

# Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



“We Are One in Jesus the Lord” – Soichi Watanabe

## *The Third Sunday of Easter*

Holy Eucharist - Rite II - April 14, 2024 at 10 AM



The Reverend Andrew David Kruger - Presider

Casey Jonathan Woodruff - Preacher

Anthony J. Rafaniello - Director of Music & Organist

Casey Woodruff - Senior Warden & Thomas Kaercher - Junior Warden

Prelude

Improvisation on *Unser Herrscher*

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

I. Gathering of God's People

Gathering Hymn

*Unser Herrscher*

Hymnal 180

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with  
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and  
 \*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -  
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;  
 ra - dian't brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;  
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming  
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,  
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion  
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the  
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.  
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.  
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.  
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

## Easter Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer 355

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## Welcoming of Parents and Sponsors

Book of Occasional Services 172

*The Presider invites forward the parents and sponsors of Charlotte Grace Antus and Drew Joseph Ortiz for baptism.*

*The Presider then addresses the parents and sponsors.*

*Presider* What do you seek for yourself and your child?  
*Answer* Life in Christ.

*Presider* Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." Do you accept these commandments?  
*Answer* I do.

*Presider* In baptism, you died with Christ to the forces of evil and rose to new life as members of his Body. Will you study the commitments of baptism, and strive to keep them in the companionship of this community?  
*Answer* I will, with God's help.

*Presider* Will you open your heart and mind to receive anew the Good News of Jesus Christ?  
*Answer* I will, with God's help.

*Presider* Will you be regular in attending public worship, to hear the Word of God and celebrate the mystery of Christ's dying and rising?  
*Answer* I will, with God's help.

*Presider* Will you join us in our life of service to the powerless and the outcast?  
*Answer* I will, with God's help.

*Presider* Will you work for mercy and justice?  
*Answer* I will, with God's help.

*The Presider then addresses the assembled People*

Will you support these persons by your prayer and example, and help them to grow in the knowledge and love of God?  
*People* **We will.**

*The Presider extends hands over the parents and sponsors and says*

May God, our heavenly Father, grant you the power of the Holy Spirit to grow in faith and understanding that you may lead your children in the way of Christ. **Amen.**

Each of the children is presented by name to the Presider, who, with the thumb, marks a cross on the forehead of each, saying

Charlotte Grace Antus, receive the sign of the Cross on your forehead and in your heart, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Drew Joseph Ortiz, receive the sign of the Cross on your forehead and in your heart, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The parents then write their child's name in the book and return to their seats.

## Gloria

William Mathias

Hymnal S 278

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

## Collect of the Day

BCP 224

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

## Blessing of the Sunday School Children and their Teachers

Andrew Kruger

*Presider* May God bless those who teach and those who learn,  
✠ in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## II. Proclaiming and Receiving the Word of God

### First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

*Reader* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### Psalm 4

*Cum invocarem*

Plainsong Psalter

*All are invited to sing the Antiphon and Psalm.*



You have put glad - ness in my heart, O LORD; hal - le - lu - jah.



TONE IV.1

- 1 *Ansüer* me when I call, O God, defender / of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on / me and hëär mÿ prayer.
- 2 “You mortals, how long will you disho/nor my glóry; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
/ and run äfter fälse gods?”
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders / for the fáithful; \*  
when I call upon the / LORD, he will hëär me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and / do not sín; \*  
speak to your heart in / silence üpon yóür bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed / sacrificés \*  
and / put your trüüst in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying,  
“Oh, that we / might see bétter times!” \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance üpön us, Ö LORD.
- 7 You have put gladness / in my hëärt, \*  
more than when grain and / wine and öil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I / fall asléép; \*  
for only you, LORD, / make me dÿwell in sáfety. [Ant.]

## Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

*Reader* A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Proclaiming Chant

*Alleluia* 7

Taizé Community



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! (hum)

*Cantor*

Jesus stood among the disciples and said, "Peace be with you."

## Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

*Presider*

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

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

*Presider*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## III. Responding to the Proclaimed Word

### Homily

Casey Woodruff

### Nicene Creed

Enriching Our Worship 53

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, \*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

BOS 176 alt.

