

Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey

August 22, 2021 at 9 AM



"The Meal" – Sieger Koder

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Rite II: Holy Eucharist

The Reverend Andrew D. Kruger, Presider
Anthony J. Rafaniello, Director of Music + Organist
Cynthia Kolby, flute + Casey Woodruff, bass guitar



The Sanctuary Candle burns, and the Altar Flowers are given, for the Glory of God
and with compassion for the people of Haiti and Afghanistan

The bells are rung and the People stand for the entrance of the Cross.

I. Gathering of God's People

Gathering Chant

Laudate Dominum

Wonder, Love & Praise 829

Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, Lau - da - te Do - mi - num om - nes
gen - tes, Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Translation: Praise the Lord, all you peoples.

Opening 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.**

Canticle J: A Song of Judith

Judith 16:13-16

The Presider and the People say together

**I will sing a new song to my God, *
for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.
Let the whole creation serve you, *
for you spoke and all things came into being.
You sent your breath and it formed them, *
no one is able to resist your voice.
Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, *
rocks melt like wax at your presence.
But to those who fear you, *
you continue to show mercy.
No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, *
but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.**

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory 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.**

Please be seated.

II. Proclaiming and Receiving the Word of God

Tanakh

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 34:15-22

Benedicam Dominum

BCP 628

- 15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, *
and his ears are open to their cry.
- 16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, *
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them *
and delivers them from all their troubles.
- 18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted *
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.
- 20 He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

Epistle

Ephesians 6:10-20

Reader A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Proclaiming Chant

Benedic, anima mea

WLP 825

The People stand.

The musical notation is for a two-part setting of the Proclaiming Chant. It consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes.

System 1:
Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

System 2:
Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

Holy Gospel

John 6:56-69

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

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

III. Responding to the Proclaimed Word

Homily

Andrew Kruger

Nicene Creed

EOW 53

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,
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

Raymond Chapman, alt.

The Presider says

Let us pray to the Father who sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.

The Intercessor prays

Protect the Church with the whole armor of faith and righteousness. Strong in the Spirit, may your people work powerfully for the coming of your Kingdom. Keep us firm in loyalty to Christ, the Word of eternal life.

The Lord hears the cry of the righteous: **Deliver us O God.**

Bring peace to the many places of strife in the world. Turn the hearts of those who turn to the weapons of destruction, and give them a truer vision. Bless all who work for peace.

The Lord hears the cry of the righteous: **Deliver us O God.**

Grant to our families the security that can come only from faith. Bless us, our friends and neighbors, and be our sure defense against all evil.

The Lord hears the cry of the righteous: **Deliver us O God.**

Pity and pardon those who have lost the faith which they once held. Come to them with the assurance that, though they have forsaken you, you will never forsake them and will bring them home.

The Lord hears the cry of the righteous: **Deliver us O God.**

We give thanks for those who, having come to the Father through the Son, have entered into eternal life. Give them rest and peace now that the warfare of this world is over for them.

The Lord hears the cry of the righteous: **Deliver us O God.**

The Presider concludes

Lord Jesus Christ, you have the words of eternal life: set your living bread before us that feasting around your table, we may be strengthened to continue the work to which you call us; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Peace

BCP 360

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

A sign of peace is offered with a reverent bow.

Announcements

Andrew Kruger

IV. Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Offertory Sentence

BCP 377

Presider Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.
Psalm 50:14

Offertory Chant

Eat This Bread

Taizé Community

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev-er be hun-gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

Eucharistic Prayer 2

EOW 60

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.**

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you are the giver of honor and grace and we are eager for your presence with us.

The heavens and the earth cannot contain you for you have created them and hold them in your hand. And yet you dwell among your people and allow even the birds of the air to nest in your courts and honor you with their song.

You have sent your Holy One, Jesus Christ, to speak to us your word of Spirit and life. Though the forces of evil and death consumed him, he rose from the grave proclaiming your gospel of peace. Now he nourishes us with his body and blood and arms us with truth, righteousness and salvation that we might stand firm against the corrupt spiritual powers that would tear down all who seek you with integrity.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Presider Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, we remember Christ, crucified and risen,
People **The One who was and is and is to come.**

Presider We offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
People **and ourselves as a living sacrifice.**

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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

The People and Presider pray together.

