

Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



“The Unjust Judge” – Rużena Zátkowá

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost *Stewardship Season*

Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II

Proper 24 ~ October 19, 2025 at 10 AM



The Reverend Andrew David Kruger ~ Rector & Presider

Anthony J. 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
& in celebration of the 20th Wedding Anniversary of Jim Behnke and Denise Alvarez*

Prelude

“Meditation on *Crucifer*” – Charles Callahan

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

I. Gathering of God's People

Gathering Hymn

Crucifer

Hymnal 473

Refrain

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

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

Repeat Refrain

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

Acclamation

Enriching Our Worship 50

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

Collect for Purity

Book of Common Prayer 355

Presider Let us pray.

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

Gloria

Robert Powell

Hymnal S 280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.. **Amen.**

The People sit.

II. Proclaiming and Receiving the Word of God

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD.

In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD:

I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

Levavi oculos

Plainsong Psalter

All sing the Antiphon and Psalm.



My help comes from the LORD, the mak - er of heav - en and earth.



TONE V.I

- 1 *I lift up my eyes to the hills; **
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
—nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore. [Ant.]



My help comes from the LORD, the mak - er of heav - en and earth.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

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

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in.

For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand.

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 * 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

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

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

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'"

And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

III. Responding to the Proclaimed Word of God

Children's Address

Andrew Kruger

Silence is kept after the address. Then the People stand for the Creed.

Nicene Creed

Enriching Our Worship 53

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**
**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**
**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**
**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father, ***
**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Andrew Kruger

The Presider says

Let us pray to the Lord, the mighty one.

The Intercessor prays.

Grant us a deep spirit of thanksgiving for the unnumbered blessings we receive at your hands.

The Lord's mercy is sure: **Firm are God's promises.**

Fill us with generosity for your church so that our children's children will have a goodly heritage.

The Lord's mercy is sure: **Firm are God's promises.**

Humble the powers and dominions of our world so that proud and stubborn leaders will seek your will.

The Lord's mercy is sure: **Firm are God's promises.**

Convict us with compassion for the suffering, the hungry, and all who are at risk so that we will build your kingdom.

The Lord's mercy is sure: **Firm are God's promises.**

Bless the dying and give rest to the departed, for your promise of eternal life endures from age to age.

The Lord's mercy is sure: **Firm are God's promises.**

The Intercessor remains at the lectern, then returns to their seat during the sharing of the Peace. The Presider prays

God of might and mercy: free us from the fear of scarcity and the desire for worldly things; so that we will give generously and joyfully; through Jesus Christ, our great example of sacrificial giving. **Amen.**

Peace

BCP 360

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Andrew Kruger

Ministry Minute

Bonnie Gentesse

IV. Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Offertory Sentence

Psalms 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.



*The Ushers pass the collection plates among the people.
Another option is to give to Trinity online –
scan the QR code and go directly to our Breeze link.*

Offertory Anthem

“God Be in My Head” – Hal H. Hopson
Trinity Children's Choir – Text from the Sarum Missal

God be in my head and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes and in my looking;
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;
God be in my heart and in my thinking;
God be at my end and at my departing.

Offertory Hymn

Woodlands

Hymnal 438

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



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

St John's Offertory Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

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

Presentation of Gifts

An Anglican Prayer Book 1989

Presider Source of all life, everything in heaven and on earth is yours:

People **All things come from you, and of your own do we give you. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer for Children

Common Worship

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Child Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

Parent Listen, and we will hear.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish. You give us your love, even when things go wrong. Jesus knew hurt and pain. Through him you wipe away our tears, and fill us with your peace.

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

Sanctus

Robert Powell

Hymnal S 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and'. The second staff continues with 'might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The third staff continues with 'san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who'. The fourth staff concludes with 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____'. There are triplets marked with a '3' over the notes in the second, third, and fourth staves.

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

Child Why do we share this bread and wine?

Parent Listen, and we will hear.

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

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

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

Child How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Parent Listen, and we will hear.