*The Presider says*

Let us pray for all those preparing for Holy Baptism in this season.

*The Intercessor continues*

That all candidates for baptism will grow in knowledge and love of you.

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

For all parents, that they will make known to their children the riches of your Word.

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

That in due season all the baptized will join us in works of justice and mercy.

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

For all sponsors and godparents, that in their lives they will show a pattern of life in accordance with the Gospel.

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

For this congregation, that we will abound in love and persevere in prayer.

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, that we will exercise the gifts you have given us.

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, that they will exercise power with wisdom and mercy.

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**



For the sick and the sorrowful, and for those in any need or trouble, that they will know your consolation.

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, that they know the abundance of eternal life.

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

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

God of our salvation, we falter before the demands of your Word: pour out your mercy on us, that we will turn from our sinfulness and walk the path of self-emptying love made known to us in Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

## Peace

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

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

*The People greet one another in the Name of the Lord, then sit for the announcements.*

## Announcements

Andrew Kruger

## IV. Celebrating at the Lord's Table

### Offertory Sentence

1 Chronicles 29:11

*The Presider says*

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offering of bread and wine to the Holy Table.*



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

### Offertory Anthem

“Most Glorious Lord of Life” – William Harris  
Words – Edmund Spenser

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day  
didst make thy triumph over death and sin,  
and having harrowed hell, didst bring away  
captivity thence captive, us to win:

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,  
and grant that we for whom thou diddest die,  
being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin,  
may live for ever in felicity:

And that thy love we weighing worthily,  
may likewise love thee for the same again;  
and for thy sake, who dost all grace supply,  
with love may one another entertain;

So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought;  
love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

*The People stand. The ushers bring the collection plates to the ministers.*

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 \*3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 See! he shows the prints of love: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!

## Eucharistic Prayer for Pascha

## Celebrating Sunday

*Presider*                      *People*

The Lord be with you.              And al - so with you.

*Presider*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts.              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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus**

*William Matthias*

Hymnal S 128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven 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.

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross we gain eternal life and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter, glory broke from the tomb and changed the women’s sorrow into joy. From the garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever.

The Risen Lord was recognized in the breaking of the bread, the fearful disciples received a blessing of peace, and the weary fishermen found a ready welcome on the lakeshore. To them all Christ renewed the pledge of his presence and the promise of new birth in the Spirit.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel’s release when slaves walked free, at supper with his disciples, Jesus took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: “Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.”

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: “Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this to remember me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.  
 Rising, you restored our life.  
 Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the Body and the Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

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**

Mathias/Kruger



**Lord's Prayer**

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*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.**

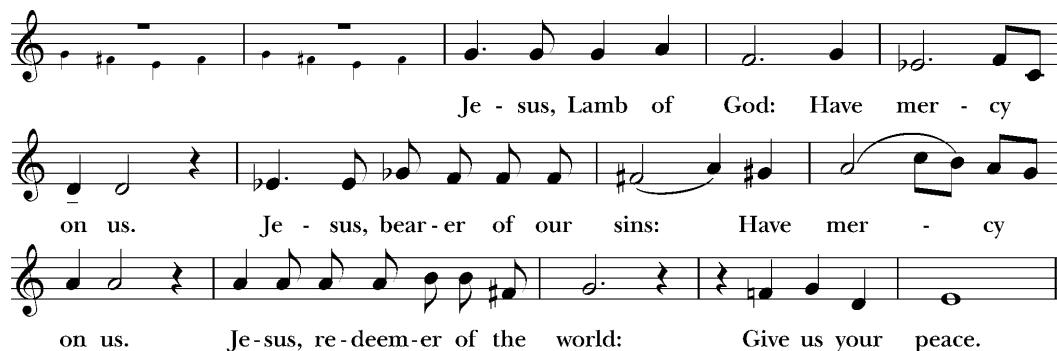
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Agnus Dei**

William Matthias

Hymnal S 165

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



**Invitation**

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

*The ushers guide the people to receive Holy Communion. All persons may, but no person must, receive communion in both kinds to receive the full spiritual benefits of communion. You may choose to receive only the host at this time. Wine is offered by way of a sip from the common cup. Gluten-free wafers are available by request to the priest.*

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.