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

EOW 69

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

Presider This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

People **Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

Invitation

BCP 364

Presider Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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.

Instrumental Meditation

Cynthia Kolby & Casey Woodruff

Communion Chant

Jesus, remember me

Taizé Community

Je-sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

Je-sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

Commissioning Eucharistic Visitors

Book of Occasional Services 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

Common Worship

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.**

Commissioning

Nathan Nettleton

Presider Go out, and make known the mystery of the gospel. Keep alert and pray at all times. Draw strength from God's power and so stand firm against all that would corrupt you.

Blessing

BCP 366

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 Chant

El Señor es mi fortaleza

Taizé Community

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -
joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid; lift up your
voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.

Dismissal

BCP 366

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

What you need to know today ...

Rector on Leave Father Andy will be out of the office beginning tomorrow, August 23 and returning on Tuesday, August 31. In a pastoral emergency, please contact Marion Nechuta at the parish office who will connect you to the proper person.

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

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).

Prison Ministry Drive for School Supplies Incarceration has devastating effects on the family, particularly the children. This impact is emotional, psychological, and material. Trinity's Ministry for the Imprisoned is partnering with the Episcopal Diocese of Newark to collect school supplies for these children. [Click here](#) for a list of approved items which can be left at the home of Casey Woodruff (748 Harding Street, Westfield). The final date for donation is today, August 22. For questions, contact Casey Woodruff (908-868-4915 or cwoodruff@jonbramnick.com). Thank you.

Pandemic Protocols from the Diocese In response to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control's recommendations of July 27, 2021, due to the rising levels of infections of COVID-19, the Diocese of NJ Task Force for Re-entering, Re-opening, and Re-imagining (RRR) is recommending congregations return to requiring face masks that fully cover the nose and mouth for indoor activities for all worship attendees and outside group participants immediately, regardless of vaccination status. [See the full communique here](#). The communique which has Bishop Stokes' full support has these implications for Trinity:

- We are masking for all indoor worship, bible study, and fellowship events.
- Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Preachers may remove their mask while fulfilling their public ministry.
- Physically distanced seating will be maintained in the church building for the foreseeable future.
- Sign up for in-person services will continue for the foreseeable future.
- At outdoor services masks may be removed by vaccinated individuals, but unvaccinated individuals must continue to wear a mask outside while on church property.
- Encourage all who can be vaccinated to get vaccinated to care for the whole Body of Christ and for the whole human community.

Vaccinated? All singers, readers, and Eucharistic ministers are required to provide proof of vaccination if they intend to remove their mask while fulfilling their ministry. Please email a copy to the Parish Office.

House Control which oversees use of the halls for functions, events, and rentals needs an able-bodied person(s) to help when a function is scheduled. Activities are setting up rooms (tables, chairs, projector screens, etc.) before and being present in the building during the event and closing up after. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Nancy Noonan (908-403-6967).

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.

Intercessory Prayer List Each person on the list is prayed for at Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. You are encouraged to add and update your prayer requests; [please click on this link](#). Please remember to move the person you are praying for to the “Thanksgiving for Healing” section if and when that becomes appropriate.

What you need to know this week ...

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

Alcoholics Anonymous Tuesday nights at 8 PM. "Cranford Tuesday Night" is an Open Speaker Meeting that has met in Sherlock Hall since 1956. Open to the general public, it is a live, in-person meeting and available on Zoom, as well.

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

The Spiritual Principles Group of DAA (Drug Addicts Anonymous) Thursday nights at 8 PM in Witherington Hall; an Open Discussion Workshop sharing on personal experiences with the 12 Steps as laid out in the "Big Book" of AA and other literature. All are welcome.

Alcoholics Anonymous Women's Open Step Meeting every Friday at 12 noon in Witherington Hall.

What you need to know for the future ...

Worship Service next Sunday, August 29 In Father Andy's absence, Casey Woodruff will officiate at a 9 AM sung service of Morning Prayer, in-person, and also streamed online. Fellowship Hour under the tents immediately following the service.

