

Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



“Baptism of Christ” – Lyuba Yatskiv

The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord

Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II

January 11, 2026 at 10 AM



The Reverend Andrew David Kruger ~ Rector & Presider

Anthony Joel Rafaniello ~ Director of Music & Organist

Casey Woodruff ~ Senior Warden & Thomas Kaercher ~ Junior Warden

*The Sanctuary Candle, and the Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in celebration of the baptism of Reese Rydelek*

Gathering Hymn

Hyfrydol

Hymnal 460

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

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

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

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

Susan Caldwell Nelson

1. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

2. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; 5. you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

6. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord.

7. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The People sit.

Blessing of the Sunday School Children and their Teachers

Andrew Kruger

Presider May God bless those who teach and those who learn,

* in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

II. Proclaiming and Receiving the Word of God**First Reading**

Isaiah 42:1-9

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29*Afferte, Domino*

Plainsong Psalter

All sing the Antiphon and Psalm.



Wor - ship the LORD in his ho - ly tem - ple.



TONE III.4

- 1 *Ascribe—to the LÓRD, yōu gods, **
ascribe to the LORD / glory and strength.
- 2 *Ascribe to the LORD the glóry due hiis Name; **
worship the LORD in the beauty / of holiness.
- 3 *The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;*
*the God of glóry thünders; **
the LORD is upon the migh/ty waters.
- 4 *The voice of the LORD is a pówérful voice; **
the voice of the LORD is a voice / of spléndor.
- 5 *The voice of the LORD bréaks the cédar trees; **
the LORD breaks the cedars / of Lébanon;
- 6 *He makes Lebanon skip like ä calf, **
and Mount Hermon like / a young wild ox.
- 7 *The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;*
*the voice of the LÓRD shákés the wildërrness; **
the LORD shakes the wilderness / of Kádesch.
- 8 *The voice of the LÓRD mákes the oak trëes writhe **
and strips / the forests bare.
- 9 *And in the témples of thë LÓRD **
all are cry/ing, “Glóry!”
- 10 *The LÓRD sits enthronéd abóve thë flood; **
the LÓRD sits enthroned as King / for évermore.
- 11 *The LÓRD shall give stréngth to his péople; **
the LÓRD shall give his people the bless/ing óf peace. [Ant.]

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Proclaiming Hymn

Winchester New

Hymnal 76

The People stand.

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

Presider

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Presider

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

III. Responding to the Proclaimed Word of God

Homily

Andrew Kruger

Presentation of the Candidate

BCP 301

The baptismal candidate, together with her parents and sponsors, move into the sanctuary.

Presider The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Reese Rydelek is presented by her parents and sponsors who say

I present Reese to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Presider asks the parents and sponsors

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

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

Presider Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

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

Renunciation

The parents and the sponsors, on behalf of the child to be baptized, renounce Satan and all his works.

Presider Please turn to the West – the direction of darkness and the ending of the day.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Allegiance

The parents and the sponsors pledge their allegiance to Christ.

Presider Please turn to the East – the direction of light and the coming of the new day.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

The people stand, and the Presider addresses the assembly, saying

Question Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?
People **We will.**

Baptismal Covenant

BCP 304

The Presider then says

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

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.

Prayers for the Candidate

BCP 305

Presider Let us now pray for Reese who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Presider concludes

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

The ministers, candidate, parents and sponsors move to the font.

Baptismal Chant

“We Shall Draw Water” – Paul Inwood



We shall draw wa - ter joy - ful-ly, sing-ing joy - ful-ly, sing-ing joy-fully;
we shall draw wa - ter joy - ful-ly from the well-springs of sal - va - tion.

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.

Thanksgiving over the Water

BCP 306

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Presider touches the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Baptism

BCP 307

The candidate is presented to the Presider by a parent or sponsor, saying

I present to you Reese to be Baptized.

The Presider says

Reese, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Presider places a hand on his head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism, saying

Reese, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed, the Presider prays over her saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The 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

1 Chronicles 29:11

Presider Yours, O LORD, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offering of bread and wine to the Holy Table.

Offertory Anthem

"One Faith, One Hope, One Lord" – Craig Courtney

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which He died.
One voice, one song, we lift in praise to Him who was and is and shall be evermore.

There is one body, one spirit, as you were called to one hope.
One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all, who is in you all.

