

# Trinity Episcopal Church

*Granford, in the Diocese of New Jersey*



*“Christus und die Aussätzigen” – Gebhard Fugel*

## *The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Stewardship Season*

Rite I Holy Eucharist

Proper 23 — October 12, 2025 at 8 AM

*The Reverend Andrew David Kruger, Rector & Presider*

*Casey Woodruff, Senior Warden & Preacher*

*Anthony Rafaniello, Director of Music*

*Thomas Kaercher, Junior Warden*

## Welcome

Andrew Kruger

*The bell is rung and the People stand.*

## Acclamation

BCP 323

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

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

## Collect for Purity

BCP 323

*Presider* Let us pray.

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

## Great Commandment

BCP 324

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

## Kyrie

BCP 324

*Presider* Kyrie eleison.

*People* **Christe eleison.**

*Presider* Kyrie eleison.

Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**Collect of the Day**

BCP 183

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace  
may always precede and follow us,  
and make us continually to be given to all good works;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

## First Reading

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

*Reader* A reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 66:1-11

*Jubilate Deo*

BCP 673

1. Be joyful in God, all you lands; \*  
**sing the glory of his Name;  
sing the glory of his praise.**
2. Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! \*  
**because of your great strength  
your enemies cringe before you.**
3. All the earth bows down before you, \*  
**sings to you, sings out your Name."**
4. Come now and see the works of God, \*  
**how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.**
5. He turned the sea into dry land,  
so that they went through the water on foot, \*  
**and there we rejoiced in him.**



6. In his might he rules for ever;  
his eyes keep watch over the nations; \*  
**let no rebel rise up against him.**
7. Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
**make the voice of his praise to be heard;**
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
**and will not allow our feet to slip.**
9. For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
**you have tried us just as silver is tried.**
10. You brought us into the snare; \*  
**you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**
11. You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water; \*  
**but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**

## Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-15

*Reader* A reading from Paul's second letter to Timothy.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David — that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The People stand.*

## Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

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

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Homily

Casey Woodruff

## Nicene Creed

BCP 326

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,  
Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate  
from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

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

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

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

**He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

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

**Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

BCP 328

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

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

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Sean, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Sally our Bishop, and Andrew our Rector, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

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

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [*especially...*], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

BCP 331

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*The People kneel.*

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

## Absolution

BCP 332

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

## Comfortable Words

BCP 332

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

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

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

## Peace

BCP 332

*The People stand.*

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

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

## Announcements

Andrew Kruger

## Ministry Minute

Peter Waldron

## Offertory Sentence

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of God's might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.



*The Ushers pass the collection plates among the People.  
Alternatively, you may give to Trinity online:  
scan the QR code and go directly to our Breeze link.*



## The Presentation of Gifts

1 Chronicles 29:14b

*Presider* All things come of thee, O Lord:  
*People* **And of thine own have we given thee.**

## Eucharistic Prayer II

BCP 340

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

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

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

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest; in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before thee a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in thy sight.

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

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

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption.

He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

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

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

## Breaking the Bread

BCP 337

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

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

## Prayer of Humble Access

BCP 337

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

## Invitation

BCP 338

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

## Holy Communion

*The ushers guide the people to receive Holy Communion. 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 simple request to the priest.*

### A Prayer of Self-Dedication

BCP 832

*Presider* Let us pray.

*The People stand, and all pray together*

**Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to thee, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly thine, utterly dedicated unto thee; and then use us, we pray thee, as thou wilt, and always to thy glory and the welfare of thy people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### Blessing

BCP 339

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

*The ministers recess.*

### Dismissal

BCP 340

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

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



## **For Friends, Visitors and Newcomers**

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church in Cranford, New Jersey. Thank you for joining us in worship. The bulletin is designed to make you feel at home and includes everything you need for the service (liturgy, hymns, rubrics, etc.). Please connect with us; introduce yourself to the ushers so they can make you feel more comfortable. Father 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...**

**Archbishop of Canterbury** The Rt. Rev. and Rt. Hon. Dame Sarah Mullally, Bishop of London, has been chosen as the 106<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Canterbury, read more in this week's email blast.

**Stewardship Season** Envelopes containing the stewardship letter, smart ways of giving document, and pledge card may be collected from the narthex of the church beginning this week.

**Fellowship Hour** In Sherlock Hall, immediately after this service.

**Trinity Children's Choir** Rehearsal today at 11:30 AM in the Church. They will be singing next week at the intergenerational service.

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

**The Daily Offices** Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer are offered online from Monday to Friday at 8:30 AM and 5 PM.

**Parish Office** Parish Administrator Marion Nechuta is in Tuesday (12 noon-2:30 PM), Wednesday (1 PM-3:30 PM) and Thursday (12 noon-2:30 PM). Father Andy's sabbath day is now Friday (it had previously been on Monday).

**Trinity Women's Group** Monday, October 13 from 7 to 8 PM online.

**Handbells and Choir Rehearsals** Wednesday, October 15; rehearsal for Handbells is 7 to 7:50 PM and Adult Choir is 8-9 PM.