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

Great Amen

McNeil Robinson

Hymnal S 147

A - men. A - men. A - men.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp). It consists of three measures, each containing a half note followed by a dotted half note, all tied together. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics 'A - men. A - men. A - men.' are written below the staff.

Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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

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

Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

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

Agnus Dei

Robert Powell

Hymnal S 163

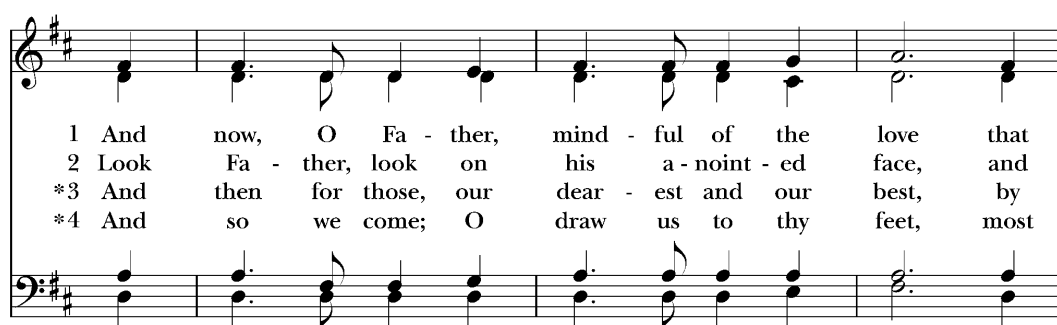
Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Invitation

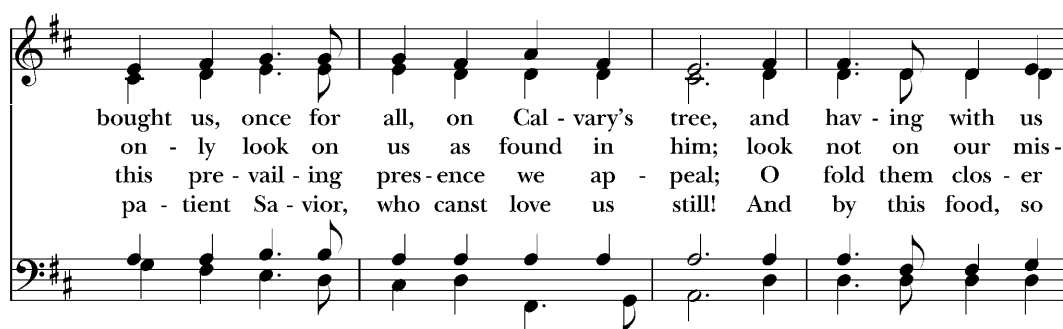
BCP 364

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

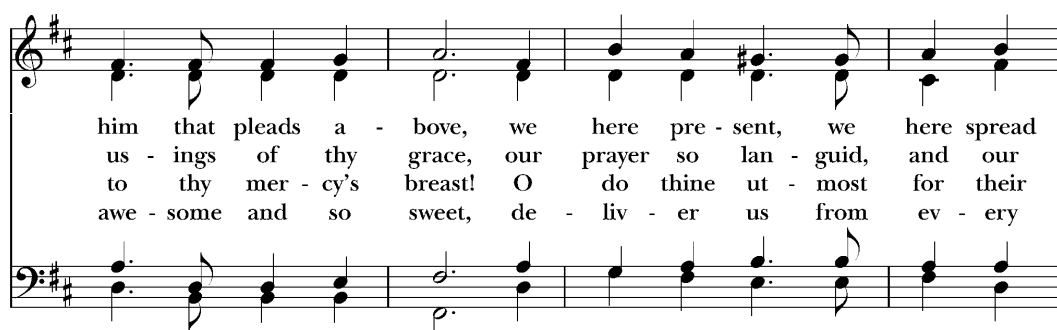
The ushers guide the people to receive Holy Communion. All who hunger for God, including children, are cordially invited to share the Gifts of God offered at this table. Whoever you are, wherever you are in your life's journey, you are welcome here. All persons may, but no person must, receive communion in both kinds to receive the full spiritual benefits of communion. You may choose to receive only the host. Wine is offered by way of a sip from the common cup. Gluten-free wafers are available by request to the priest.