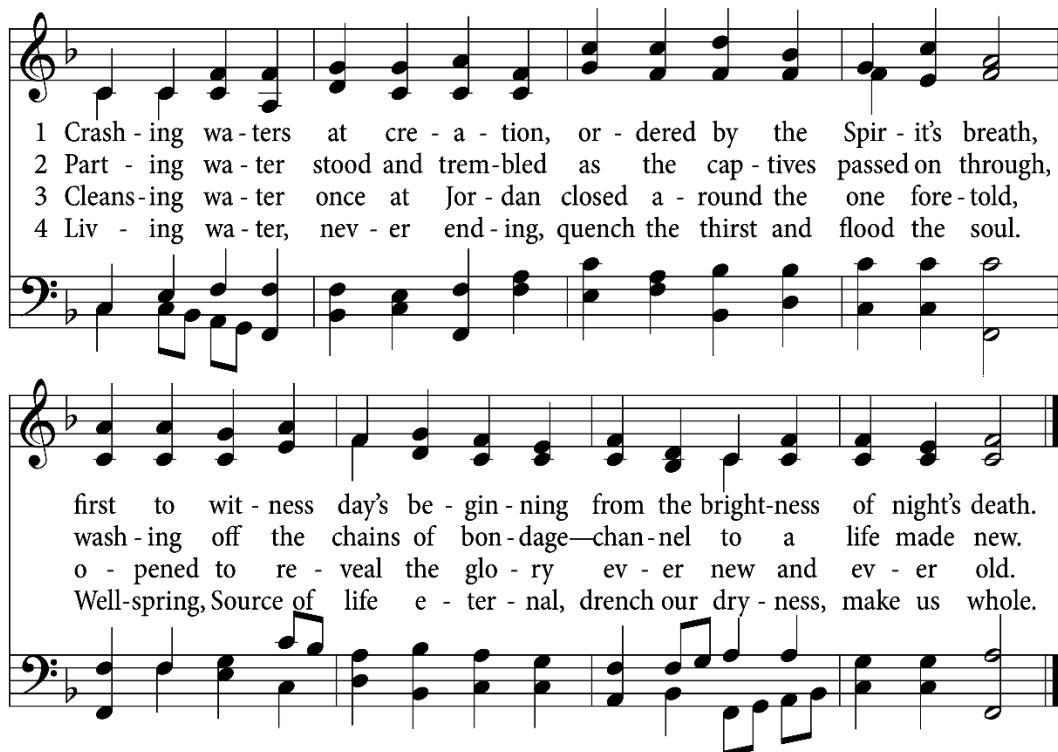
Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts,
we are given to each other for the unity of faith,
that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.

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

Offertory Hymn

Stuttgart

Take Up the Song 303



1 Crash-ing wa-ters at cre-a-tion, or-dered by the Spir-it's breath,
2 Part-ing wa-ter stood and trem-bled as the cap-tives passed on through,
3 Cleans-ing wa-ter once at Jor-dan closed a-round the one fore-told,
4 Liv-ing wa-ter, nev-er end-ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.

first to wit-ness day's be-gin-ning from the bright-ness of night's death.
wash-ing off the chains of bon-dage—chan-nel to a life made new.
o-pened to re-veal the glo-ry ev-er new and ev-er old.
Well-spring, Source of life e-ter-nal, drench our dry-ness, make us whole.

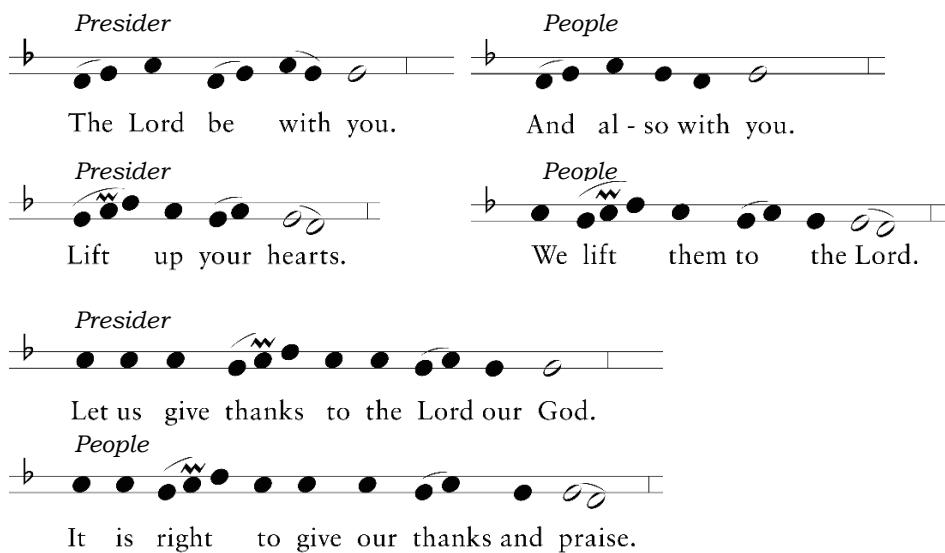
Presentation of Gifts

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.