**Fellowship Luncheon** Thursday, October 16 from 12:30 to 2 PM in Witherington Hall. Father Andy speaks on his Sabbatical time in Utah. It is a "Ghoulish" meal with meatloaf, pasta, potatoes, salad, and desserts, all decorated for Halloween. Call Susan Olszewski (908-757-9561) or Susan Nelson (908-397-3944) for questions or to volunteer.



**Compline** Thursdays at 8 PM online. A contemplative Office that emphasizes spiritual peace.

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

**St. John's Sandwich Sunday** October 19; 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. Food bags will be made on Saturday, October 18 in Sherlock Hall from 10 to 11 AM. Only sandwich bags are being accepted at this time, no additional food items or clothing. To help, please contact Marion Nechuta ([marionnechuta@yahoo.com](mailto:marionnechuta@yahoo.com)) or Helen Shteynberg ([hshteynberg@gmail.com](mailto:hshteynberg@gmail.com)).

**Acolyte Training** Sunday, October 19 immediately after the 10 AM Eucharist for all current and aspirant acolytes.

**Trinity Episcopal Senior Youth (TESY)** Sunday, October 19, from 12 noon to 1:30 PM in Sherlock Hall. The topic is "Painting: Paint by the Numbers." To sign up, contact Katie Annarelli ([Kathleen.M.Annarelli@outlook.com](mailto:Kathleen.M.Annarelli@outlook.com)).

**Northern Convocation** Sunday, October 19 at 4 PM in Spotswood.

**Kitchen Cleanup** Tuesday, October 21 from 10 AM to 12 noon. Volunteers are needed in preparation for the annual Health Department inspection. To assist, please contact the parish office.

**Spiritual Hike with Outdoor Eucharist** Saturday, October 25 at 9 AM. Meet in the parking lot of the Deserted Village ("Feltville") in the Watchung Reservation. From there, it is a five-minute walk down a paved road to a secluded pergola to celebrate Eucharist. An easy one-hour hike will follow. This event was such a success over the summer that we are going to do it again. Celebrating Christ's resurrection in the splendor of God's creation adds another layer to the Eucharistic encounter. For those who choose not to hike, there is space to sit quietly. This is a great activity for families and promises to be a memorable event. Please contact Senior Warden, Casey Woodruff ([woodruff5073@gmail.com](mailto:woodruff5073@gmail.com)) to register or with any questions.

**Cameroon Orphan, Musaga Richards** Bake Sale on October 26 during the 8 and 10 AM fellowship. Items needed are in this week's email blast. Each year, the parish pays \$360 to sponsor Musaga, which covers his education, food, clothes, and medical expenses.

**Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed** (All Souls) Saturday, November 1 at 7:30 PM in the Church.

**Discussion on use of icons in worship** Sunday, November 16 at 11:30 AM in the church; Father Andy will facilitate. Details on preparing for the discussion will be found in this week's email blast.

**242<sup>nd</sup> Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey** November 21–22 at Christ Church in Toms River. Registration is now open; this year, the convention will be a two-day event.

**Taize Service** Sunday, December 7 at 7:30 PM in the church. Please email Fr Andy to assist with set up and take down.

### ***Hodegetria Icon***

During his sabbatical in Greece Fr Andy purchased an icon for the parish. This *Hodegetria* icon (meaning she who shows the way), is a Byzantine iconographic type of the Virgin Mary holding the infant Christ and pointing to him with her hand, thus guiding the viewer to salvation. The [icon](#) will be displayed alongside the votive tree (next to the pulpit) in the church. The vestry approved this location for trial use in order to afford the parish an opportunity to venerate or reflect upon this icon while lighting a candle at the votive tree. Fr Andy will facilitate a discussion on the use of icons in worship, and the placement of the *Hodegetria* in our church on Sunday, November 16 at 11:30 AM in the church. All parishioners are encouraged to read chapters by Rowan Williams and Henri Nouwen; links to them can be found in this week's email blast. In addition, or if listening to a podcast is preferred, the *Yale Center for Faith & Culture* offered an excellent interview with Art historian Matthew Milliner on the subject, the link to which is also found in this week's email blast. If you have comments, positive or negative, during this period of trial use please share them with the rector, wardens, or members of vestry.



Website: [TrinityCranford.org](http://TrinityCranford.org)

Instagram: [@trinity\\_cranford\\_1872](https://www.instagram.com/trinity_cranford_1872)

Facebook: [Trinity Episcopal Church, Cranford](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityEpiscopalChurchCranford)

[Connect](#) to Daily Office Services and Meetings on Zoom

[Connect](#) to Sunday 10 AM Eucharists and High Holy Day Services on Trinity's YouTube

Instructions for Zoom and YouTube are on the homepage of Trinity's Website

205 North Avenue, E, Cranford NJ 07016

Parish Phone: (908) 276-4047

Email: [TrinityCranford@gmail.com](mailto:TrinityCranford@gmail.com)

The Rev. Andrew David Kruger, Rector

Personal Cell: (609) 933-5227

Email: [fr.andrew.kruger@gmail.com](mailto:fr.andrew.kruger@gmail.com)