Outdoor Fellowship Hour During August, the Fellowship Hour is being held under the TEDS tents. Volunteers are needed to set up and take down chairs and tables, and provide food and drinks. Please email your willingness to Tom Kaercher (tkaercher7@gmail.com) or Susan Olszewski (solszewski1@gmail.com) or call them directly (908-757-9561). Or simply sign up now by clicking this link.

Worship Service on Sunday, September 5 15th Sunday after Pentecost, 9 AM in-person Rite II Sung Eucharist, also online (Fellowship Hour under the tents).

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 parish office with any questions as to the process. Please note, the deadline is 4 PM Wednesday before the Sunday being requested; remember that there can be multiple attributions each week.

9/11 Memorial Service Saturday, September 11 at 6:30 PM at the park on the corner of Springfield and No. Union Avenues in Cranford. The Cranford WTC Committee and the Cranford Clergy Council host this annual event which honors all those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks including family, friends, first responders and all who were affected by this tragedy.

Round Up Sunday, 16th Sunday after Pentecost September 12, one service at 10 AM, in-person, outdoor, Rite II Sung Eucharist with Picnic after the Service. Full details on the last page of this bulletin.

Cranford River Carnival on Saturday, September 18 Organizers have invited local organizations to decorate a canoe or kayak for the Boat Parade. contact Fr Andy if you are interested. [Click here](#) for more information.

Scripture Readers Workshop Sunday, September 19 at 11:15 AM in the church for current and prospective lectors.

Sandwich Sunday The Outreach Committee thanks everyone who donated and helped with this month's Sandwich Sunday for St. John's Episcopal Church in Elizabeth. This project is a success because of you. Our next Sandwich Sunday is September 19. [Click this link](#) for items needed. Please bring them to Marion Nechuta (310 W. Clay Avenue, Roselle Park) by Saturday, September 18.

Help make sandwiches Saturday, September 18 between 10 AM and 12 noon in Sherlock Hall. Please call Marion Nechuta (908-451-4498).

St. John's Pantry [Click this link](#) for items needed which will be delivered on Sunday, September 19 to our sister parish, St. John's, Elizabeth. Please bring them to Marion Nechuta (310 W. Clay Avenue, Roselle Park) by Saturday, September 18.


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.

The 17th annual Bishop George E. Cuncell Memorial Golf Outing & Community Day Monday, October 11 at Mercer Oaks Golf Course in Princeton Junction, NJ. The golf event, which benefits our Cathedral, begins with a worship service and includes breakfast, lunch and dinner; prizes, raffles and auction too. Last year's event netted approximately \$35,000. [Click here to sign up.](#)

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



Sunday School

[Click here to register children for Sunday School.](#)

Since church services have resumed in-person, it is intended for Sunday School classes to follow suit. As in years past, the children will be dismissed from church services after a special blessing and will walk in a group to their age-specific classes: Younger (Preschool-Kindergarten) and Older (1st-4th Grades).

Classes this fall will take place indoors in the TEDS classrooms. Teachers, aides, and students will need to be fully masked during each class in compliance with the current guidelines set by the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey.

Fall Sunday School will focus on some of the greatest stories from the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament. These will include Creation, Adam and Eve, God's Covenant with Noah, Moses and the Exodus story, Jonah and the Whale, David and Goliath, and Daniel in the Lion's Den.

Children will be introduced to these exciting and memorable biblical narratives through age-appropriate readings, crafts, games, and activities.

Parents are needed to help with Sunday School classes; those willing to serve as teacher and/or aide may indicate that on the sign-up form. Complete lesson plans and classroom supplies are provided, as well as assistance. Questions or concerns may be brought to Beth Rees (beth.rees09@gmail.com) or Marion Nechuta (marionnechuta@yahoo.com).



Celebrating 149 Years of God's Faithfulness

Liturgy & Lectionary

The teaching of Jesus which caused the greatest offense to his disciples was his discourse on himself as the bread of life. When he extended that beyond a spiritual feeding to a sacramental feeding, “My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed,” many of his followers left him. The inner group (“the Twelve”) were also disturbed, but through Peter they reaffirmed their faith.

