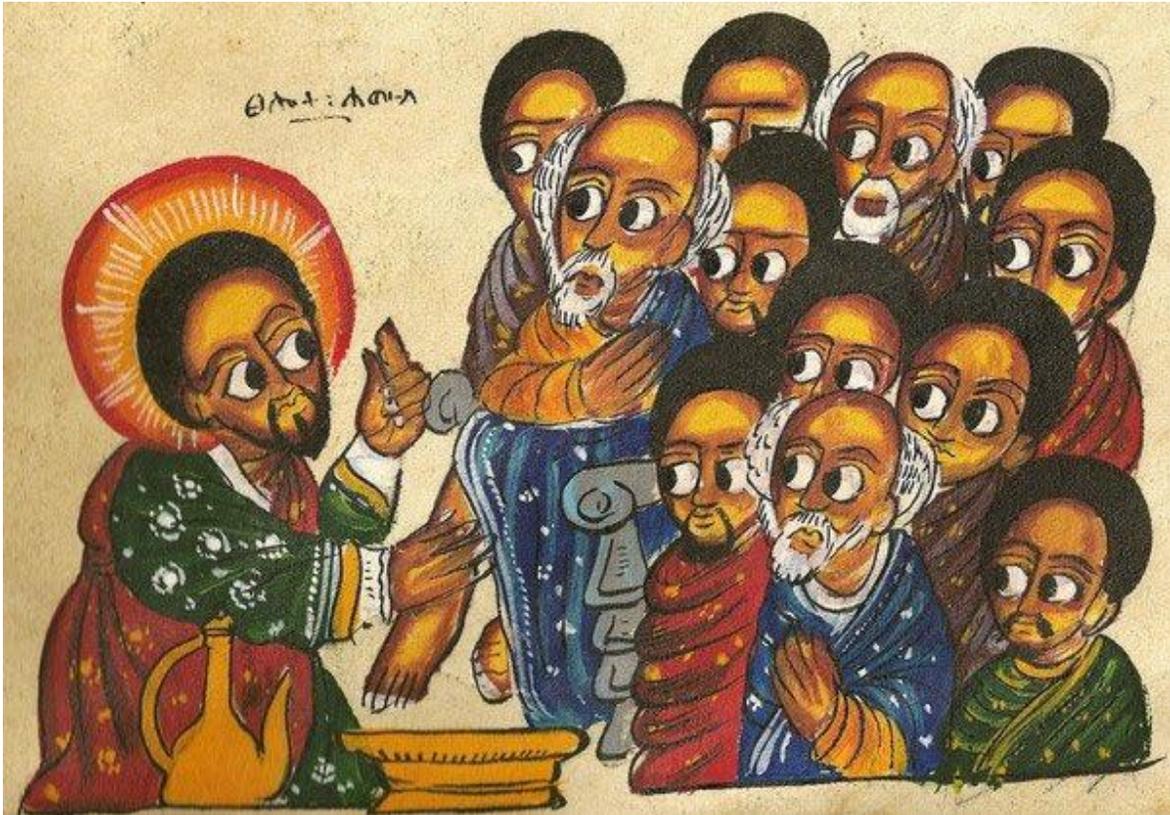


# Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey

August 15, 2021 at 9 AM



"The Bread of Life Discourse" – Icon of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church

## The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Rite II: Holy Eucharist

The Reverend Andrew D. Kruger, Presider

Casey Jonathan Woodruff, Preacher

Anthony J. Rafaniello, Director of Music + Organist

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



The Sanctuary Candle burns, and the Altar Flowers are given, for the Glory of God  
and in memory of Olga Kurdilla by Annette K. Deering  
and in memory of Doris Ives by Holly Ives and Linda J. Kurdilla

**Welcome**

Andrew Kruger

**Prelude**

“Mit Freuden Zart” – Gerald Near  
Anthony Rafaniello, organ

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

**I. Gathering of God's People**

**Gathering Hymn**

*Mit Freuden zart*

Hymnal 408



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
2 What God's al-might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy  
3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of  
keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful  
glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and  
eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!  
won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

**Opening Acclamation**

Enriching Our Worship 50

*All standing, the Presider says*

✠ 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.

