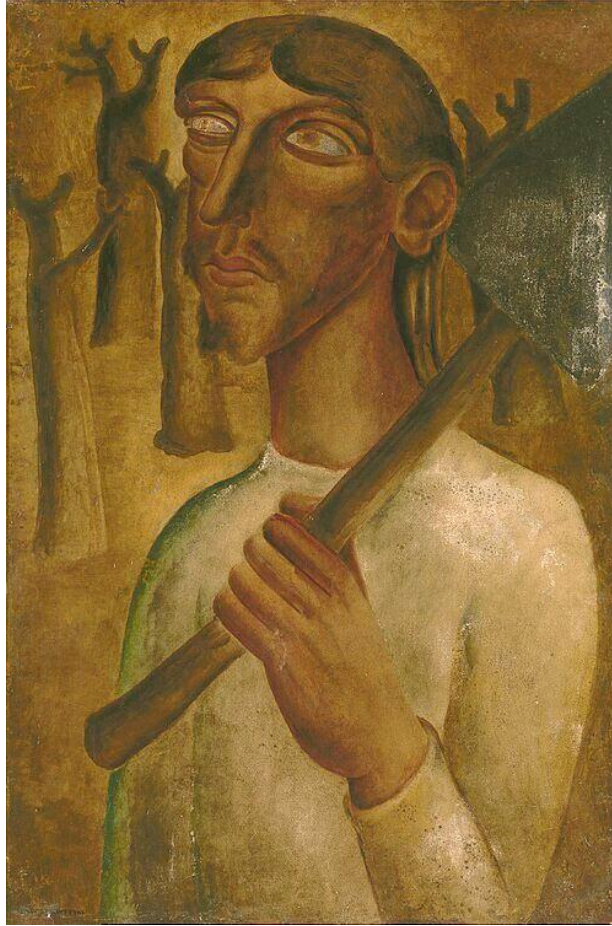


Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



“Christ with a Sword” – Gustave van de Woestijne

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II ~ Proper 7

June 21, 2026 at 10 AM

The Reverend Andrew David Kruger - Rector & Presider

Anthony J. Rafaniello - Director of Music & Organist

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

*The Sanctuary Candle burns in loving memory of Robert and Susan Kuldaneĸ
and the Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Andy Barone by Christy Barone*

Prelude

Improvisation on *Hyfrydol*

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

I. Gathering of God's People

Gathering Hymn

Hyfrydol

Hymnal 657

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Acclamation

Enriching our Worship 50

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Collect for Purity

Book of Common Prayer 355

Presider Let us pray.

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

Gloria

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.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

II. Proclaiming and Receiving the Word of God

First Reading

Genesis 21:8-21

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis.

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son.

But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring."

So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept.

And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him."

Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All are invited to sing the Antiphon and Psalm.



Glad - den the soul of your serv - ant; for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.



TONE VIII.2

- 1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and ánswer me, *
for I am poor / and in mísery.
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am fáithful; *
save your servant who / puts his trúst in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; *
I call upon you / all the dáy long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your sérvant, *
for to you, O LORD, / I lift úp my soul.
- 5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgíving, *
and great is your love toward all who / call upón you.
- 6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, *
and attend to the voice of my / supplicátions.
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upón you, *
for / you will ánswer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like yóu, O LORD, *
nor any/thing like yóur works.
- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship yóu, O LORD, *
and / glorify your Name.
- 10 For you are great;
you do wóndrous things; *
and / you alóne are God.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upón me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child / of your hándmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and bé áshamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and / comfórtéd me. [Ant.]

Second Reading

Romans 6:1b-11

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin.

But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand.

Proclaiming Hymn

Nyland

Hymnal 655

The People stand.

1 O Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end;
2 O let me hear thee speak-ing in ac - cents clear and still,
3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom-ised to all who fol - low thee,

be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
a - bove the storms of pas-sion, the mur-murs of self - will;
that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;

I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.
O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard-ian of my soul.
O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:24-39

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

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

Jesus said to the twelve apostles, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

III. Responding to the Proclaimed Word of God

Children's Sermon

Andrew Kruger

Nicene Creed

Enriching Our Worship 53

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

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

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

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

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

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

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

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

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

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Raymond Chapman alt.

The Presider says

Seeking new life through the saving death of Christ, let us pray to the Father.

The intercessor prays

Grant to your faithful people the strength to take up the Cross and follow Christ, so that we will be bearers of Christ's light and life.

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

Where selfishness makes people cling to false values, reveal the way of peace through the death of self, so that the nations will be free from the sin that diminishes life.