Presider



The Lord be with you.

People

And al - so with you.

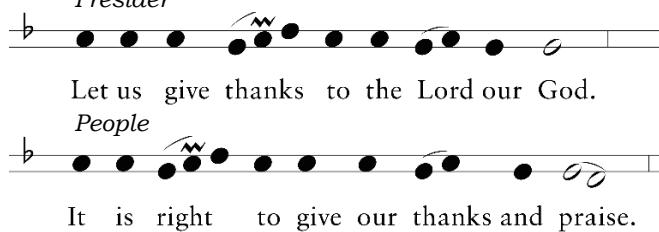
Presider

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Presider



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

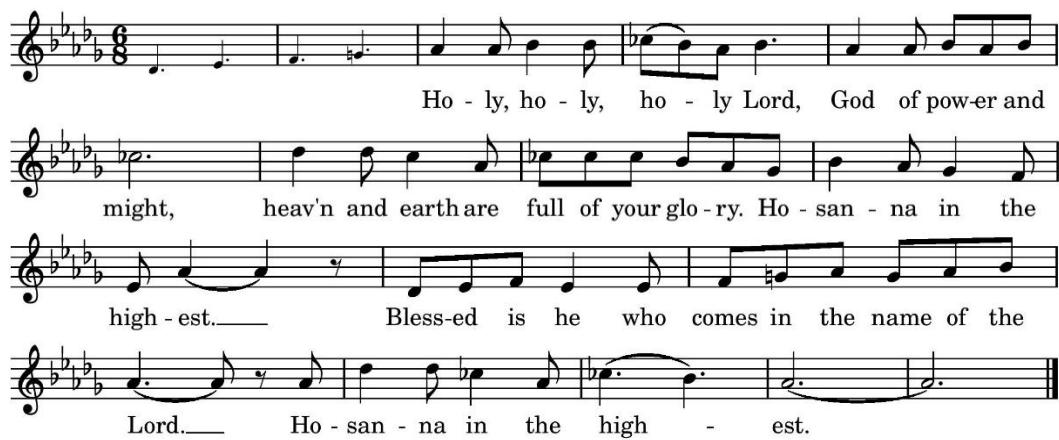
People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Susan Caldwell Nelson



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav'n 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.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

People **Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Great Amen

Susan Caldwell Nelson



The Lord's Prayer

BCP 360

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

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

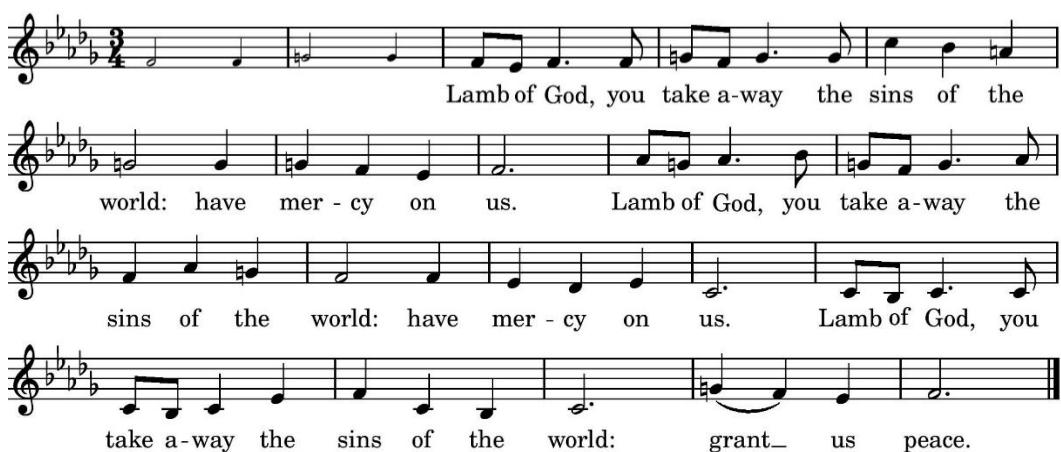
Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