*People*

**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.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - mighty 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.

## Collect of the Day

BCP 232

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## II. Proclaiming and Receiving the Word of God

### Tanakh

Proverbs 9:1-6

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, "You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### Psalm 34:9-14

*Benedicam Dominum*

Plainsong Psalter



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

**Holy Gospel**

John 6:35, 51-58

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

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 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."

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

### III. Responding to the Proclaimed Word

**Homily**

Casey Woodruff

**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*

As we prepare to receive the spiritual food of the Eucharist, let us pray to the Lord.

*The Intercessor continues*

Fill the Church with divine wisdom, that your people may walk in the way of truth and peace. Give us always the grace of your holy sacraments and bless those who administer them.

Seek the Lord: **God will provide.**

Pardon the folly which the world thinks to be wisdom. Reveal the errors that bring wrong decisions and cause suffering. Give right judgement to all in authority.

Seek the Lord: **God will provide.**

Guide us, our families and friends, to live according to your will. May they live in Christ as he and the Father are one.

Seek the Lord: **God will provide.**

Have mercy on all who are enslaved by addiction. Free them from their dependence and draw them to yourself to receive the healing power of your sacrament.

Seek the Lord: **God will provide.**

We give thanks for all who, having praised your name in the world, now join in the eternal adoration of heaven. Have mercy on those who are dying and grant them the comfort of holy communion at their end.

Seek the Lord: **God will provide.**

*The Presider concludes*

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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*

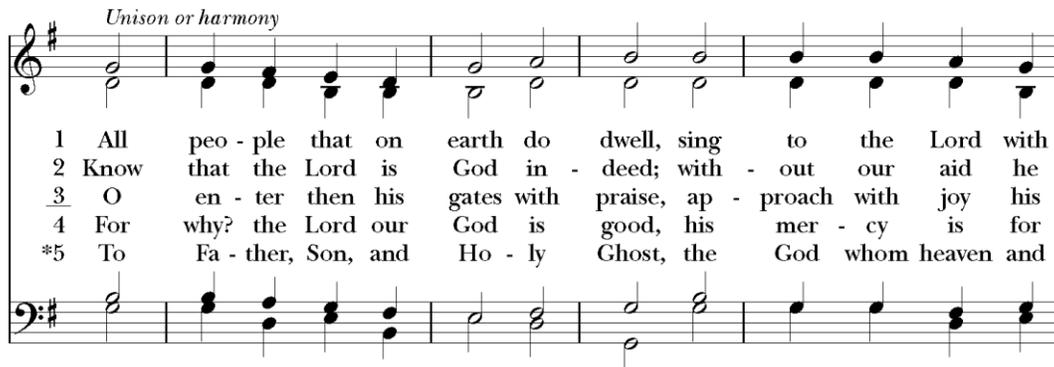
*Please place your pledge and/or gift in the plate provided on the way to receive communion.*

