

# Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



“The Calling of Saints Peter and Andrew” – Caravaggio

## *The Second Sunday after the Epiphany*

Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II

January 18, 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 memory of Delano Ives by Holly Ives and Linda I. Kurdilla*

## Welcome

Andrew Kruger

## Prelude

“Variations on *Salzburg*” – Christa Rakich

## Gathering Hymn

*Salzburg*

Hymnal 135

1. Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
2. Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
3. Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
4. Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen-dent light,  
man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.  
branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,  
an - themes be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
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## Opening Acclamation

Enriching Our Worship 1, 50

Presider

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

People

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

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People pray together.

**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**

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.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

## II. Proclaiming and Receiving the Word of God

### First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

*Reader* A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and

that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength – he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### Psalm 40:1-12

*Expectans, expectavi*

Plainsong Psalter

*All sing the Antiphon and Psalm.*



My food is to do the will of my Fa - ther.



TONE II.1

- 1 *I waited patiently upon the LÓRD; \**  
he stooped to me / and héard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; \*  
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made / my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to óur God; \*  
many shall see, and stand in awe,  
and put their / trust ín the LÓRD.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the LÓRD! \*  
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn / to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O LÓRD my God!  
how great your wonders and your pláns for us! \*  
there is none who can be / compáred with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \*  
but they are more / than I can count.
- 7 In a sacrifice and offering you take no pléasure \*  
(you have given me ears / to héar you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required,\*  
and so I said, “Be/hold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concérning me: \*  
'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep / in my heart.'
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregátion; \*  
behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
and that, / O LÓRD, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \*  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from  
the great con/gregátion.
- 12 You are the LÓRD;  
do not withhold your compassion fróm me; \*  
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe / for éver, [Ant.]

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Reader      A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes – To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                    **Thanks be to God.**

### Proclaiming Hymn

Dundee

Hymnal 126

*The People stand.*

1 The people who in darkness walked have seen a glorious light;  
 2 To hail thy rising, Sun of life, the gathering nations come,  
 3 To us the promised Child is born, to us the Son is given;  
 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace for ever more adored,  
 5 His power increasing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;

1 on them broke forth the heavenly dawn who dwelt in death and night.  
 2 joyous as when the reapers bear their harvest treasures home.  
 3 him shall the tribes of earth obey, and all the hosts of heaven.  
 4 the Wonderful, the Counselor, the mighty God and Lord.  
 5 justice shall guard his throne above, and peace abound below.

### Holy Gospel

John 1:29-42

*Presider*                    \* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.  
*People*                    **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

#### **Homily**

Andrew Kruger

#### **Nicene Creed**

EOW1 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

CW alt.

*The Presider says*

Let us pray to God who reveals divinity in the person of Jesus Christ.

*The Intercessor prays*

Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom, we pray for all Christian people; for Bishop Sally, for all Christian leaders, and for those who teach and guard the faith. May the word of Christ dwell richly in our hearts, and knit us together in the bond of your love.

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

We pray for the leaders of the nations, and for those in authority under them. Give them the gift of your wisdom, and a right discernment in all things.

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

We pray for our town and for all those who live and work here, and for those who visit this place. Speak your word of peace in our midst, and help us to serve one another as Christ has served us.

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

We pray for those who do not believe, and yet who long to know you, the very Word of life. Open their ears to hear your voice, and open their hearts to the knowledge of your love in Christ.

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

We pray for those bowed down with grief, fear or sickness. May your living Word bring comfort and healing to all those in need.

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

We give thanks for all those who have died in the faith of Christ and we rejoice with all your saints, trusting in the promise of your word fulfilled.

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

*The Presider concludes*

Heavenly Father, by your grace alone you accepted us and called us to your service: strengthen us by your Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## 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

Psalm 96:8

Presider Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

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

### Offertory Anthem

"Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain" – Carolyn Jennings

Climb to the top of the highest mountain, joyous tidings proclaim to the world,  
Lift up your voice, shout the good news: behold, your Lord comes to you.  
He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will carry the lambs in his arms,  
He will ever keep them safe from harm. Behold, your Lord comes to you.  
He who made the stars in the heaven, He who fashioned the earth and the sea,  
From time eternal he was God, the Alpha and Omega, he. Behold, your Lord!  
He will come in power and glory, he will rule with mercy and truth,  
Hope of the nations, light of all the world.  
He will love the little children, he will hold them in his arms.  
Love him and trust him as a little child. Behold, your Lord comes to you.