**First Communion Hymn**

*Lux eoi*

Hymnal 191

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heaven-ward raise:  
2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,  
3 Christ is ris - en, Christ, the first-fruits of the ho - ly har - vest - field,  
4 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Shed up - on us heaven - ly grace,  
5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;

1 sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
2 glor - ious life, and life im - mor - tal, on his re - sur - rec - tion morn.  
3 which with all its full a - bun-dance at his sec - ond com - ing yield:  
4 rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry from the bright-ness of thy face;  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior who has won the vic - to - ry;

1 He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,  
2 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by his might - y en - ter - prise:  
3 then the gold - en ears of har - vest will their heads be - fore him wave,  
4 that, with hearts in hea - ven dwell - ing, we on earth may fruit - ful be,  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spi - rit, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty:

1 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.  
2 we with him to life e - ter - nal by his re - sur - rec - tion rise.  
3 ri - pened by his glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave.  
4 and by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be ev - er, Lord, with thee.  
5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! to the Tri - une Ma - jes - ty.

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the  
 \*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -  
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Post Communion Prayer

CW

*Presider* Let us pray.

*The People stand.*

**Lord God our Father, through our Savior Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Blessing

CW

*The Presider blesses the people.*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

**Dismissal**

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*Presider*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Postlude**

“Trumpet Voluntary” – David Lasky

**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. Every Thursday by 2 PM, an email blast is sent with hyperlinks to sign-up sheets, methods to contribute or donate to the parish or other charitable organizations, ways to contact individuals or receive more information on events, etc. Please contact the parish office to receive it or alternative methods of communication.

## What you need to know today...

**Baptismal Enrollment** Candidates are enrolled during this service in preparation for baptism on Pentecost Sunday, May 19.

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

**Sunday School** Children (PreK-3 through Grade 4) gather in the church at the beginning of the service. Children and teachers receive a blessing after the collect of the day, depart for class, then return in time for Holy Communion. Younger children, supervised by their parents, are welcome in the nursery section of the narthex.

**Holy Communion Preparation Class** Began last week, April 7. After the blessing of the Sunday School, students should follow the teachers, Joyce Cielsak and Marion Nechuta. Depending on the day's lesson, students may return for communion or finish up in class.

**Trinity Children's Choir** Rehearsal today at 11:30 AM in the church.

**Outreach** Today, at 11:30 AM after this service in Witherington Hall, all parishioners are invited to attend the committee meeting.

**Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle** Both are individually available for personal attribution, to remember loved ones, to honor others, to celebrate lives. Anyone can make a request; there is no fee. Email the office by 4 PM Wednesday each week; multiple attributions are allowed. Altar flowers cost the parish \$75 per week, and are a line item in the church budget. Donations towards that are gratefully appreciated and may be made anonymously via the collection plate or through the office.

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

**Parish Office Hours** Office Manager Marion Nechuta is available Tuesday (12 noon–2:30 PM), Wednesday (1 PM–3:30 PM) and Thursday (12 noon–2:30 PM). Please call before arriving; at other times she may still be contacted via parish email or phone.

**Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer** Monday to Friday at 8:30 AM and 5 PM, respectively, online.

**Trinity's Music Ministry** This Wednesday, April 17 there is rehearsal for Handbell Choir (6:45–7:45 PM) and the Adult Choir (8–9 PM) in the church. Contact Music Director Anthony Rafaniello (anthonyrafaniello@gmail.com).

**Women's Bible Study** Usually on Thursday, 10 AM–11 AM online, except when the Fellowship Luncheon occurs. Nancy Miller – 1988 magna cum laude graduate of the Theological School of Drew University – has been leading this dedicated group since 2000.