### Offertory Hymn

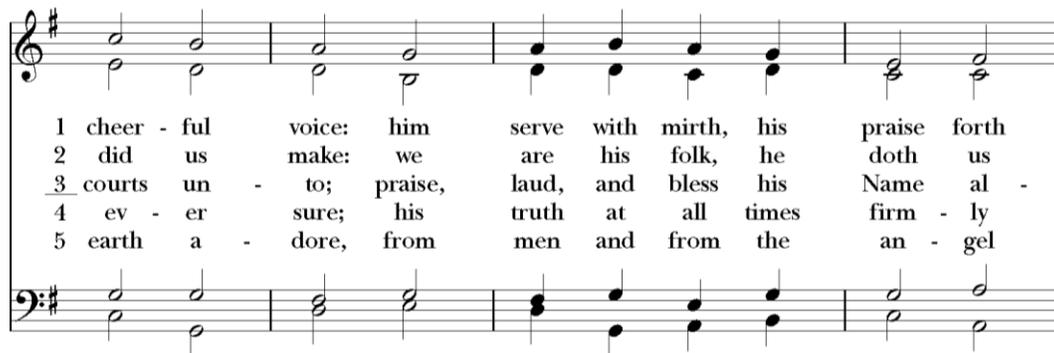
*Old 100th*

Hymnal 377

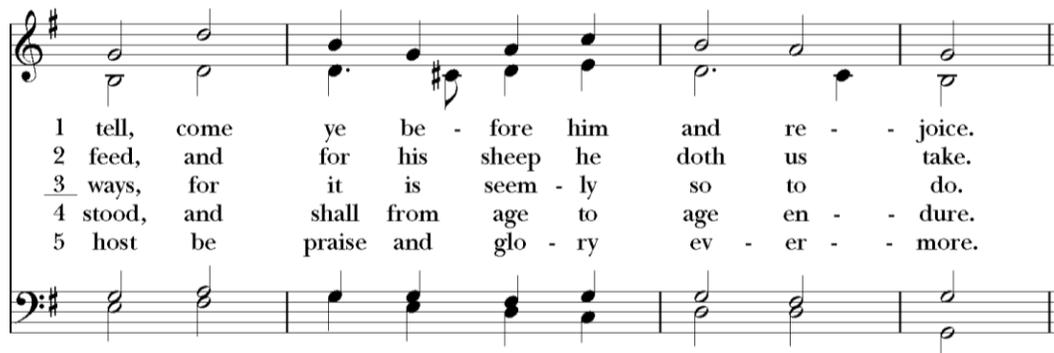
*Unison or harmony*



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with  
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he  
3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his  
4 For why? the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy is for  
\*5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom heaven and



1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth  
2 did us make: we are his folk, he doth us  
3 courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his Name al -  
4 ev - er sure; his truth at all times firm - ly  
5 earth a - dore, from men and from the an - gel



1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - jice.  
2 feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
3 ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
4 stood, and shall from age to age en - - dure.  
5 host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - - more.

## 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, in the company of those who live with integrity, for you have given yourself to us as flesh and blood and become the bread that nourishes us for eternal life.

Your righteousness was established before time began and all you have created reflects your honor and majesty. You made a covenant with your people and gave yourself generously to all who seek your wisdom and walk in your ways.

In your great and steadfast love, you have come to redeem your people, offering us life in your Son, Jesus. Though his blood was poured out and his flesh sent to the grave, you raised him up to new life, and now he offers himself to us as the bread of heaven, so that all who eat and drink of him might live forever as one with him.

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 sing:

### **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.\_\_\_\_\_

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.

### Great Amen

*McNeil Robinson*

Hymnal S 147



### 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.*

**Communion Hymn**

*Jesus, meine Zuversicht*

Hymnal 313

1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious  
 2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou  
 3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound  
 4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,  
 cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give  
 and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now  
 tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

*Refrain*  
 of thy bound-less love the to - ken.  
 Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -  
 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.  
 of thy match-less love for - give me.

self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

## Communion Meditation

*Eat This Bread*

Taizé Community

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system of music has the lyrics: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev-er be hun-gry." The second system of music has the lyrics: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst."

## 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, nourished by the bread of heaven, and take care to walk in the ways of wisdom. Discern carefully between right and wrong. Understand what the will of the Lord is. Feed on Christ and be filled with the Spirit.