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

Instill in our community the spirit of mutual care, making us servants of one another, unselfish in our relationships, and always seeking the common good.

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

Comfort those who are persecuted for their faith, shield them from violence and give them hope.

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

Enrich with new life those who have died in faith. As they passed through the waters of baptism in this world, bring them through the gate of death into glory.

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

The Presider concludes

Grant, Lord God, to all who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, that, as we have put away the old life of sin, so we may be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

BCP 360

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

Announcements

Andrew Kruger

IV. Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Offertory Sentence

Psalm 50:14

Presider Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to 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.*

Offertory Anthem

“The Blue Green Hills of Earth” – Kim Oler, arr. Paul Halley

For the earth, forever turning,
For the skies, for every sea,
To our Lord we sing, returning home to our blue green hills of earth.

For the mountains, hills, and pastures,
In their silent majesty,
For all life, for all of Nature, sing we our joyful praise to Thee.

For the sun, for rain, and thunder,
For the land that makes us free,
For the stars, for all the heavens, sing we our joyful praise to Thee.

The People stand. The Ushers bring the collection plates and gifts for St. John's to the ministers.

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 *2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

St John's Offertory Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

Generous God, we present these gifts for St John's, a symbol of the work you have given us to do; use them, and use us, in the service of your world to the glory of your name. Amen.

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 for Children

Common Worship

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.**

Child Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

Parent Listen to the proper preface.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

You give us your love, even when things go wrong. Jesus knew hurt and pain.
Through him you wipe away our tears, and fill us with your peace.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

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._____

We thank you loving Father, because when we turned away you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and showed us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Child Why do we share this bread and wine?

Parent Listen to the words of institution.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: "This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me."

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: "This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins."

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Savior.

Child How do we follow Jesus Christ?
Parent Listen to the Doxology.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for 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

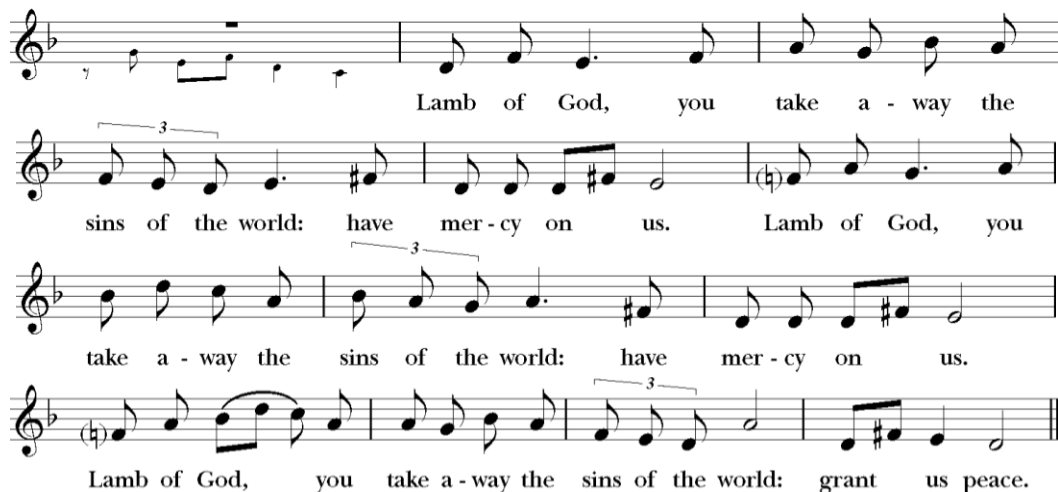
BCP 364

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. Wine is offered by way of a sip from the common cup. You may choose to receive only the host. Gluten-free wafers are available by request to the priest.

Communion Hymn

Let us break bread together

Hymnal 325

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,
O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

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First Children's Anthem

"An Easter Alleluia" – Timothy Shaw

Alleluia! Let us Sing!
Jesus is the risen King!
Alleluia! Now proclaim –
Blessed by His glorious name.

"Do not fear" the angel said,
"He is risen from the dead.
See the place where Jesus lay."
What a happy, joyful day.

Early on that Easter day,
Angels rolled the stone away.
Women bringing sweet perfume,
Came and found an empty tomb.

Jesus died on Calvary;
Now He's won the victory.
Go, and spread this Gospel news:
Jesus lives! He lives for you.

Second Children's Anthem

"Climbin' up the mountain" – African American Spiritual

Climbin' up the mountain, children, didn't come here for to stay.
If I nevermore see you again, gonna meet you at the judgement day.