**April Fellowship Luncheon** Thursday, April 18 from 12:30 to 2 PM in Witherington Hall. Join parishioner and horticulturist Paul Trader for a presentation on pruning trees, shrubs and perennials; volunteers willing to do periodic pruning are especially encouraged to attend. An \$8 donation is requested. For questions or to sign up to bring food, please contact Susan Olszewski (908-757-9561).

**Thursday Compline** This Thursday at 8 PM online.

**Bowl for Scholarships** Thursday, April 18 from 6 PM to 8 PM at Jersey Lanes for \$20. Proceeds to benefit the Rev. Servio R. Moscoso Foundation which is dedicated to raising funds to help Hispanic high school seniors continue their education.. Contact the office manager, Marion Nechuta, to sign up and for more information.

**12 Step Programs** Trinity is host to 3 recovery groups: Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) has an Open Speaker Meeting every Tuesday night at 7 PM (since 1956); DAA (Drug Addicts Anonymous) has a meeting on Thursday nights at 8 PM; and there is an AA Women's Open Step Meeting every Friday at 12 noon.



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

**United Together** Sunday, April 21 is the final day that Outreach is collecting for this organization which helps the people of Ukraine with humanitarian needs. The weekly email blast has the link to the list of items needed. Contact the parish office for more details.

**Intergenerational Eucharist** April 21 is the third Sunday of the month, and at the 10 AM service the younger baptized members of our parish remain in church rather than going to Sunday school and exercise their gifts by participating in various lay roles in the liturgy.

**Eucharistic Minister Training** Next Sunday, April 21 after the 8 AM and 10 AM services for all current and aspirant LEM's.

**Sandwich Sunday** Next week, April 21; contact Marion Nechuta ([marionnechuta@yahoo.com](mailto:marionnechuta@yahoo.com) or 908-451-4498) for more information. There are several ways to participate in this ministry (links to sign up are in the email blast):

- Sign up to supply food items for St. John's food pantry (please deliver to the parish by Saturday, April 20)
- Sign up to supply items needed for the bags and the sandwiches
- Saturday, April 20 from 10 AM to 11:30 AM – assemble food bags in Sherlock Hall
- Sunday, April 21 between services (9 AM-10 AM) and after the 10 AM service – assemble sandwiches
- Sunday, April 21 after Fellowship Hour – Transport the sandwiches and food packets to St John's

**Episcopal Church Women's Student Service Award** Applications are open to all High School Seniors who attend churches in the Diocese of New Jersey. Applications are due by Tuesday, April 30. The information is in the weekly email blast.

**Baptism on Pentecost Sunday, May 19** Baptismal candidates are enrolled today during this service.

**"Daniel"** Saturday, September 28 at 3 PM at Sight & Sound, Lancaster PA. Tickets are \$95 each and due July 1. See Bonnie Gentesse.

## "Hymn Sing" ~ from the Music Director

For quite a while I wanted to host a hymn festival. I have enjoyed attending hymn festivals and hymn sings over the years and have experienced the joy in singing our favorite hymns together. Our hymnal is full of beautiful poetic texts and tunes in praise of and in prayer to God, and our Episcopal tradition prides itself on its rich tradition and treasury of hymnody. The Hymnal 1982 contains works that span the past two millennia and range from introspective and devotional, to vigorous and regal. This is an opportunity to explore them together in an Easter Hymn Festival on May 19 at 4 PM.

This is a fun musical event for everyone to participate in singing some of our favorite hymns and enjoy making music together. This is a fundraiser which benefits both Trinity Episcopal Church and the James Lenney Memorial Choral Scholarship, which is awarded to a Cranford High School senior each year. A beloved resident of Cranford, Jim Lenney was Trinity's Choirmaster and Organist for 30 years, as well as the Choral Director at Cranford High School. There are two ways to participate in the hymn sing and donate:

- Beforehand, an entire hymn can be sponsored for the Easter Hymn Festival. Any hymn from the Hymnal 1982 can be requested at the cost of its hymn number. For example, hymn #460 (*Hyfrydol*) can be sponsored for \$460 and all verses will be sung, with a short improvisation at the introduction or conclusion. (Please choose only hymns from #174 onward, as this is an Easter Hymn Festival. It is far too early for Christmas Carols.) It is simple to sponsor an entire hymn, whether as an individual, a family, or a group of parishioners joining together. Please email the church office at [trinitycranford@gmail.com](mailto:trinitycranford@gmail.com). These sponsored selections will be due by Sunday, May 5.
- Admission to the Easter Hymn Festival is a suggested donation of \$15 and tickets will go on sale beginning Sunday, April 21. Each ticket will include a slip to request a hymn from the Hymnal 1982. These hymns will be pulled at random during the hymn festival. Whatever hymn is listed on the slip that is drawn will be sung. However, only the first and last verses of these hymns will be sung, so that we can get to as many of the hymns as time will allow.

A light reception will follow the hymn festival. This is going to be an enjoyable event for those who enjoy hymn singing, so invite your friends to join us. Again, to sponsor an entire hymn, please email the parish office. Contact me with questions or to assist with the hymn festival. I hope you will join the whole parish on May 19 at 4 PM, as we raise our voices together in song.

Anthony J. Rafaniello, Music Director

## Four Candidates Named for Presiding Bishop

[*ENS Episcopal News Service*] The Episcopal Church has announced four nominees to succeed Michael B. Curry as presiding bishop: The Bishops of Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Northwestern Pennsylvania, and Atlanta. The new primate will be chosen by fellow bishops at this summer's General Convention. The nominees are:

**Scott Barker**, 60, has led the Omaha-based Diocese of Nebraska since 2011. The diocese's 53 worshipping communities span the full state, where Barker was born and raised. A graduate of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, Barker was ordained to the priesthood in 1992 and served for 10 years in Omaha and 10 more years in the Diocese of New York before returning to Nebraska as bishop.

**Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez**, 59, has led the Philadelphia-based Diocese of Pennsylvania since 2016. It is one of six dioceses in the state. A native of New Mexico, Gutiérrez earned a diocesan certificate in Anglican studies through Trinity School for Ministry and has a master's degree in theological studies from St. Norbert College. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2008 in Albuquerque-based Diocese of the Rio Grande and served as canon to the ordinary, chief operating officer, and chief of staff before elected Bishop of Pennsylvania.

**Sean Rowe**, 49, has led the Erie-based Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania since 2007, and he also serves as bishop provisional of the Diocese of Western New York through a partnership the dioceses established in 2019. He previously served as bishop provisional of the Diocese of Bethlehem from 2014 to 2018. Originally from western Pennsylvania, Rowe is a Virginia Theological Seminary graduate and was ordained to the priesthood in 2000 in Northwestern Pennsylvania, where he served in congregational ministry until his election as bishop. He serves as parliamentarian of the House of Bishops and Executive Council.

**Robert Wright**, 60, has led the Diocese of Atlanta since 2012. The diocese, based in Georgia's capital city, has 120 worshipping communities across the northern half of the state. A Navy veteran and graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary, Wright was ordained to the priesthood in 1999 in the Diocese of New York. At the time of his election as bishop, he had served the previous 10 years as rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Atlanta. Since 2020, he also has hosted a podcast on faith and life called For People.

The announcement immediately sparked social media chatter complaining that there were no female or LGBT candidates. Other posters pointed out that the 20-person nominating committee included three female bishops, and Curry's predecessor, Katharine Jefferts Schori, in 2006 became the first woman elected to lead a province of the Anglican Communion. The 2015 General Convention also considered a four-person, all-male slate. The bishops overwhelmingly chose Curry, making him the first Black presiding bishop and the first to be elected on a single ballot.

The 28<sup>th</sup> presiding bishop will be elected this summer at General Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. The House of Bishops will vote in executive session on Wednesday, June 26, immediately after a morning Eucharist. Later in the day, the House of Deputies will vote on whether to confirm the election. The canons are silent on what would happen if the deputies were to exercise their veto. In 2015, the deputies confirmed Curry's election by vote of 800 to 12. The new presiding bishop's nine-year term begins November 1.