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

Agnus Dei

Susan Caldwell Nelson



Invitation

BCP 364

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

First Communion Hymn

Schmücke dich

Hymn 339

1. Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
 2. Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
 3. Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me
 gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -
 splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;
 un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me mea - sure, Lord, how
 from this ban - quet let me through the gifts thou here dost
 won - drous ban - quet found - ed high o'er all the heavens he
 be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from
 vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost
 reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.
 hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

Second Communion Hymn

Wareham

Voices Found 156

1. A - rise - and shine, the pro - phet sang;
 2. God's ris - ing sun will the light the way,
 3. You will not need the sun by day;
 your light has come, the mes - sage rang.
 as peo - ple stream to dawn ing's ray.
 nor moon by night, to light your way;
 The shroud of dark - ness stripped a - way,
 Your o - pen gates will nev - er close,
 God's glo - ry brings a bright new day.
 in bus' - ry day or night's re - pose.
 will be' - ling ev - er - last - ing light.

Communion Meditation

Let All Who Are Thirsty Come

Taizé Community

Let all who are thirst-y, come. Let all who wish, re-ceive the

Post-communion Prayer

CW

Presider Let us pray.

The People stand.

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Commissioning the Newly Baptized

An Anglican Prayer Book 1989

The newly baptized, with her parents and sponsors, gather at the Paschal Candle. The baptismal candle is lit from the Paschal Candle and given to the newly baptized.

Presider By baptism into Christ you pass from darkness to light.

People **Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God.**

Presider Alleluia. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

People **Fight valiantly under the banner of Christ. Alleluia.**

Blessing

CW

The priest blesses the people saying

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life, perfect in you the image of his glory; and the blessing of God almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

V. Going out as God's People

Sending Hymn

St. Denio

Hymnal 423

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
2. Unresting, un hast'ing, and silent as light,
3. To all life thou giv'est, to both great and small;
4. Thou reign'est in glory, thou rul'est in light,
in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;
most blessed, most glo - rious, the An - Ancient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see
al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Dismissal

BCP 366

Presider

Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 557 – Johann Sebastian Bach

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 January:

Sophie DeMarco – January 21
Patrick McKell – January 14
Harrison Lack – January
Denise Alvarez – January 23
Benjamin Lawrence – January 12

Aiden Hosler – January 15
Erica Knapp – January 12
Ella Fernandez – January
Ashley Garcia – January 7
Marc Fernandez – January

Wesley Ditzel III – January 10
Patrick Milas – January 1
Emilia Fernandez – January
Pablo Garcia – January 14
Benjamin Aravena – January 7

What you need to know today...

Sunday School Today during the 10 AM Eucharist.

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

Trinity Children's Choir Rehearsal Today from 11:30 AM to 12 noon in the Church.

Home Blessings To request a house blessing from Fr Andy during the season of Epiphany, please call Marion Nechuta at the parish office.

What you need to know this week...

Parish Office Hours Office Manager Marion Nechuta is available Tuesday (12 noon–2:30 PM), Wednesday (1 PM–3:30 PM) and Thursday (12 noon–2:30 PM). Please call before arriving; at other times she may still be contacted via parish email.

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer Monday to Friday at 8:30 AM and 5 PM, respectively, online.

Trinity Women's Group Monday, January 12 from 7 PM to 8 PM online.

Trinity Adult and Handbell Choir Rehearsals This Wednesday, January 14.

Fellowship Luncheon Thursday, January 15 from 12:30 PM to 2 PM in Witherington Hall. Parishioner Bob Vogel speaks on his FBI career. Chicken Cordon Bleu with salad and sides is served. Call Susan Olszewski (908-757-9561) or Susan Nelson (908-397-3944).

Martin Luther King Jr. Cranford Community Worship Service Thursday, January 15 at 7 PM at St. Mark's AME Church, Cranford.

Compline This Thursday at 8 PM online.

What you need to know in the future...

Sandwich Sunday Next Sunday, January 18; contact Marion Nechuta (marionnechuta@yahoo.com or 908-451-4498) for more information. There are several ways to participate in this ministry (links to sign up are in the email blast):

- Sign up to supply items needed for the bags and the sandwiches
- Saturday, January 17 from 10 AM to 11 AM – assemble food bags in Sherlock Hall
- Sunday, January 18 – assemble sandwiches between services and after 10 am service
- Sunday, January 18 after Fellowship Hour – transport the sandwiches and food packets to St John's and help serve food

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Monday, January 19, 3 PM to 5 PM at the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, sponsored by the Cranford Clergy Council and Interfaith Committee; details (including items to bring) are in the weekly email blast. Outreach will collect donated items today and next Sunday, January 18 and deliver them on January 19.