Moses went down into Egypt land; he told ol' Pharaoh
that the good Lord sittin' on his heavenly throne said:
"Let my people go!" good Lord, "Let my people go."

Daniel looked up from the lion's den; he did begin to pray
and the angel of the Lord locked the lion's jaw,
that sure was a mighty day, good Lord, sure was a mighty day.

Climbin' up higher and higher, until the judgement day.

Post Communion Prayer

Common Worship

Presider Let us pray.

The People stand.

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.

The Presider blesses the People.

Christ was raised from the dead, therefore do not be afraid.
What God speaks to you in the dark, proclaim boldly in the light.
Take up your cross and follow the Christ.

And may God watch over you and provide for you;
May Christ Jesus openly declare you to be his own;
And may the Holy Spirit bring you help and comfort always. **Amen.**

V. Going out as God's People

Sending Hymn

Crucifer

Hymnal 473

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The first system is the 'Refrain' and the second system is the 'Repeat Refrain'. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postludeexcerpt from “Partita on *Crucifer*” – Charles Callahan**What you need to know today...**

Financial Snapshot As of May 31, we have received \$73,000 versus \$98,000 pledged year to date. Thank you for the continued support; if the financial situation has changed or to adjust your pledge, please inform the financial secretary, Carol Beier.

Father’s Day Today we acknowledge Father’s Day, a secular observance that invites us to give thanks for fathers and all who have offered us fatherly love. While the Church traditionally honors fatherhood on the Feast of St. Joseph, we join our wider community in celebrating fathers, remembering with gratitude those we love but see no longer, and praying for God’s blessing upon all fathers.

Sandwich Sunday Today; contact Marion Nechuta (marionnechuta@yahoo.com or 908-451-4498) for more information.

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 Tuesday through Thursday from 12 noon to 3:30 PM.

Compline This Thursday at 8 PM online

What you need to know in the future...

Trinity Episcopal Senior Youth (TESY) Sunday, June 28 at 12:30 PM. All confirmed youth ages 13-18 are welcome.

Summer Schedule Sunday, July 5 to Sunday, August 30, there is only one Sunday service at 9 AM.

Sight and Sound: “Joshua” Saturday, October 3 at 3 PM in Lancaster PA. Tickets are \$90; see Bonnie Gentesse (908-377-4344).

Thank you to members of our Music Ministry 2025-2026

The Trinity Choir Denise Alvarez, Laszlo Arvai, Abigail Behnke, John Beier, Joyce Cieslak, Cindy Concannon, Carolyn Dittmar, Brandon Frumolt, Vicki Goralski, Karen Heffernan, Thomas Kaercher, Samantha Kaplan, David McFall, Mary Beth McFall, Terry Nechuta, Scott Nelson, Eliza Rivera, Ellen Temple, John Zebrowski. **The Trinity Handbell Choir** Christy Barone, John Beier, Madeleine Brennan, Carolyn Dittmar, Michele Freeland, Maureen Frydlewicz, Arwen Kelly, Thomas Kaercher, Jana Morgan, Beth Rees, Fran Witherington. **The Trinity Children’s Choir** Mia Conceicao, Olivia Conceicao, Henry DeVelde, Antonio DiFonzo, Leo DiFonzo, Arwen Kelly, Maeve Milas, Dylan Rees, Sophie Strawder, Emma Willix

Lectionary & Liturgy

The first reading continues the story of Abraham and Sarah. Before the child promised them was born, they decided to help God out by Abraham getting a son by the slave girl, Hagar. However, once Isaac was born Sarah demanded that Hagar and their son be sent away. God cared for them, however, and Ishmael became the ancestor of the Arabs, as Isaac was the ancestor of the people of Israel. In the second reading, Paul sets forth the meaning of baptism. It is nothing less than a participation in the death and resurrection of Jesus. The terms used here in the original Greek means that we have already died with him in baptism and are in the process of being raised with him into the resurrection life. Thus, our old identity is gone and our new identity is as members of Christ’s Body. Last Sunday we heard Jesus give instructions to his twelve disciples as he prepared to send them out to proclaim the gospel. Today that passage continues with his warning to them that they will encounter opposition to the message and even may have to suffer for it. We gather as church to respond to the same call that was made to the twelve apostles and to Jeremiah and the prophets. It is not always easy to be follower of Christ. We must expect to find that our message is not always popular nor will we always be well treated for proclaiming it. However, as the people of God we find that God’s grace is always available in Word and Sacraments. We are upheld in the experience of those who have gone before us and above all by the example of Jesus dying and rising in our midst.

