

Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



"Healing in His Wings" by Marybeth Stafford

The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Rite I Holy Eucharist

June 27, 2021 at 8 AM

*The Reverend Andrew David Kruger, Presider
Anthony Rafaniello, Director of Music and 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 Celebration of the 37th wedding anniversary of Marion & Terry Nechuta on June 30*

Welcome

Andy Kruger

The Presider processes, 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

Let us pray together the collect for purity.

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.

Kyrie

BCP 324

Presider Kyrie eleison.

People **Christe eleison.**

Presider Kyrie eleison.

Collect of the Day

BCP 178

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated.

First Reading

Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Reader A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living. For he created all things so that they might exist; the generative forces of the world are wholesome, and there is no destructive poison in them, and the dominion of Hades is not on earth. For righteousness is immortal. For God created us for incorruption, and made us in the image of his own eternity, but through the devil's envy death entered the world, and those who belong to his company experience it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 30

Exaltabo te, Domine

BCP 621

1. I will exalt you, O Lord,
because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
2. O Lord my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.
3. You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
4. Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
5. For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.
6. Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.
7. While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed. *"
**You, Lord, with your favor,
made me as strong as the mountains."**
8. Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.

9. I cried to you, O Lord; *

I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

10. “What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *

will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

11. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; *

O Lord, be my helper.”

12. You have turned my wailing into dancing; *

you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

13. Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *

O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Reader A reading from St. Paul’s second letter to the Church in Corinth.

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have.

I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand.

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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.**

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 Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, William our Bishop, and Andy our Priest, 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 Joseph our President, Philip 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.

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*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

The People stand.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The people make a reverent bow to one another as an expression of peace. No physical contact is permitted.

Announcements

Andrew Kruger

Offertory Sentence

BCP 343

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

The Presider prepares the Holy Table, then the People stand

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.

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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.**

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 339

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Blessing

BCP 339

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.**

Dismissal

BCP 340

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

What you need to know today ...

Read the tale of the epic saga of the new Trinity sign by Tom Kaercher; [Click here.](#)

New Pandemic Protocols from the Diocese The Diocese of New Jersey's Task Force for Re-entering, Re-opening, and Re-imagining released new guidelines for parishes on Friday, May 28; you may read the entire report [here](#). Trinity's Re-entering, Re-opening, and Re-imagining (RRR) Committee met on Wednesday, June 2 to determine the implementation of the new protocols:

- Those who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear masks, indoors or out.
- Any individual may choose to wear a mask at any time, and should not be questioned about their reasons for doing so.
- Any individual who is not fully vaccinated (two weeks or more after the final recommended dose in their vaccine series) must wear a mask at any gathering of the congregation or on church property, whether indoors or outside.
- Physically distanced seating will be maintained in the church building until at least the end of June and then be reassessed.
- Sign up for in-person services will continue for the month of June and then be reassessed in July.
- Encourage all who can be vaccinated to get vaccinated to care for the whole Body of Christ and for the whole human community.

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.

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

Transportation to Church on Sunday Do you need a lift to Church, or would you like to offer a lift to Church? Cheryl Pantina is coordinating transportation, please contact her to make arrangements (908-623-7046).

The Ministry for the Imprisoned thanks everyone who participated in the "Stamp Out Despair" collection. 62 notes of encouragement and books of stamps were sent to First Friends of New Jersey & New York for distribution to detained immigrants and asylum seekers.

What you need to know this week ...

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

Intercessory Prayer List Each person on the list is prayed for at Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. You are encouraged to add and update your prayer requests; [please click on this link](#).

Please remember to move the person you are praying for to the “Thanksgiving for Healing” section if and when that becomes appropriate.

Neither the **Trinity Women’s Group** (second Monday of the month) nor the **Women’s Bible Study** (Thursday mornings at 10 AM) meet during July or August. Many thanks to the women of the parish who have participated this year and shared their wisdom and friendship.

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

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

Trinity Men’s Group meets on the first Saturday of the month from 8 AM to 9 AM online. All men of the parish are invited to explore the scriptures together. Earlier this month, the discussion centered on the book of the prophet Isaiah.