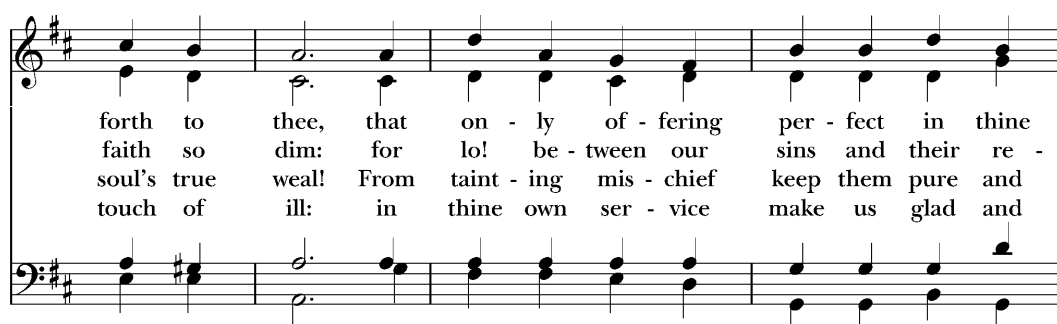
1 And now, O Fa - ther, mind - ful of the love that
 2 Look Fa - ther, look on his a - noint - ed face, and
 *3 And then for those, our dear - est and our best, by
 *4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet, most



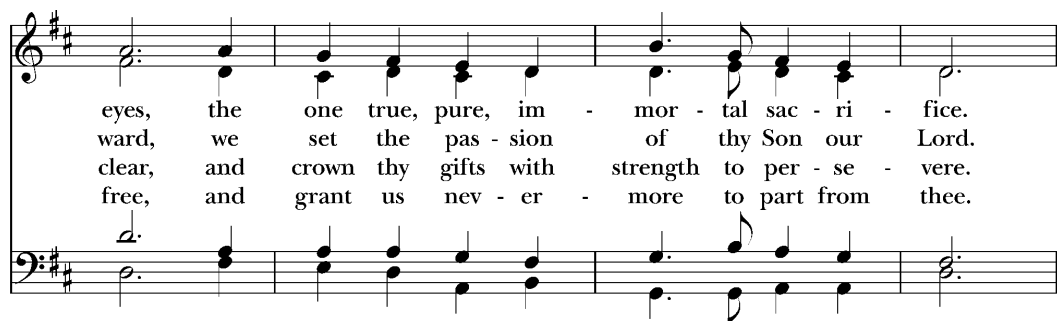
bought us, once for all, on Cal - vary's tree, and hav - ing with us
 on - ly look on us as found in him; look not on our mis -
 this pre - vail - ing pres - ence we ap - peal; O fold them clos - er
 pa - tient Sa - vior, who canst love us still! And by this food, so



him that pleads a - bove, we here pre - sent, we here spread
 us - ings of thy grace, our prayer so lan - guid, and our
 to thy mer - cy's breast! O do thine ut - most for their
 awe - some and so sweet, de - liv - er us from ev - ery



forth to thee, that on - ly of - fering per - fect in thine
 faith so dim: for lo! be - tween our sins and their re -
 soul's true weal! From taint - ing mis - chief keep them pure and
 touch of ill: in thine own ser - vice make us glad and



eyes, the one true, pure, im - mor - tal sac - ri - fice.
 ward, we set the pas - sion of thy Son our Lord.
 clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to per - se - vere.
 free, and grant us nev - er - more to part from thee.

Communion Anthem

"I Lift Up My Eyes" – Margaret Burk
Text: Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heav'n and earth.

The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
so that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

He will not let your foot be moved,
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

The Lord shall preserve you from evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over
your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.

Post-communion Prayer

Common Worship

The People stand.

Presider Let us pray.