Carol Fricke R.I.P. Saturday, January 24 at 10 AM; the funeral service for the sister of Arlene Fricke with repast to follow in Sherlock Hall.

Annual Parish Meeting Sunday, January 25 following one service at 10 AM. A link to the proposed bylaws is in the email blast.

Loaves of Love Sunday, January 25 after the annual meeting, the Outreach Committee will sell homemade bread. The suggested donation is \$6. All funds raised go to the AIDS Resource Foundation for Children (ARFC). For more information, see the website: aidsresource.org. ARFC offers support for children, aged six years or younger, who were born HIV positive or have AIDS. Trinity has been supporting this effort for several years. The Outreach Committee, as always, is appreciative of the support of this and all Outreach activities by its parish family.

Annual Trinity Soup Sale Sunday, February 1. after both services. It is the 15th annual sale. \$6 for small., \$9 for large. To make soup and be part of the "Soup Team" please contact Summer (973-289-1605) or Bonnie (908-377-4344) to sign up.

New Service Music Composed by Susan Caldwell Nelson

From the Music Director, Anthony Rafaniello: A couple of years ago, as I worked to select music for the liturgical year, I focused on finding new settings of the service music – the consistent elements of the Holy Eucharist that we sing each week. For us, these include the *Gloria* (Glory to God), *Sanctus* (Holy, Holy, Holy), Great Amen, and *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God). These ancient texts have been essential to Christian worship for millennia, yet high-quality musical settings using the Rite II translations of the Episcopal Church are surprisingly scarce. The triumphant William Mathias setting we use for feast days and the chant-like David Hurd "New Plainsong" setting that we use in Advent and Lent are both very effective. However, as I searched for something new for the Epiphany season, I found myself somewhat uninspired by the available options. Many were either overly complex or too simplistic. My goal was to find music that would be both musically engaging and interesting, but also accessible and appropriate for us at Trinity, Cranford.

Recognizing the extraordinary talent within our parish, I turned to Susan Caldwell Nelson with a special request. Dr. Caldwell Nelson's distinguished career includes serving as an assistant conductor for the New York City Opera. She has dedicated many years to leading music ministries as an organist and director of music at various churches. We are blessed to have such an "artist in residence" at Trinity and I was grateful that she was interested in this project.

The result of her efforts is a new musical setting of service music that wonderfully meets our needs. Susan's composition is rhythmically and harmonically intriguing, in the rich key of D-flat major with beautiful modal alterations. The *Gloria* and *Sanctus* have a dance-like quality, and the *Agnus Dei*, a beautiful mysteriousness. At the same time, it remains accessible for both the congregation and choir, ensuring full participation in our worship. These compositions are another example of the great skill, expertise, and creativity that exists in our community of faith. Thank you to Susan for sharing her extraordinary musical gifts to the glory of God.

2026 Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that according to the State Law governing the Episcopal Church, and the Constitution of the Parish, the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2026, following the 10 AM service (there is only one service that day) in Sherlock Hall. Election of new vestry members, convention and convocation delegates, and review of 2025 Annual Report are presented.