## Blessing

BCP 366

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

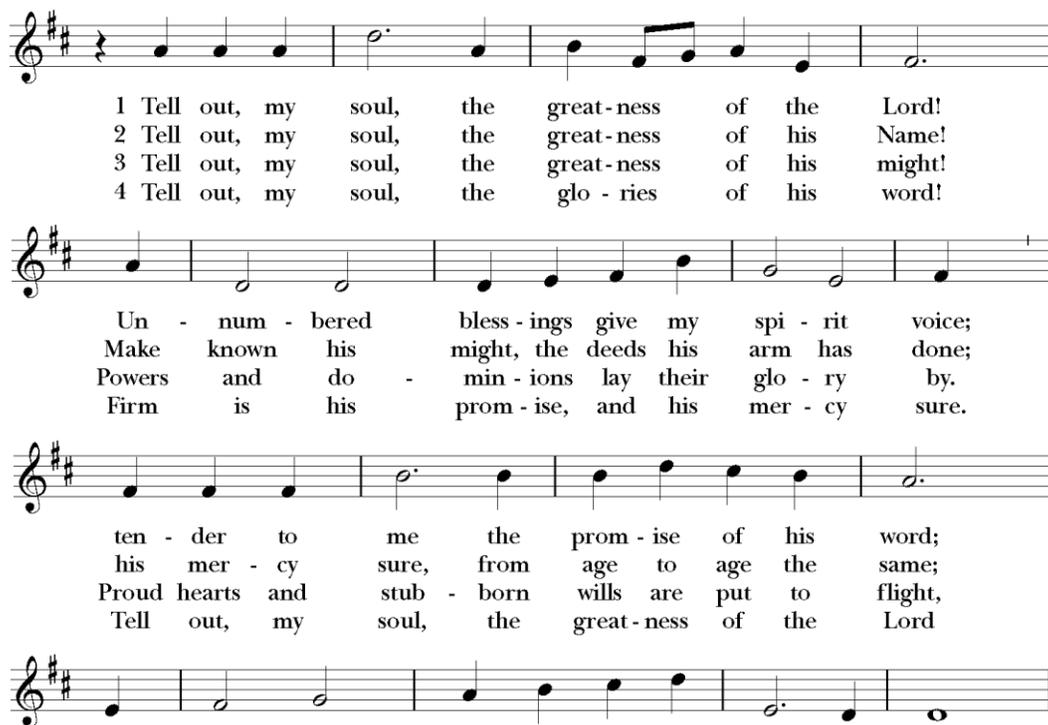
The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## V. Going out as God's People

**Sending Hymn**

Woodlands

Hymnal 438



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

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;  
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.  
his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.  
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

**Dismissal**

BCP 366

*Presider*  
*People*

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

**Postlude**

“Recessional in a Gregorian Mode” – Henry Kihlken



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Pastor's Sabbath: Father Andy takes his rest on Mondays

## What you need to know today ...

**Sandwich Sunday is today** Consider participating in this important outreach effort to feed the poor. St. John's Episcopal in Elizabeth is our sister parish; it is a privilege to team up with their efforts to alleviate hunger. Traditionally held on the third Sunday of the month; volunteers are always needed.

**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.

**Forward Day by Day devotional books** for August through October are available in the narthex of the church; alternatively, request a copy to be sent via USPS by sending an email to the church office ([trinitycranford@gmail.com](mailto:trinitycranford@gmail.com)).

**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).

**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 the event. If you are interested in volunteering for this contact Nancy Noonan (908-403-6967).

**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.

**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.

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

**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 August 22. For questions, contact Casey Woodruff (908-868-4915 or [cwoodruff@jonbramnick.com](mailto:cwoodruff@jonbramnick.com)). Thank you.

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

**Intercensory 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.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** “Cranford Tuesday Night” is the name of the Open Speaker Meeting that has met in Sherlock Hall since 1956. Open to the general public, it has returned to a live, in-person meeting on Tuesday nights at 8 PM (but continues on Zoom, as well).

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

**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 ...

**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.](#)

**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.

**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 in the church after the 10 AM service for all current and prospective lectors.

**Help Set up Trinity Table at the September 25, Cranford Day Celebration;** contact Fr Andy for details. [Click here](#) for more information.

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

**Celebrate Cranford township's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** by submitting a quilted Trinity-themed square by November 15, 2021. Contact Fr. Andy to discuss the design if you are interested.

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

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150<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Lectionary

Jesus' discourse on the bread of life continues to be the center of our liturgy, as it has been now for several weeks. Jesus has met physical hunger by providing material bread (a primary Old Testament sign of salvation); he has said that a spiritual (or mystical) relationship with him constitutes the bread of eternal life; now he says that nourishment with his life is given by actually eating his flesh and drinking his blood. If we eat his body and drink his blood, we will have eternal life.

In the first reading, God's Wisdom is personified as a hostess inviting us to eat her food and drink her wine, thereby receiving her into our lives. Early Christians understood Jesus as the incarnation of God's Wisdom. This is, therefore, a passage that has been seen by Christians as an Old Testament prefiguring of our Savior who calling us into new life by becoming one with him sacramentally.

The second reading is once again from the letter to the Ephesians. We are exhorted to let God's Spirit inebriate us and speak through us in thanksgiving and song.