The first reading today is the account of Israel’s reaffirmation of their covenant with God, originally made at Mount Sinai. The people are called to an unswerving commitment to God alone. We complete our reading of the Epistle to the Ephesians today. Paul calls on us to find our strength in God to stand up against the powers that oppose God’s will and plan. We are to live in that strength and to persevere in prayer for all people.

We are called to be a people who belong to Christ. This call is often in direct conflict with our own wishes, habits, or opinions. We gather in liturgy as more than passive hearers and observers. We gather to enter into an encounter with God in Christ, which will remake us as people of God’s kingdom.

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- † **Cover art** – “The Meal” by Sieger Koder (1925-2015), whose experiences as a soldier in World War II, and then being captured and held as a prisoner of war, fundamentally influenced his life. He combined his vocation as a parish priest with his work as an artist, producing numerous paintings, altarpieces and stained-glass windows for churches within and outside Germany. This painting is an image of welcome, of inclusivity; Jesus presides at the meal. There is bread; there is wine; there is the face of Jesus in the cup – one of Koder’s trademark images. “People come to my hometown asking to see the painter. If they’re that interested in the painter, then they haven’t understood the paintings.”
- † **Gathering Chant** – Words: Psalm 117. Music: Jacques Berthier © 1984 Taizé, admin. GIA Publications, Inc.
- † **Canticle J** – “Listen to me. I am about to do something that will go down through all generations of our descendants.” –[*Judith 8:32*] “For the rest of her life she was honored throughout the whole country. She became more and more famous, and grew old in her husband’s house, reaching the age of one hundred five. She set her maid free. No one ever again spread terror among the Israelites during the lifetime of Judith, or for a long time after her death.” –[*Judith 16:22-25*] What did this woman do that we remember her name and speak her words?
- † **Collect of the Day** – New to the 1928 Prayer Book but derives from a Gregorian collect which prayed that the church may not be disturbed by the assault of the enemy. The petition of the Prayer Book collect is that the church, united through the gift of the Spirit, may make God’s power manifest throughout the world. –[*Notes on the American Prayer Book* by Marion Hatchett]
- † **Proclaiming Chant** – Words: Psalm 103:1. Music: Jacques Berthier © 1984 Taizé, admin. GIA Publications Inc.
- † **Gospel** – The Christian gospel, for Augustine, wasn’t just the answer to an intellectual question (though it was that); it was more like a shelter in a storm, a port for a wayward soul, nourishment for a prodigal who was hungering, whose own heart had become, he said, “a famished land.” It was, he said, like someone had finally shown him his home country, even though he had never been there before.
- † *** 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 of that phrase was a later development implemented only in the Western Church and without the approval of a General Council.

- † **Prayers of the People** – Adapted from Raymond Chapman, author of many books of prayer and devotion, and a greatly loved parish priest; he died in 2013. Adapted from “Leading Intercessions: Prayers for Sundays, Holy Days and Festivals and for Special Services Years A, B & C” –[Hymns Ancient and Modern, Ltd.]. “A must for anyone leading intercessions. Prayers can be easily adapted to local contexts. They reflect the Bible readings of the day, creating a more integrated act of worship. A trusted liturgical resource for many years, regularly used in hundreds of parishes, this is the essential handbook for Lectionary-based intercessions.” –[Barnes & Noble]
- † **Offertory Chant** – Words: John 6; adapt. by Robert J. Batastini, © 1984, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent. Music: Jacques Berthier © 1984, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent.
- † **Preface & Commissioning** – Written by the Rev. Nathan Nettleton for LaughingBird Liturgical Resources as “a gift to the wider Church from the South Yarra Community Baptist Church in Melbourne, Australia.”
- † **Communion Chant** – Words: Luke 23:42; from *Music from Taizé* (vol. 1, 1981). Taizé Community, 1981. Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994). © 1981, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent.
- † **Sending Chant** – Words: © 1986, 1991, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent. Music: © 1986, 1991, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent.