The April 2 announcement initiates a petition process on April 3-15. The presiding bishop campaign, to the extent there is one, will bear no resemblance to the bitter presidential contest that continues to unfold. The nominees will not give news interviews, and even in private it would be considered extremely bad form for one nominee to criticize another. Each nominee recorded a brief video, available at [generalconvention.org](http://generalconvention.org), "discussing a biblical image or metaphor that resonates with this moment in the life of the church and the role of the presiding bishop."

All of the nominees are comfortably young enough to serve a nine-year term before reaching the church's mandatory retirement age of 72. Rowe is a decade younger than the other candidates, yet also has the longest tenure as a bishop. Barker has the longest tenure as a priest. The nominating committee was co-chaired by Bishop of Alaska Mark Lattime and Steve Nishibayashi, a longtime lay leader in the Diocese of Los Angeles and former member of the Executive Council.

## Lectionary & Liturgy

On this Third Sunday of Easter, the Gospel reading directs our attention to the Eucharist as our ongoing experience of the resurrection. On the first Easter afternoon Jesus met two of his followers, and as they walked to the village of Emmaus he explained the scriptures concerning his death and resurrection to them. At table with them he said the blessing and broke the bread and they recognized him.

Today's Gospel reading carries that story to its conclusion. Those two disciples are in the midst of telling the others that Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread when he appears in their midst. He again explains the scriptures and shares food with them. Thus from the very beginning of the Church's life in the risen Lord, the meal has been the most common way Jesus' resurrection is revealed to his people.

Our reading from Acts today is an account of the manifestation of Christ's presence in and through his followers. Peter and John heal a cripple in the name of Jesus and then Peter proclaims the Gospel of the dying and rising of Jesus. The second reading this Sunday speaks of the forgiveness of sins we have as a result of our life in Christ. We are a people who through Baptism and Eucharist live in Christ's dying and rising. We meet him again and again in the Breaking of the Bread and acclaim him. "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!"