"People with a story to tell and a song to sing" is a way Christians have been described. It is preeminently in liturgy that we carry out that role. We gather here to be fed physically, spiritually, and sacramentally. Our response is to give thanks (the word "eucharist" means "thanksgiving") and, having told our story and sung our song here, to take it out to our brothers and sisters in the world.

# Liturgy

- † **Cover art** – “The Bread of Life Discourse” (painted on goatskin) is an icon of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church which was not imported with colonialism, but native to the culture for centuries. This is how the church portrayed Jesus and Biblical figures throughout its history.
- † **Prelude** – From the “Twenty-Eight Chorales on Hymn Tunes for Organ” by Gerald Near (b. 1942) “one of the foremost living composers of church music.” –[The American Organist]. His works have been heard on NPR’s *A Prairie Home Companion*.
- † **Gathering Hymn** – Words: Johann Jacob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897). Based on Deuteronomy 32:3 and using a variety of metaphors for God and God’s works to proclaim God’s loving care. Music: an anonymous German tune named after an Easter hymn by Georg Vetter; melody from “Une pastourelle gentile” 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547 and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566.
- † **Gloria** – Words: Anonymous, 15<sup>th</sup> cent. medieval. Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932,) an American composer and organist “whose output bridges denominational boundaries and serves the larger Church. He has made ecumenical sharing a reality – and always with a genteel touch.” [GIA] His conservative, neo-Romantic style stems from his approach to composition. “I write for choirs of 25 because that’s what most are. Most are not of cathedral ability or size. My pieces are practical and useful for specific occasions.” –[© Church Publishing]
- † **Collect of the Day** – Composed for the 1549 Prayer Book, this collect explains the work of Christ and the response of the Christian. Christ came both as a sacrifice for our sin and as an example of the life God expects of us. Our response is thanksgiving for these benefits, and a daily endeavor to follow in His steps. To make this response, we pray for God’s grace. –[Notes on the American Prayer Book by Marion Hatchett]
- † **Proclaiming Hymn** – Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1960), a major British figure in the revival of contemporary hymn writing, worked for the British Council of Churches and several other organizations involved in fighting poverty and promoting peace and justice. Wren wrote this text to summarize a series of sermons on the meaning of the Lord’s Supper, specifically as a post-sermon hymn to help illustrate the presence of Christ in the sacrament. He states that he wanted to express this “as simply as possible, in a way that would take the worshipper (probably without recognizing it) from the usual individualistic approach to communion (‘I come’) to an understanding of its essential corporateness (‘we’ll go’).” © 1971 by Hope Publishing Co., Carol Stream, IL. Music: American folk melody, adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983) whose grandmother sang it to her. She harmonized and published it in her *Folk Hymns of America* (1938). Known as a musicologist of American folk music, Buchanan published numerous articles on the Appalachian area of the U.S.
- † **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 continues to be the essential handbook for Lectionary-based intercessions.” –[Barnes & Noble]
- † **Offertory Hymn** – Words: William Kethe (d. 1608?), a Bible translator, especially of the Psalms; he helped translate the Geneva Bible in 1560 (a version favored over the King James Bible by the Pilgrim fathers) and contributed 25 psalms to the 1561 Anglo-Genevan Psalter; para. of Psalm 100, in response to the teaching of John Calvin that communal singing of psalms in the vernacular language is a foundational aspect of church life. Music: melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561?).
- † **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 Hymn** – Words: John Brownlie (1859-1925); “his translations from the Greek have all the beauty, simplicity, earnestness, and elevation of thought and feeling which characterize the originals. –[John Julian, *Dictionary of Hymnology*] Music: melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. after *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.
- † **Communion Meditation** – Words: John 6; adapt. by Robert J. Batastini and the Taizé Community. Music: Jacque Berthier. Both © 1984, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent.
- † **Sending Hymn** – Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926) based on *The Song of Mary* from Luke 1:46-55 © 1962 Hope Publishing Co. 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, the greatness of the Lord.’ I was reading a review copy of the New English Bible New Testament, in which that line appears exactly as I have put it above; I saw in it the first line of a poem, and speedily wrote the rest.” [Dudley-Smith 1984]. Music: William Greatorex (1877-1949).