Today’s service put an emphasis on the Taizé Community and the specific type of music they employ. “If the young people were to pray with us and not just watch or listen to us pray, we would have to adapt and simplify some things. And things were changing. For many people, the very language of faith was becoming harder to grasp. Times were changing. People were no longer coming to church to receive a teaching or to do their devotions or to fulfill religious and social obligations, as they had done for centuries. If they were coming, it was for different and more personal reasons: to find rest and refreshment, to live their lives with more meaning, or just to maintain a connection with God or else with the church they had grown up with. It was also becoming harder for people to listen and retain what they heard. Modern life was noisier and more stressful.” –[Brother Jean-Marie of Taizé, 2006]

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150th Anniversary: 1872 – 2022

Triune God, you come to your people in dreams and visions:
quicken our imagination by your Holy Spirit,
that we will be inspired to honor our past, live out our baptism today,
and serve future generations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Haiti

Episcopal Relief & Development is in close contact with long-term development partners in Haiti after a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the country on Saturday, August 14, 2021. The earthquake killed over a thousand people, caused structures to collapse and triggered landslides and flooding in the western part of the nation.

Our partners, including the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti, have been assessing damage and checking in on the status of priests, parishes and community members. While the full extent of the damage has yet to be determined, initial reports are of over 1,000 dead and over 5,000 injured, centered in the departments of Grand Anse, Sud and Nippes. The US State Department has estimated over 1,600,000 people have been affected.

"We are deeply saddened by the reports coming from our friends and partners in Haiti," said Abigail Nelson, Executive Vice President, Episcopal Relief & Development. "We pray for their safety as Tropical Storm Grace approaches the country. We are currently mobilizing to work with an array of development partners to meet the immediate and long-term needs of affected communities."

Please pray for our siblings in Haiti and all those affected by this earthquake. Trinity is collecting donations for Episcopal Relief & Development's Haiti Fund until September 19; if you would like to contribute, please make out your check to "Trinity Cranford" and list "ERD Haiti Fund" in the memo line.

The Choirs Return

"One who sings, prays twice." Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 15, from 8-9 PM in the church and continue weekly after that. Sunday morning call time for warm-up and rehearsal is 9:30 AM; the choir sings at the 10 AM service beginning September 19. Please [sign up at this link](#) to participate.

The Handbell Choir begin rehearsals in the church on the same evening and continue weekly from 6:45-7:45 PM. Please [sign up at this link](#) to participate.

- As per diocesan guidelines, members of both choirs must be fully vaccinated for Covid-19 and must provide proof of vaccination to be kept on file by the parish. Please email a copy to the Parish Office (trinitycranford@gmail.com)
- Until further notice, face coverings are required; masks are provided for each choir member.
- Choir members will sit together in the choir stalls for both rehearsal and service.
- Ringers stand next to each other at one long table. Sheet music and bells may be shared (only when necessary), but everyone keeps their own gloves and bring them to and from rehearsal.

As we prepare for the 150th celebrations next year, Anthony Rafaniello (Director of Music) hopes that all choir members and handbell ringers will join again and encourage others to join in sharing the gift of music with the people of Trinity, and to the glory of God.

Round Up Sunday, September 12

Round up Sunday is on September 12 and will take the form of an outdoor Eucharist at 10 AM with a picnic/barbecue and children's activities to follow. Round Up Sunday has typically been an opportunity for us to gather in earnest and rededicate ourselves to God's mission after enjoying the slower pace of the summer. In some traditions it is also called sign-up Sunday because parishioners are encouraged to commit themselves to various church ministries.

This year the focus of Round Up Sunday will fall predominantly on reconstituting ourselves, and beginning to grow back our full array of ministries even as we continue to deal with a global pandemic. Sign up here to attend this significant event in the life of our community. Please RSVP as soon as possible, and no later than Sunday, September 5, for catering purposes. If you are interested in helping out with this event, please contact the appropriate coordinator:

Joyce Cieslak food (732-882-6289)

Children's Activities: Beth Rees (917-836-1997)

BBQ: John Beier (908-578-9799)

Set up and take down: Marion Nechuta (908-451-4498)