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

### Offertory Hymn

*We Thank God*

My Heart Sings Out 137



We thank God for giv-ing us life,\* giv-ing us life,  
giv-ing us life. We thank God for giv-ing us life;  
we thank God to - day. On this day and ev - ery day,  
ev - ery day, ev - ery day; on this day and  
ev - ery day, let's thank the God of love.

### 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.**

*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?

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 sun and moon and star-lit sky, everything that gives us light, light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds.

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

**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.

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?

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?

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

Susan Caldwell Nelson



### The Lord's Prayer

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*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

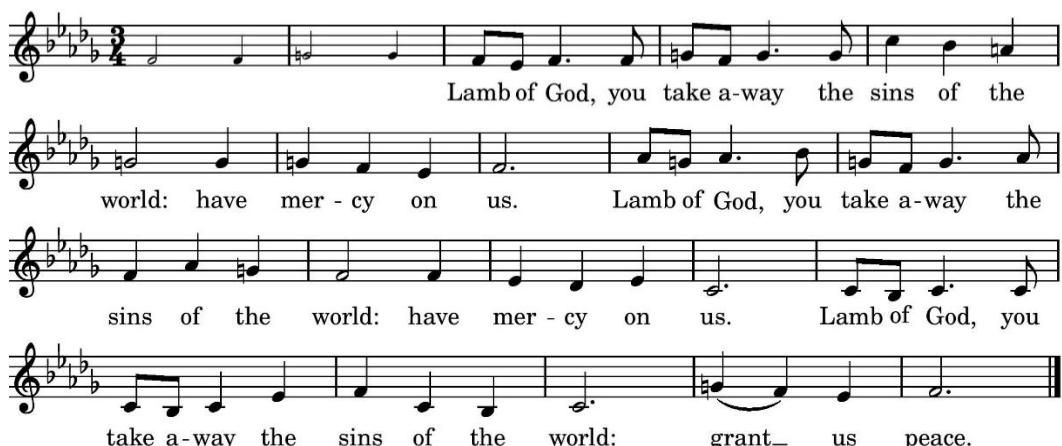
### Breaking of the Bread

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

### Agnus Dei

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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.*

### First Communion Hymn

### Wondrous Love

Hymnal 439

*Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)*

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and  
 won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that  
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll  
 caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my  
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing  
 soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

**Second Communion Hymn***Longing for Light*

## My Heart Sings Out 39

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for  
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less, long-ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, lone has  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone bread,  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your build - ing,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your ser - vants  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.\_\_\_\_\_  
 pow - er to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.\_\_\_\_\_  
 bro - ken for o - thers, shared un - til all are fed.\_\_\_\_\_  
 shel - ter - ing o - thers, wall made of liv - ing stone.\_\_\_\_\_  
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.\_\_\_\_\_  
*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
 Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!  
 Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.\_\_\_\_\_

**Post-communion Prayer**

CW

*Presider* Let us pray.*The People stand.*

**God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing**

CW

*The priest blesses the people saying*

The peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## V. Going out as God's People

### Sending Hymn

*Lauda anima*

Hymnal 410

1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;  
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo-ple in dis - tress;  
 3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:  
 praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
 in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

### Dismissal

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

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

### Postlude

Improvisation on *Lauda Anima*

## 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.

## What you need to know today...

**Intergenerational Service** On the third Sunday of the month Trinity holds an intergenerational service at the 10 AM Eucharist. In place of going to Sunday school during the service, our younger baptized members have the opportunity to exercise their gifts alongside those who have been baptized for many years.

**St. John's Sandwich Sunday** Today, people are needed to make sandwiches after the services and deliver them to St. John's in Elizabeth. Sandwich donation items needed are listed in this week's email blast. To help, please contact Marion Nechuta (marionnechuta@yahoo.com) or Helen Shteynberg (hshteynberg@gmail.com).

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

**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.

**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.

**Trinity Adult and Handbell Choir Rehearsals** This Wednesday, January 21.

**Compline** This Thursday at 8 PM online.

**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.

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

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Annual Mardi Gras Celebration** Sunday, February 15 after the 10 AM service, it will be replete with feasting, 50/50 raffle, baskets of the "7 deadly sins" and fun.

