

# Trinity Episcopal Church

*Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey*



*PH-77 (Wheat) — Clyfford Still*

## *The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Rite I Holy Eucharist

September 20, 2026 at 8 AM — Proper 20

*The Reverend Andrew David Kruger, Rector & Presider*

*Anthony Rafaniello, Director of Music*

*Casey Woodruff, Senior Warden & Kathleen M. Murray, Junior Warden*

*The Sanctuary Candle and the Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God  
& in memory of Diane Conway, from the Conway family*

## Welcome

Andrew Kruger

*The bell is rung and the People stand.*

## Acclamation

BCP 323

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

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

## Collect for Purity

BCP 323

*Presider* Let us pray.

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

## Great Commandment

BCP 324

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

## Kyrie

BCP 324

*Presider* Kyrie eleison.

*People* **Christe eleison.**

*Presider* Kyrie eleison.

*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 sit.*

**First Reading**

Exodus 16:2-15

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him — what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'"

And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45**

*Confitemini Domino*

BCP 738

1. Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*  
    **make known his deeds among the peoples.**
2. Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
    **and speak of all his marvelous works.**
3. Glory in his holy Name; \*  
    **let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**
4. Search for the LORD and his strength; \*  
    **continually seek his face.**
5. Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
    **his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,**
6. O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
    **O children of Jacob his chosen.**
37. He led out his people with silver and gold; \*  
    **in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.**
38. Egypt was glad of their going, \*  
    **because they were afraid of them.**
39. He spread out a cloud for a covering \*  
    **and a fire to give light in the night season.**

40. They asked, and quails appeared, \*  
**and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.**
41. He opened the rock, and water flowed, \*  
**so the river ran in the dry places.**
42. For God remembered his holy word \*  
**and Abraham his servant.**
43. So he led forth his people with gladness, \*  
**his chosen with shouts of joy.**
44. He gave his people the lands of the nations, \*  
**and they took the fruit of others' toil,**
45. That they might keep his statutes \*  
**and observe his laws. Hallelujah!**

## Second Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

*Reader*      A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well — since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand.*

## Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.  
*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

*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 Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Sally our Bishop, and Andrew our Rector, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Donald, our President, Rebecca Michelle, 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*

## **Peace**

BCP 332

*The People stand.*

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

## **Offertory Sentence**

BCP 344

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and make good thy vows unto the Most High. *Psalms 50:14*



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

## **The Presentation of Gifts**

1 Chronicles 29:14b

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

## **Eucharistic Prayer II**

BCP 340

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

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

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

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world. 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

*The Presider and People say*

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

## Invitation

BCP 338

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

## Holy Communion

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

## Post Communion Prayer

Traditional

*Presider*      Let us pray.

*The People stand, and all pray together*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee,  
For that thou hast fed us with this holy sacrament,  
to knit us in one with Christ our Savior,  
and to grant us a foretaste of that Heavenly Banquet  
which thou hast prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

## Blessing

BCP 339

*The Presider pronounces the blessing*

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

*The ministers recess.*

## Dismissal

BCP 340

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



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## **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...**

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

**Sunday School** Open to children 3½ years to Grade 4 during the 10 AM Eucharist. Today is an intergenerational service; thus no Sunday School today.

**Children's Choir** Registration is open. Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings from 11:30 AM to 12 PM in the church and is recommended for novice readers in Grade 1 or older. Today is the first rehearsal. Register your child using the QR code: 

**The Sacrament of Baptism** Application forms are available from Marion Nechuta, and must be submitted by today. Candidates will be enrolled next Sunday, September 27 at the 10 AM Eucharist, and parents of candidates are required to attend the Baptismal Preparation Class on Saturday, October 10, from 10 AM till 12 Noon. Baptism will be offered on the Feast of All Saints (observed on Sunday, November 1).

**Outreach** Through next week to September 27, there will be a collection for Disaster Relief for the ERD (Episcopal Relief & Development); donations by cash, check or breeze. The Committee thanks all who donated to the "Mothers & Newborn" project for the ERD in June. \$540 was collected which the parish has rounded up to \$600; the check will be sent to ERD shortly.

**TEDS Aftercare Aides Needed** Trinity Episcopal Day School (TEDS) is currently seeking aftercare aides to help supervise children in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Aides must be 18 years of age or older and available to work from approximately 3 PM or 3:30 PM until 6 PM. This is a paid position. Responsibilities include supervising children during the aftercare program and assisting them with homework. Anyone interested in learning more is encouraged to contact Nancy Ditzel at teds205@gmail.com.

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

**The Daily Offices** Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer are offered online from Monday-Friday at 8:30 AM and 5 PM. Add and update prayer requests online at the church website. The list is prayed twice a day at Morning and Evening Prayer.

**Parish Office Hours** Office Manager Marion Nechuta is available from Tuesday to Thursday from 12 noon to 3:30 PM.

**The Arc of the Office** Tomorrow, Monday, September 21 following Morning Prayer, and beginning just before 9 AM online. This Bible Study, led by Fr Andy, meets again to explore the Apocrypha generally and the Book of Judith specifically, which will be read in sequence in the Daily Office from September 18-25. All are welcome.

**Handbell Choir Rehearsals** This Wednesday, September 23 from 7 PM to 7:50 PM in the church.

**Trinity Adult Choir** This Wednesday, September 23 from 8 PM to 9 PM in the church.

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

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

**Trinity Episcopal Senior Youth (TESY)** Next Sunday, September 27 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM in Witherington Chapel. The focus will be a discussion of loft renovation. All confirmed youth and 2026 confirmation candidates are invited.

**The Colgate Thirteen** Friday, October 2 at 7PM. Colgate University's premier a cappella group, and one of the nation's oldest collegiate all-male a cappella groups, will bring its classic sound to Trinity Church. The concert is open to the public, and a free-will offering will be collected to help cover the group's visit to Cranford.

**Blessing of the Animals** Sunday, October 4 at both services. Bring your pets or photographs of your pets to both services.

**Outreach Committee** Sunday, October 4 at 11:30 AM, meeting in Witherington Hall.

**Confirmation Class** Sunday, October 4 from 5 PM to 7 PM in Witherington Hall.

**Sing at St. John's** The Trinity Choir has been invited to sing at the Feast of St. Francis service at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City on Sunday, October 4, with a rehearsal on Saturday, October 3. It will be an extraordinary experience to sing in one of the great cathedrals of the world, as part of one of its signature celebrations.

**Acolyte & Thurifer Training** Sunday, October 18 immediately after the 10 AM Eucharist for all current and aspirant acolytes.

**Family Game Night** Saturday, October 24 from 5 PM to 8 PM in Sherlock Hall. All ages are welcome. Enjoy a light dinner, play an old favorite, learn a new game, or bring one to share.

**St Mark's Gospel** Saturday, November 28 from 10 AM to 12:30 PM in Witherington Chapel. The Gospel will be read from cover to cover.

## **Outdoor Eucharist and Spiritual Hike**

Experience a unique encounter with the Eucharist celebrated in the splendor of God's creation. This popular semiannual event returns for the fourth time against the backdrop of stunning fall foliage, on Saturday, October 17, at 9 AM. Everyone will meet in front of the Trailside Nature Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. From there, it is a very short walk to a seating area where a special outdoor Eucharist liturgy will be celebrated. An easy one-hour hike will follow. Those who choose not to hike can sit quietly in the beauty of the Watchung Reservation after the service. This is a great activity for families and has always been a memorable event for everyone who attends. Please contact Senior Warden, Casey Woodruff (woodruff5073@gmail.com), to register or with any questions.



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