People **We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

Blessing

Henri-Frédéric Amiel

Presider Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So, be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. ✠ And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

V. Going out as God's People

Sending Hymn

Hymn to Joy

Hymnal 376

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way;
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash-ing sea,
Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our Bro-ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
teach us how to love each o-ther, lift us to the joy di-vine.

Dismissal

BCP 366

Presider

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Postlude on *Hymn to Joy*” – Jason D. Payne

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, is the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury.

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.

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).

Acolyte Training Today immediately after the 10 AM Eucharist for all current and aspirant acolytes.

Trinity Episcopal Senior Youth (TESY) Today 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).

Northern Convocation Today at 4 PM in Spotswood.

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).

Kitchen Cleanup Tuesday, October 21 from 10 AM to 12 noon. Volunteers are needed for the annual Health Department inspection. Please contact the parish office.

Handbells and Choir Rehearsals Wednesday, October 22; rehearsal for Handbells is 7 to 7:50 PM and Adult Choir is 8-9 PM.

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

Spiritual Hike with Outdoor Eucharist This 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 is a great activity for families and promises to be a memorable event. Please contact Senior Warden, Casey Woodruff (woodruff5073@gmail.com) to register or with any questions.

What you need to know for the future...

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.

242nd 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.

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

Lectionary & Liturgy

Today, Jesus uses a parable to teach about prayer. In it, an unjust judge grants his petitioner's plea only because she will not leave him alone until he does. Jesus says that God will also grant the prayers of those who cry to God day and night. The point is not that God, like the judge, will only be responsive to those who nag. It is, as Luke says, to teach us the need to pray always and not lose heart.

We continue with Jeremiah today. His word from God is a solemn promise by God to restore Israel and Judah. God promises in the days still to come to make a new covenant with the people, a covenant that will be written in their hearts. Never again, God promises, will they be ignorant of God's will and God will forgive all their sins.

In today's reading from the second letter to Timothy, this early church leader is called to persevere in teaching and preaching the faith he has been given both by his family and in his study of the scriptures. This letter was written in a time when an aberrant form of Christianity was being proclaimed. Timothy is to stick with what he has learned from the scriptures and from Paul.

Our baptism has called us into a life characterized by the need never to give up our search for God. Faithfulness involves a giving of all that we are and all that we have. God asks us never to lose heart and to give all of our time, treasure, and talents to the ministry of God in this world.