Lectionary & Liturgy

- † **Cover art** – “Baptism of Christ” by Lyuba Yatskiv (Ukrainian, b. 1977); in 1996 she graduated from Trush Lviv State College of Decorative and Fine Arts, Department of Textile Art. Since 2002 she is teaching at the Department of Sacred Art of the Lviv Academy of Arts. It represents a modern Ukrainian iconographic school. As part of the Lviv iconographer tradition, Liuba’s icons are predominantly utilized by the Uniates or non-canonical churches in Ukraine. She writes, “For me, the most compelling aspect of icon art aesthetics is the dynamic plasticity of a drawing. Never can I start a work process with the complete, predefined concept. The drawing line herself hints at the development of an image, if only you can sense it, feel its vivid motion and delicate plastic nuances. Despite of this, I follow an icon painting canon, though I never know what the outcome will look like.”
- † **Gathering Hymn** – Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898), supplying a then-acknowledged lack of Eucharistic hymns in Church of England hymnals; written while lying bedridden with a near fatal illness in 1866 and inspired by Revelation 5:9. Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887), manager of a marine insurance company in Scotland; composed when he was only 19, the Welsh title translates as “pleasant” or “tuneful.”
- † **Gloria** – Words: Anonymous, 15th cent. medieval. Since the 2nd century, Christians recite this as part of weekly worship. Music: Susan Caldwell Nelson has composed new service music which the parish will be using for the full season of Epiphany.
- † **Collect of the Day** – In keeping with the restoration of Epiphany as the celebration of the baptism of our Lord and as a baptismal season, it stresses the baptism of Jesus with water and the Holy Spirit as the model for our own initiation into the covenant. Drafted by Rev. Dr. Charles M. Guilbert, based upon two alternative collects in the Roman sacramentary for this day. –[*Notes on the American Prayer Book by Marion Hatchett*]
- † **Plainsong Psalter** – Editor/choral director James Litton was on the Standing Commission on Church Music, publishing the Hymnal 1982, and is a Fellow of the Royal School of Church Music (only 7 Americans have received this honor). –[© 1988 Church Pension Fund]
- † **Proclaiming Hymn** – Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); originally written in Latin, early translators thought the text medieval. Coffin was principal of the college at Beauvais, and rector of University of Paris, 1718. His hymns are described as having less brilliancy, but more simplicity and unction. –[John Julian, *Dictionary of Hymnology*] Music: melody *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).
- † **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 12:3-6. Music Paul Inwood (b. 1946). –[©1986, 1988 published by OCP Publications]
- † **Aspergillum** – 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 Anthem** – Words: based on Ephesians 4:4-6, 13. Music: Craig Courtney © 2009 Lorenz Publishing Company. Compositonally, he combines his training and background as a pianist, a cellist, a vocal coach, an accompanist and a choral director to create words that bear his unique style. He and his family attend The Church at Mill Run, where he directs the choir and plans and leads worship at several services each Sunday.
- † **Offertory Hymn** – Words: Sylvia Dunstan (1955-1993); after a brief, arduous battle with liver cancer, she died at the age of 38. For thirteen years, Dunstan had served the United Church of Canada as a parish minister and prison chaplain. She is remembered by those who knew her for her passion for those in need, her gift of writing, and her love of liturgy. –[© 1991 GIA Publications] Music: *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715. From the new hymnal, *Take Up the Song*, a comprehensive hymnal supplement for Episcopal parishes containing 331 carefully curated hymns that bridge the 43-year gap since *The Hymnal 1982*
- † **First Communion Hymn** – Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); “an exhortation to the soul to arise and draw near to partake of the Heavenly Food and to meditate on the wonders of Heavenly Love; ending with a prayer for final reception at the Eternal Feast.” –[John Julian, *A Dictionary of Hymnology* 1906] A significant poet, he wrote 110 hymns, many published by his friend Johann Crüger in various editions of the *Praxis Pietatis melica*. “He holds a high rank and is distinguished for unfeigned and firm faith, deep earnestness, finished form, and noble, pithy, simplicity of expression.” Music: melody composed for this text by Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906. The tune name is the incipit of the original German text. J.S. Bach used this tune in his *Cantata 180*; he and many other composers have written organ preludes on the melody.
- † **Second Communion Hymn** – Words: Patricia B. Clark, para. The Third Song of Isaiah –[© Gemini Press International]. Music: melody William Knapp (1698-1768), named for his birthplace; a glover by trade, he served as parish clerk at St. James’s Church in Poole and was organist in both Wareham and Poole. Known in his time as the “country psalm-singer” – alt., harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, after James Turle (1802-1882).
- † **Communion Meditation** – Words & Music: Taizé Community. –[© 2011 Les Presses de Taizé, GIA]
- † **Sending Hymn** – Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), Scottish minister; based on 1 Timothy 1:17. Hymnologist Albert Bailey says creating poetry was for Smith “the retreat of his nature from the burden of his labors.” Music: a traditional Welsh ballad popular in the early nineteenth century, first published as a hymn-tune in *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839 and adapted by John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906. The tune title refers to St. Denis, the patron saint of France. “Most readers will think they know this hymn. But it never appears as its author wrote it, and a closer look in its fuller form shows that it was not designed to be one of those general hymns of praise that the parson slams into the praise-list when he is in too much of a hurry to think of anything else but a hymn about the reading of Scripture. Just occasionally editorial tinkering changes the whole personality of a hymn; it has certainly done so here.” –[Erik Routley]

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