**Ash Wednesday** March 5, there will be a 7 AM and 12 noon Rite I Service, and a 7:30 PM Rite II Service with choir.

## 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

The liturgy today continues the theme of Epiphany, the manifestation of Jesus as the Christ. Therefore, in today's Gospel reading we hear the testimony of John the Baptist to Jesus. John recounts the Holy Spirit's descent at Jesus' baptism and tells his followers that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Two of John's disciples then follow Jesus and one of them, Andrew, brings his brother, Simon Peter. In the first reading, one of the servant songs of Isaiah, God announces that the servant of God will bring not only the people of Israel into God's household but will be sent to all humankind. Throughout this Epiphany period, we read from the First Epistle to the Corinthians. This letter of Paul is particularly concerned with the life of the Church as the Body of Christ, for the church is the ongoing manifestation of Christ in the world. The Spirit of God who rested upon Jesus at his baptism dwells in the church; Paul explores the meaning of membership in Christ's Body. Each time we gather to celebrate Eucharist, we are reconstituted as the church. We proclaim the story of God's salvation, we pray for the church and the world, and in the Eucharistic feast, God reveals our unity with Jesus in the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion. We are revealed by Word and Sacrament to be the Body of Christ in the world.

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- † **Cover art** – It was long believed to be a relatively valueless copy of a lost original, but after six years of restoration and examination, the Royal Collection declared in 2006 that this was, in fact, an authentic Caravaggio. –[Royal Collection, Hampton Court Palace, London]
- † **Prelude** – A Fulbright Scholar, concert and recording artist Christa Rakich performs widely throughout North America, Europe, and Japan. She was Visiting Professor of Organ at Oberlin Conservatory in Ohio. Near her home in Connecticut, she maintains two Artist-in-Residencies: St. John's Episcopal Church in West Hartford and the Congregational Church of Somers. Composed in the style of Johann Pachelbel & friends for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.
- † **Gathering Hymn** – Words: Stanza 1, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885) wrote, "It is a recapitulation of the successive manifestations of Christ, which have already been presented in the services of the former weeks throughout the season of Epiphany; and anticipation of that future great and glorious Epiphany, at which Christ will be manifest to all, when he will appear again to judge the world." Stanza 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984) –[© The Church Pension Fund]. Music: melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); partly as a result of the Thirty Years' War and partly to further his musical education, he traveled widely as a youth, including trips to Sweden and Lithuania. In 1659 he settled in Berlin, serving as court musician and editing later editions of Johann Crüger's *Praxis Pietatis Melica* (he contributed 65 original tunes). Harmony by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).
- † **Gloria** – Words: Anonymous, 15<sup>th</sup> cent. medieval. Since the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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** — New to this edition of the BCP, this collect is based upon a collect in the *Book of Common Worship* of the Church of South India. Like many post-Epiphany collects, this relates to the Gospel of the 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: John Morison (1749-1798); para. Isaiah 9:2-7. Music: first appeared in the 1615 edition of the Scottish Psalter; the harmonization was published in Thomas Ravenscroft's *Whole Booke of Psalms* (1621). The tune's name comes from the city of Dundee, known as the "Scottish Geneva."
- † **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 was a later development implemented only in the Western Church and without approval of a General Council.
- † **Offertory Anthem** — Words: adapted from Isaiah 40. Music: Carolyn Jennings is Professor Emerita of Music at St. Olaf College where she taught for many years and also served in administrative roles, including being Chair of the Music Department and Associate Dean for the Fine Arts. She also recently retired as Music Coordinator and Director of the Senior Choir at St. John's Lutheran Church, Northfield, Minnesota, where she served as a church musician for over thirty years.
- † **Offertory Hymn** – Words & Music: Hart Brumm (b. 1958) holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Westminster Choir College, 1983. Following several years as a church musician in New Jersey, she pursued a Master of Divinity degree from New Brunswick Theological Seminary, which she earned cum laude in 1992. Ordained in the Reformed Church in America, she has served parishes in eastern New York as both pastor and musician. –[© 1988 in Sixteen Scripture Songs for Small Singers, Brummhart Publishing]
- † **First Communion Hymn** – Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835. Music: from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835.
- † **Second Communion Hymn** – Words & Music: Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957) is a British hymnographer and composer of Catholic liturgical music. One of the founding organizers of London Citizens, she built the alliance across South London and authored a report on immigration (adopted by government), leading campaigns on safety, sanctuary, housing, wages and health. –[© 1994 OCP Publications]
- † **Communion Meditation** – Words & Music: Taizé Community. –[© 2011 Les Presses de Taizé, GIA]
- † **Sending Hymn** – Words: setting of Psalm 103 by Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847). Music: John Goss (1800-1880) "It is at once the most beautiful and dignified hymn tune which has lately come under our notice" –[*Musical Times*, 1869] and "has been praised as one of the finest, if not the finest of the Victorian hymn tunes, and certainly one of the most satisfying for congregations." –[Paul Westermeyer].

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