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- † **Cover Art** – “The Unjust Judge” by Růžena Zátková (1912) is a lost work by the avant-garde Czech painter and sculptor. Zátková was a Futurist artist, and the 1912 date places the painting firmly in her early career, before her style developed into the more complex, abstract, and multimedia kinetic art for which she is best known. As a prominent female Futurist, Zátková acted as a bridge between the Italian and Russian avant-garde movements. She lived in Rome and was a close associate of the founder of Futurism, Filippo Tommaso Marinetti.
- † **Prelude** – Dr. Charles Edmund Callahan Jr. (1951-2023) was a composer and expert on organs; his books are standard reference works and his writing style was described by *The Washington Post* as “gentle, confident lyricism.” He was honored by the American Guild of Organists with its 2014 Distinguished Artist award “for his illustrious career as composer, performer, teacher and consultant, and his lifelong service to the sacred music profession.” –[© 1994 Concordia Publishing House]
- † **Gathering Hymn** – Words: Joachim Neander (1630-1680), a Calvinist schoolmaster. –[© Church Pension Fund] Music: melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863. “A magnificent hymn of praise to God, perhaps the finest creation of its author, and of the first rank in its class.” –[John Julian, *A Dictionary of Hymnology*] The most common translation is by Catherine Winkworth, published in 1863. Although hymnologist Lionel Adey praises other translations by her, he critiques her changes to the sense of Neander’s text as an example of “muscular Christianity tinged with Philistinism.”
- † **Gloria** – Words: Anonymous, 15th cent. medieval. Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932,) –[© Church Publishing]
- † **Collect of the Day** – New to this edition of the Prayer Book, the translation is based on that of William Bright in *Ancient Collects*. –[*Notes on the American Prayer Book* by Marion Hatchett]
- † **Plainsong Psalter** – Editor and choral director James Litton was on the Standing Commission on Church Music, publishing *Hymnal 1982* and Fellow of Royal School of Church Music, one of 7 Americans to receive the honor. –[©1988 Church Pension Fund]
- † **Proclaiming Hymn** – Words: John Newton (1725-1807), English poet and Anglican clergyman, alt.; st. 5, from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; compiled by Richard Broadbuss and Andrew Broadbuss. Music: from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (1919-2010) –[© 1974 Abingdon Press. Used by permission.]
- † *** Nicene Creed** – 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 implemented only in the Western Church without approval of General Council.
- † **Offertory Anthem** – Words: the Sarum Missal. Music: Hal H. Hopson (1933-2025) was an American composer and church musician. He had over 3000 published works, which comprise almost every musical form in church music. With a special interest in congregational song, he continued to make a significant contribution to the new repertoire. This cantata was one of the few compositions selected by the Kennedy Space Center to be placed in a capsule during the American Bicentennial in 1976. The capsule will be opened at the Tricentennial in 2076 and will be heard again as a representative piece of American choral composition of this century.
- † **Offertory Hymn** – Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2016); free paraphrase of the Song of Mary (Luke 1:46-55), one of his first hymn texts and his best known. It was first published in the *Anglican Hymn Book* (1965). “I did not think of myself as having in any way the gifts of a hymn-writer when in May 1961 I jotted down a set of verses, beginning ‘Tell out, my soul.’ I was reading the New English Bible New Testament, where that line appears exactly as I have put it; I saw in it the first line, and speedily wrote the rest.” –[© 1962 Hope Publishing] Music: Walter Greatorex (1877-1949); the title refers to one of the schoolhouses at Gresham’s School, Holt, Norfolk, where he was director of music from 1911-1936. –[By permission of Oxford University Press]
- † **Proper Preface** – Nathan Nettleton is pastor to South Yarra Community Baptist Church, located in an inner-city neighborhood of Melbourne, Australia; he also writes and teaches on Christian worship and Baptist identity. His website provides liturgical resources. –[© 2001 LaughingBird]
- † **Communion Hymn** – Words: William Bright (1824-1901), English ecclesiastical historian and Anglican priest. Music: William Henry Monk (1823-1889); as organist and choirmaster at St. Matthias (Stoke Newington, 1852-1889), he began daily choral services with the choir leading the congregation in music chosen according to the church year, including psalms chanted to plainsong.
- † **Communion Anthem** – American composer Margaret Burk (b. 1990). –[© 2025 Selah Publishing Co.] She is currently the Director of Choral Activities at Carthage College in Kenosha, WI. Her “through-composed setting of Psalm 121 in the NRSV flows in a gentle narrative. She has a naturalness of expression that suits the Psalm text well.” –[*The AAM Journal*, Nov. 2021]
- † **Sending Hymn** – Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933), who wrote, “These verses are simple expressions of common Christian feelings and desires in this present time – hymns of today that may be sung together by people who know the thought of the age. They are not afraid that any truth of science will destroy religion, or any revolution on earth overthrow the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, this is a hymn of trust and joy and hope.” Music: Sung to the music of Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); it has the “ability to carry massive ideas in its fifteen syllables per double line.” –[Austin Lovelace, *Anatomy of Hymnody*] “The words begin to bounce, and suddenly I’m singing it the way it was meant to be sung – at least in style.” –[Jerry Jenkins, *Hymns for Personal Devotions*] “This hymn is generally considered by hymnologists to be one of the most joyous expressions of hymn lyrics in the English language.” –[Kenneth Osbeck, 1982] –[©1942, 1970 Hope Publishing Co.]
- † **Postlude** – from *Jubilation! Eight Festive Postludes for Organ* by Jason D Payne. He currently serves as organist for Smoke Rise Baptist Church in Stone Mountain, Georgia. –[© Lorenz Publishing]

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