

# Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



*"Christ and the Children" by Emil Nolde*

## The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Rite I Holy Eucharist

September 19, 2021 at 8 AM

*The Reverend Andrew David Kruger, Presider*

*Anthony Rafaniello, Director of Music and Organist*

*John Beier, Senior Warden & Sydney O'Hagan, Junior Warden*

*The Sanctuary Candle burns, and the Alter flowers are given, for the Glory of God  
and in memory of the birthday of her father Robert Collins, Sr. from Cheryl Pantina*

## Welcome

Andy Kruger

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

## Acclamation

BCP 323

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

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

## Collect for Purity

BCP 323

Let us pray together the collect for purity.

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

## Kyrie

BCP 324

*Presider*      Kyrie eleison.

*People*      **Christe eleison.**

*Presider*      Kyrie eleison.

## Collect of the Day

BCP 182

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider*      Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The People are seated.*

## First Reading

Jeremiah 11:18-20

*Reader* A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!” But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 54

*Deus, in nomine*

BCP 659

1. Save me, O God, by your Name; \*  
**in your might, defend my cause.**
2. Hear my prayer, O God; \*  
**give ear to the words of my mouth.**
3. For the arrogant have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have sought my life, \*  
**those who have no regard for God.**
4. Behold, God is my helper; \*  
**it is the Lord who sustains my life.**
5. Render evil to those who spy on me; \*  
**in your faithfulness, destroy them.**
6. I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \*  
**and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.**
7. For you have rescued me from every trouble, \*  
**and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.**

## **Second Reading**

James 3:13—4:3,7-8a

*Reader*      A reading from the letter of Saint James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand.*

## **Gospel**

Mark 9:30-37

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

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

Jesus and the disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

*Presider*      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Homily**

Andrew Kruger

## **Nicene Creed**

BCP 326

*The People stand.*

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

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

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate  
from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

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

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

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

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

BCP 328

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Confession of Sin**

BCP 331

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*The People kneel.*

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

## **Absolution**

BCP 332

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

## **Comfortable Words**

BCP 332

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

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

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

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came  
into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins,  
and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

## **Peace**

BCP 332

*The People stand.*

*Presider*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*        **And with thy spirit.**

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

## **Announcements**

Andrew Kruger

## **Ministry Minutes**

Carol Beier & Linda Kurdilla

## **Offertory Sentence**

BCP 343

I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present  
yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,  
which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

*The Presider prepares the Holy Table, then the People stand*

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider*      Lift up your hearts.

*People*      **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Presider*      Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People*      **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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

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

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

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

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

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

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

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

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

### **Lord's Prayer**

BCP 336

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

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

## **Breaking the Bread**

BCP 337

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

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

## **Prayer of Humble Access**

BCP 337

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

**Amen.**

## **Invitation**

BCP 338

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

## **Holy Communion**

*The ushers guide the people to receive Holy Communion. Please place your pledge and/or gift in the plate provided on the way to receive communion.*

## **Commissioning Eucharistic Visitors**

BOS 284, alt.

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

*Presider*      Though we are many, we are one body:  
*People*        **because we all share in the one bread.**

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

## **Post Communion Prayer**

BCP 339

*Presider* Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

BCP 339

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

## **Dismissal**

BCP 340

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

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

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## **Lectionary & Liturgy: Proper 20 – Year B**

When the Church gathers to worship, it acts out its allegiance to God and its service to the world. In the action of the liturgy we express our service to each other. That liturgical action is the pattern for our daily living as God's friends and as fellow servants with Christ to all people. The liturgy, then, is extended beyond the doors of the church building into all of life.

In the first reading, the prophet speaks of the opposition he faces from those who reject his message. They plot his death and he describes their plots in ways that reminded the first Christians of the rejection of Jesus that led to his death.

Again we read from the Epistle of James. After describing the characteristics of those who are at peace with God, the author states that strife, jealousy, and estrangement are the products of allying ourselves with the world rather than with God.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus again predicts his death and resurrection. The disciples fail to understand and dispute among themselves which of them is the most important. Jesus tells them that the highest status in his kingdom is reserved for those who serve. This is a call to pattern our lives on his life in self-giving love.