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- † **Cover art** – “We Are One in Jesus the Lord” (2009) by Soichi Watanabe (b. 1949). He was drawn to God as an undergraduate student during a home Bible study; “the richness of the biblical world overwhelmed me and at the same time tortured me. I really heard a voice telling me to accept the salvation of Jesus on the cross and to follow him. My works are my own humble responses to God’s calling in my life. The images are often given to me through the words of God at worship services on Sundays and during my daily devotion. I have the earnest hope that I will go on painting to praise the Lord.”
- † **Gathering Hymn** – Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895). Music: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); German student life in the 17<sup>th</sup> century was anything but refined, and he was fond of questionable pleasures. In 1670, Neander and 2 comrades went to service one Sunday to criticize and find matters of amusement; but earnest words proved the turning-point of his spiritual life. “The glow and sweetness of his better hymns, their firm faith, originality, Scripturalness, variety and mastery of rhythmical forms, and genuine lyric character fully entitled them to the high place they hold.” –[John Julian, *Dictionary of Hymnology* 1907]
- † **Service Music** – William Mathias (1934-1992) –[©1976 Oxford University Press]. “Music was an ever-present force for my father. I was aware from a very early age that the creative process was something always present for him – even when he was doing something else – and that it was a force which he could turn in any desired direction or channel at a given time. Hence his ability to compose a wide variety of orchestral, choral, instrumental or chamber music, as well as music for the church and for young people.” –[daughter Rhiannon Mathias]
- † **Common Worship** – A family of volumes which, together with the BCP, make up the official liturgical resource of the Church of England. It represents the most recent stage of development of the Liturgical Movement within the Church.
- † **Collect of the Day** – This is a revised version of the collect for the Monday in Easter Week of the 1928 Book, composed by the Rev. Dr. John W. Suter, Sr. It is associated with the story of our Lord’s appearance to the disciples at Emmaus after the resurrection, when He made Himself known “in the breaking of bread” [Luke 24:35]. The original form of the result clause read: “That we may behold thee in all thy works.” –[*Notes on the American Prayer Book* by Marion Hatchett]
- † **Plainsong Psalter** – Plainsong dates from the earliest centuries of Christianity. It has one melody traditionally sung without musical accompaniment and based on the psalms. Editor James Litton is widely recognized as one of the leading American choral conductors, a member of the Standing Commission on Church Music who participated in the preparation and publication of the Hymnal 1982, directed the American Boychoir (1985-2001), and a Fellow of the Royal School of Church Music (one of 7 Americans to receive this honor).
- † **Proclaiming Chant** – Contributors: Jacques Berthier, Taizé Community. Tune: ©1984, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications.
- † **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.” 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** – Note that it is not the leader of those prayers who does the praying. That person – whether ordained or not – simply announces the theme, and all of us, the baptized royal priesthood, pray in the power of the Spirit to the Father.
- † **Offertory Anthem** – Words: Edmund Spenser (1552-1599), one of the greatest poets in the English language; like most Protestants near the time of the Reformation, Spenser saw a Catholic church full of corruption, and he determined that it was not only the wrong religion but the anti-religion. Music: English organist and composer Sir William H. Harris (1883-1973).
- † **Offertory Hymn** – Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), considered to be the most popular of all Ascension texts in English-language worship; however, Thomas Cotterill significantly changed the text in his *Selection of Psalms and Hymns* of 1820 and the “alleluias” were added over a century later. Music: often attributed to the blind singer Robert Williams (1781-1821), a basket weaver with great innate musical ability; he could write out a tune after hearing it just once. Scholars have some doubts about his authorship; the tune name comes from a village on the island of Anglesey.
- † **First Communion Hymn** – Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), Bishop of Lincoln; first published in his *Holy Year, etc.*, 1862. “The first duty of a hymn-writer is to teach sound doctrine, and thus to save souls. Its use in all English-speaking countries is most extensive, and it ranks with the best of the author’s hymns.” –[John Julian, *Dictionary of Hymnology*, 1907] Music: Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900), best known for writing the music for lyrics by William S. Gilbert, which produced popular operettas. Sullivan steadfastly refused to grant permission to those who wished to make hymn tunes from the popular melodies in his operettas.
- † **Second Communion Hymn** – Words: Cyril A. Alington (1872-1955) [©1958, 1986, Hope Publishing; St.5 ©1971 Walton Music]. Written while Headmaster of Eton College expressly for this tune in 1931. “The stanzas vibrate with excitement, they utter the encouragement of victory, and they stir the heart to praise and thanksgiving.” –[Stanley L. Osborne] Educated at Trinity College, Oxford, England, he was ordained in the Church of England in 1901. He was dean of Durham from 1933-1951 as well as chaplain to the king of England. Music: Melchior Vulpius (1570-1615) Because the text dates from the early 16<sup>th</sup> century, some scholars think the tune may have older roots. Born into a poor family he had limited educational opportunities and did not attend university. A distinguished composer, he wrote a *St. Matthew Passion* (1613), nearly 200 motets in German and Latin, and over 400 hymn tunes, many of which became popular in Lutheran churches. –[*Psalter Hymnal Handbook*, 1988]
- † **Sending Hymn** – Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936) [©1975 Hope Publishing Co.] “It was written for Easter Sunday, two weeks after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I could not let Easter go by without speaking of this tragic event which was on all our minds. I tried to express an Easter hope out of that terrible event, in words which could be more widely applied, and wrote ‘Christ is alive!’ because our available hymns spoke of Easter as a glorious event long ago, far away, and high above. The hymn tries to see God’s love winning over tragedy and suffering in the world. There is tension and tragedy in these words, not just Easter rejoicing.” A joyful celebration of Christ’s resurrection and of his personal rule in a human world in which pain, war, and injustice abound. Christ’s transcendent and immanent reign is empowered by the Holy Spirit and will ultimately bring about a new creation. –[*Psalter Hymnal Handbook*, 1988] Music: melody from *Psalmody Evangelica, Part II*, 1789; harmony Lowell Mason (1792-1872).
- † **Postlude** – David Lasky (b. 1957) is Organist and Director of Music at Saint Cecilia Catholic Church in Leominster, Massachusetts since 1981, and resides in Hartland, Vermont with his wife and three cats. Published in 2011 by MorningStar Music.

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