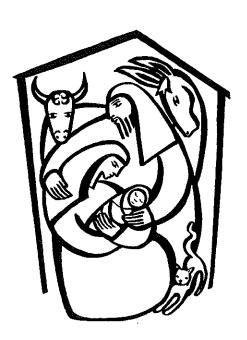
# CHURCH OF THE TRINITY Coatesville in the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

Church of the Trinity is a congregation rooted in the faith and love of Christ, unified in diversity, seeking to grow and nourish the Trinity family and our Coatesville community.



"And she gave birth to her first born and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

**December 24, 2024** 

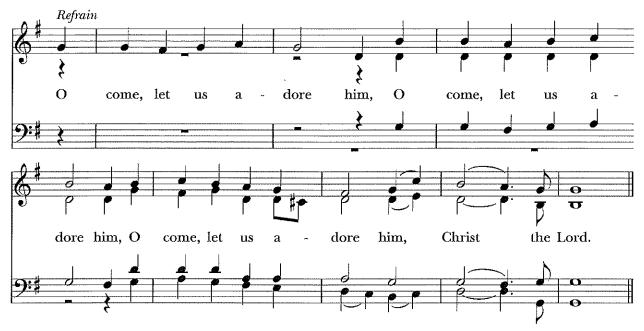
8:00 PM

The Nativity of the Lord: Candlelight Service

## **Entrance Rite**

#### PRELUDE: O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM - LAUREN BLACKWELL, CELLO





6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

#### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

**Celebrant** Sing to God, all the earth!

People SING TO GOD, ALL THE EARTH!

**Celebrant** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People ON THOSE WHO LIVED IN A LAND AS DARK AS DEATH A LIGHT HAS DAWNED.

**Celebrant** "The goodness and loving-kindness of God our Savior has dawned upon the world.

People CHRIST IS BORN. CHRIST HAS DIED. CHRIST IS RISEN. HALLELUJAH!

Celebrant

Welcome to all: happy or sad, rejoicing or grieving, seeking or believing. Welcome to all, here is good news:

To you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. His name is Jesus, which means, "Liberator," "Rescuer," "Deliverer."

His life changed the world. His living presence changes us today.

Lift up your hearts. Rejoice! Give thanks to God!

(during the procession to the creche, the congregation faces the creche)

HYMN AS WE PROCESS TO THE CRECHE O little town of Bethlehem (St. Louis) (H 79)



**Celebrant** Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord.

People Now you are made flesh and laid in a narrow manger.

**Celebrant** From eternity to eternity you are God.

People And now we see you as a newborn child.

**Celebrant** Let us pray:

God our Creator and Redeemer, on this night your Son Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary for us and for our salvation; bless this crib which we have prepared to celebrate that holy birth; may all who see it be strengthened in faith, and receive the fullness of life your Son came to bring; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen*.

### GLORIA Angels we have heard on high (Gloria)



#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.* 

# The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7His authority shall grow continually

<sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

#### PSALM: Psalm 96

Remain seated.

'Sing to the LORD a new song; \* sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

<sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \* proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

- <sup>3</sup>Declare his glory among the nations \* and his wonders among all peoples.
- <sup>4</sup>For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \* he is more to be feared than all gods.
- <sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \* but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*
  Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- <sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \* ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- <sup>8</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \* bring offerings and come into his courts.
- <sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \* let the whole earth tremble before him.
- <sup>10</sup>Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! \*

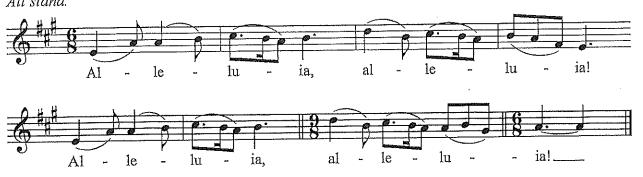
  He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
  he will judge the peoples with equity."

"Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \* let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

<sup>12</sup>Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, \*
when he comes to judge the earth.

<sup>13</sup>He will judge the world with righteousness \* and the peoples with his truth.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Celtic Alleluia (O'Carroll/Walker) All stand.



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GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

All stand.

Deacon

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

14"Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### THE SERMON BY THE REV. SHERRY DEETS

#### THE CREED

All rise as you are able.

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.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

My sisters and brothers in the peace of God, all the gifts we shall give and receive in these days are but small tokens of the gift that shines forth in God's word made flesh this night. From grateful hearts let us intercede for all who find themselves longing for this deepest, truest gift, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

That the peace proclaimed by angels in the shepherds' field might be realized on every field of war and on every street of violence, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer*.