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- † **Cover Art** – Gustave Van de Woestijne (1881–1947) was a Belgian expressionist painter. He belonged to the so-called “First Group of Latem”- a group of artists who worked in the rural village of Sint-Martens-Latem on the banks of the Lys, near Ghent.
- † **Gathering Hymn** – Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) With its theme of Christian perfection, and judging by general repute, it is among Wesley’s finest: “justly famous and beloved, better known than almost any other of his hymns.” –[JR Watson] Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887) composed this before he was 20 years old.
- † **Collect of the Day** – In the present revision the language is closer to that of the original and that of Cranmer. The Latin contains in the address the qualifying word *pariter* which was lost in the English versions. It might be rendered, “Make us perpetually to have fear, and no less, love of your holy Name.” Some editions of the Prayer Book have attempted to convey this thought by inserting a comma after “fear.” “Name” carries the idea of God’s self-revelation. –[Notes on the American Prayer Book by Marion Hatchett]
- † **Proclaiming Hymn** – John Ernest Bode (1816-1874), Anglican priest, for his children’s confirmation service, based on John 12:23-26. He presided over their confirmation, telling the children that the hymn included “all the important truths I want you to remember.” Composer and hymnal editor Percy Dearmer once noted its overuse in 1933, “Bishops have been known to implore their clergy that this hymn should not be sung at all the Confirmations they attend.” Music: Finnish folk melody; adapt. David Evans (1874-1948). Harmonization © Oxford University Press.
- † *** Nicene Creed** – This version is designed to contain “all the expansive language texts currently authorized.” It is almost identical to the version in the BCP. The omission of the words ‘and the Son’ (*filioque*) restores the text of the Creed to the original wording agreed upon at the Fourth Ecumenical Council of Constantinople (381 CE). The addition of that phrase was a later development implemented only in the Western Church and without the approval of a General Council.
- † **Offertory Anthem** – “The Blue Green Hills of Earth” by Kim Oler, arr. Paul Halley with text from the *Missa Gaia* or “Earth Mass” (a Mass by Paul Winter and others, that is performed annually at St. John the Divine in New York City, for the Feast of St. Francis).
- † **Offertory Hymn** – Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826); published when Anglican authorities disapproved of the singing of hymns in churches, other than metrical psalms, although there was considerable informal hymn-singing in parishes. He intended to win support for their inclusion. Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876) as a tribute to the First Council of Nicæa which formalized the doctrine of the Trinity.
- † **Sanctus** – Became part of the Roman Eucharistic Prayer around 450 AD, fairly late as by then the text of the Roman Canon was fixed and regarded as possessing great authority. It appears in the 1549 BCP in its current form. The 1552 Book of Common Prayer omitted it and, though it is now permitted, “the choice whether or not to use the Benedictus is still for some a matter of Eucharistic theology and churchmanship.” – [Paul Thomas, *Using the Book of Common Prayer*] The first part is based on Isaiah’s song of the seraphim –[Isaiah 6:1-3; cf., Revelation 4:8]. The second part is taken from Matthew 21:9, describing Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, which is based on the first half of Psalm 118:26. In its present liturgical context it points to the expected presence of the Lord in the eucharistic gifts.
- † **The Lord’s Prayer** – The BCP provides both Traditional and Contemporary versions; the parish alternates depending on the liturgical season. 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: African American spiritual. Music: arranged by David Hurd (b. 1950).
- † **First Children’s Anthem** – Timothy Shaw studied theology and music in college and graduate school, and he has enjoyed a multi-faceted career as publisher, composer, scholar, church musician, and author. As publisher he founded Shaw Music producing artistic, worshipful, sacred music. In addition, he has volunteered as an ESL instructor, a youth baseball coach, and a board member of a community boys and girls club.
- † **Second Children’s Anthem** – “Climbin’ Up the Mountain” is an African American Spiritual arr. by Mark Patterson (b. 1969); he currently serves as the Director of Music at Salisbury Presbyterian Church in Midlothian, Virginia, where he leads a comprehensive music program for adults, youth and children. –[© 2023 Choristers Guild]
- † **Sending Hymn** – Words: George William Kitchin (1827-1912), inspired by the story of Constantine the Great’s conversion to Christianity after seeing a cross with *In hoc signo vinces* – (“In this Sign Conquer”) on it. Music: Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947). –[Both ©1974 Hope Publishing] Stanley L. Osbourne wrote the “images are biblical, its moods expectant, its promises courageous, and its demands costly” and sees the cross as a symbol of the love of Jesus. However, Gail Ramshaw sees an endorsement of the Gospel of John’s description of the Passion and focuses on the cross as a source of agony rather than as a throne of Jesus.



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