What you need to know for the future ...

Food Collection Saturday, July 10 is the due date for donations being delivered to the St. Joseph Service Center in Elizabeth. Items should be brought to Marion Nechuta by Friday, July 9. [Click this link](#) for full details including contact information and supplies needed.

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.

Lectionary & Liturgy

Today’s liturgy directs our attention to God’s care for the poor and less fortunate. In the Gospel reading we hear the account of Jesus’ raising the young daughter of the Jewish official, Jairus. Mark inserts within this story the healing of a woman who had suffered hemorrhages for twelve years. The girl and the woman, by the custom of their times, were both regarded as of little value. But Jesus’ compassion extends to them as it does to all people. In the Wisdom of Solomon we learn that death has no part in God, nor does it belong in this world. We are in God’s image and intended for a righteous and eternal existence. Paul calls on the Corinthians to emulate the generosity of other churches in giving to a collection to aid less fortunate Christians. Jesus, Paul reminds us, became poor for us so that we might become rich; that is, he became human so that our humanity might be raised into the life of God.

Thus, for the sake of others, we follow Jesus' example and share our own material goods. We gather in Eucharist as the People of God, called to be the means by which God makes known the divine compassion for all people. It is the poor and neglected in society for whom God is especially concerned as Jesus demonstrated in healing the sick. We are called and given to the world to minister in God's name.

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Spiritual Reflection: Home Communion

When Trinity's Vestry met several weeks ago to plan our phased return to in-person Sunday Worship we chose to prioritize physical communion over spiritual communion, and tangible community over online connection. Starting on Sunday, July 4 there will be one in-person service at 9 AM on Sundays. During the months of July and August this Sunday service will be streamed on Zoom so that those who are concerned about being back in the building may continue to maintain some connection, but the liturgy will be a full Rite II Holy Eucharist and will not include the prayers for Spiritual Communion. In place of Spiritual Communion we will draw inspiration from Justin Martyr's description of Sunday worship in Rome around 150 CE: "On the day called Sunday, all gather together to one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as time permits; then, when the reader has ceased, the president verbally instructs, and exhorts to the imitation of these good things. Then bread and wine and water are brought, and the president in like manner offers prayers and thanksgivings, according to his ability, and the people assent, saying Amen; and there is a distribution to each, and a participation of that over which thanks have been given, *and to those who are absent a portion is sent by the deacons.*" The pattern Justin outlines is one that we continue to practice to this day, except for the practice of commissioning and sending out ministers to bring communion to those who were absent. Starting on Sunday, July 4 I will commission Eucharistic ministers, at the conclusion of the service, to take Communion to those who join online but who are not able or willing to risk participating in-person. Please call or email Marion Nechuta if you would like to receive Holy Communion from a Eucharistic Minister during the summer, or if you would like to volunteer to be a Eucharistic Minister.

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Worship Schedule for the Summer

Sunday, June 27 — Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8 AM in-person Rite I Eucharist

10 AM online Rite II Service of the Word with Spiritual Communion

Sunday, July 4 — Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9 AM in-person Rite II Eucharist, streamed online

Sunday, July 11 — Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9 AM in-person outdoor Rite II Eucharist

Sunday, July 18 — Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9 AM in-person Rite II Eucharist, streamed online

Sunday, July 25 — Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9 AM in-person Rite II Eucharist, streamed online

Sunday, August 1 — Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9 AM in-person Rite II Eucharist, streamed online

Sunday, August 8 — Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

9 AM in-person outdoor Rite II Eucharist

Sunday, August 15 — Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

9 AM in-person Rite II Eucharist, streamed online

Sunday, August 22 — Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9 AM in-person Rite II Eucharist, streamed online

Sunday, August 29 — Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9 AM in-person Rite II Eucharist, streamed online

Sunday, September 5 — Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9 AM in-person Rite II Eucharist, streamed online

Sunday, September 12 — Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Round Up Sunday)

10 AM in-person outdoor Rite II Eucharist with Picnic after the Service