That the child born to us might find in our hearts warm welcome by our openness to the needs of the homeless and the hungry, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer*.

That in this time of gift-giving we might become more responsive to the abandoned, the despairing, and the mourning, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer*.

That the rejoicing of this day might be a bond leading us to true communion of life and worship, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer*.

That the joy and consolation of the Wonderful Counselor might enliven all who are struck down by disease and illness, especially those who we now name, either silently or out loud..... let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer*.

That the blessed hope we celebrate this night might be the fulfillment of all who have gone before us in faith, especially John and Elisabeth Brewer, for whom the altar flowers are given, and for all for whom the poinsettias are given, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer*.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

God of darkness and silence, you have pierced the quiet of this night by the utterance of your word in our flesh. May our words of praise and petition be strong echoes of your Christmas word, so that all might come to the peace you promise in Jesus, who is Lord and God this night and forever. **Amen.** 

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.* 

#### THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

#### THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# The Holy Communion

#### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

#### OFFERTORY MUSICAL SELECTION: COVENTRY CAROL - LAUREN BLACKWELL, CELLO

# The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

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.

#### Presider

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

#### THE HYMNAL 1982 SERVICE MUSIC #S 125

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

#### The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:

"Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

"Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of 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:

Presider and People

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

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and 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 blessed Cyril, our Patron Saint, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER LEVAS #264

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now sing.

People and Celebrant

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

# The Breaking of the Bread

#### FRACTION ANTHEM

Alleluia! Be known to us Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the Bread.

Be known to us Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the Bread. Alleluia!

#### INVITATION

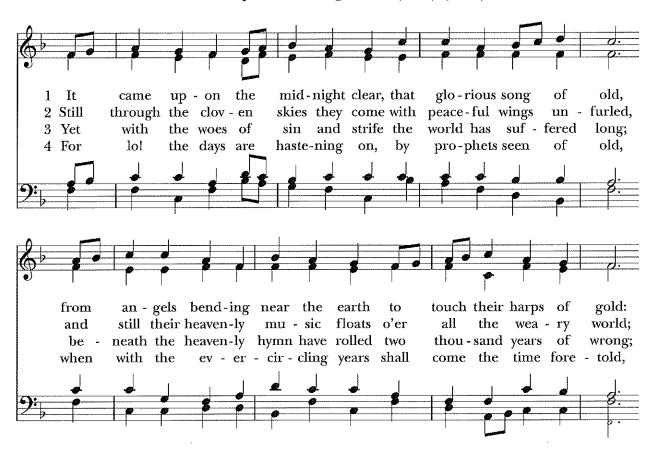
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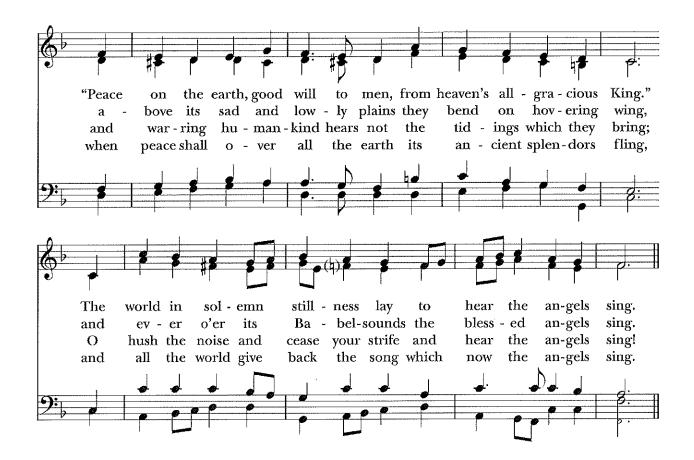
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

#### **CANDLE INSTRUCTIONS**

Please be sure to take a candle to your pew after receiving communion. At the end of the service, lights are dimmed. The acolytes light a candle for each person at the end of a pew, and the light is passed down the row. We will sing Silent Night by candle light - the lighted candle is symbolic of our mission to carry the love of Christ in our lives into the darkened world.

#### COMMUNION HYMN It came upon the midnight clear (Noel) (H 90)





ANTHEM BY CHOIR: PEACE, PEACE - LAUREN BLACKWELL, CELLO

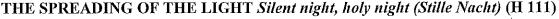
#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.







#### THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING





#### **DISMISSAL**

People

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## POSTLUDE: ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH – LAUREN BLACKWELL, CELLO

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