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

**Scripture Readers Workshop** Today at 11:15 AM in the church for current and prospective lectors.

**Sunday School** Today is the last day to Register children for Sunday School. Children are dismissed from church services after a special blessing and walk in groups to their age-specific classes which take place indoors in the TEDS classrooms. Teachers, aides, and students are fully masked in compliance with the current Diocesan guidelines. Parents are needed to help with classes; contact Beth Rees ([beth.rees09@gmail.com](mailto:beth.rees09@gmail.com)) or Marion Nechuta ([marionnechuta@yahoo.com](mailto:marionnechuta@yahoo.com)).

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

**Sandwich Sunday is today** The Outreach Committee thanks everyone who donated and helped with this month's Sandwich Sunday for our sister parish, St. John's Episcopal in Elizabeth. This project is a success because of you.

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

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

**Haiti** Today is the last day to donate to Episcopal Relief & Development's Haiti Fund; please make out your check to "Trinity Cranford" and list "ERD Haiti Fund" in the memo line. Please pray for our siblings in Haiti and all those affected after a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the country on Saturday, August 14.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Handbell Choir Rehearsal** This Wednesday, September 22 from 6:45-7:45 PM in the church and continuing weekly.

**Adult Choir Rehearsal** This Wednesday, September 22, from 8-9 PM in the church and continuing weekly. Sunday call time for warm-up and rehearsal is 9:30 AM; the choir sings at the 10 AM service.

**12 Step Programs** Trinity is host to 3 recovery groups: Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Open Speaker Meeting every Tuesday night at 8 PM (hybrid); DAA (Drug Addicts Anonymous), Thursday nights at 8 PM; and AA Women's Open Step Meeting every Friday at 12 noon.

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

**Visit the Trinity Table** at the Cranford Day Celebration on September 25; [click here](#) for more information.

**The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi with the Blessing of the Animals** Sunday, October 3 at both services; the 8 AM service will be indoors and, weather permitting, the 10 AM service will be held outdoors.

**Northern Convocation Meeting** Thursday, October 7 at 7 PM online. ID and password will be available closer to the date.

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

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

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

**'David' at Sight & Sound Theater** On Saturday, March 26, 2022, the 150<sup>th</sup> Events Committee is organizing a parish trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Tickets are \$86 per adult, \$40 per child. Contact Bonnie Gentesse (908-377-4344) for information

### **Cover art**

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## **Notice of Special Parish Meeting**

### **Sunday, September 26 after the 10 AM Eucharist**

*Regarding the Election of the 13<sup>th</sup> Bishop of New Jersey*

On Sunday, September 26, at a special parish meeting after the 10 AM Eucharist, Trinity Episcopal Church, Cranford, will meet to elect six people to attend a special Convocation Meeting. The six people who are elected will attend the special convocation meeting on Sunday, October 24. At this meeting one clergy person and one lay person from the pool of representatives will be elected to be on the Bishop Search and Nomination Committee.

Nominations may be submitted via this link.

### **Pentecost Octave & Trinity Sunday 2022**

There are many and varied services and events planned for Trinity's 150th Anniversary year in 2022. During the season of Epiphany (January and February 2022) I will endeavor to bless every home in the parish and deliver a special 150th anniversary calendar to each parishioner. At the heart of our celebrations will be the Pentecost Octave which culminates in Trinity Sunday (Sunday, June 5 through Sunday, June 12).

A liturgical octave is an eight-day period specifically set aside for the continuing celebration of a feast: in our case the Feast of Pentecost. By the high middle ages this practice had become a regular and significant feature of corporate worship in the western church. In 2022 we will observe the Pentecost Octave with a week, and a day, of evensong services beginning on Pentecost Sunday and concluding on Trinity Sunday.

Former priests, seminarians, or significant people in the life and history of Trinity Church will be invited to preach a short homily each evening. Anointing with the oil of chrism, for the renewal of God's people, will be offered at these services as an outward and visible sign of the Holy Spirit's activity in our lives. On Trinity Sunday, the last day of the octave and our Feast of Title, we will welcome Bishop Stokes to preside at the 10 AM Holy Eucharist. If ever there is a day that should not be missed, it is this one! Please carve out that time in your calendars and watch this space...