

**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.*



"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

December 15, 2024

9:30 AM

Third Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry (Winchester New) (H 76)*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are arranged in five numbered lines, with the first line of each system starting with a line number (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) and the rest of the lines continuing the text.

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (SEE HANDOUT/ATTACHED)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People You come to your people and set them free.

SONG OF PRAISE (THE HYMNAL 1982 #96) *Angels we have heard on high (Gloria)* (H 96)

Refrain

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system is the refrain, with lyrics 'Gloria in excelsis Deo.' The second system continues the refrain with lyrics 'Gloria in excelsis Deo.' The third system concludes the refrain with lyrics 'Gloria in excelsis Deo.' The music is in a major key and 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The lyrics are: 'Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.'

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14-20

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
¹⁷The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
¹⁸as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
²⁰At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah
Remain seated.

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (CHRIST IS COMING - LEVAS 6)

Christ is coming. Prepare the Way.

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GOSPEL: Luke 3:7-18

All stand.

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON BY THE REV. SHERRY DEETS

THE NICENE 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.

Let our hearts and minds be stirred as we pray to God for the peace that passes understanding, and rejoice in the gift of Christ, saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For peace in the church: May we intensify our efforts at peace-making with the separated churches, that peace may prevail over conflict, and that we may be reconciled into one family, exercising one baptism, one eucharist, and one common ministry in its many forms. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For peace in the world: May conflicts cease, may refugees and survivors find new homes and the spirit to begin again. May wounds be healed, losses grieved, and honorable deeds remembered. May grace abound in all lands and may the lion and the lamb lie content. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this assembly. That the world might know us by our love. Help us with the grievances we harbor within our families and communities and among our co-workers and friends. Help us build trust and teach us forgiveness that we might know reconciliation in your love. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For peace where we live, work and play, and for peace within ourselves: May the noises in and around us diminish so that we can hear the quiet sounds of Creation. And grant us time and space to listen for you, our heart's true desire. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all those who suffer, may we be messengers of hope, peace, and healing. Especially we pray for all those who have sought our prayers, for those listed who are near to our hearts, and those we name silently or our loud (a period of silence):

Zella Anderson, Violet Armstead, Angie Ashe, Bob Austin, Molly Baldwin, Marsha Barley, Bob Beckershoff, Bill Besecker, Marie Hyacinthe Bribal, Anthony Brogan, Walter Bryant, Carol, Carolyn, Lola Clarke, Julius Coker, Betsy Comstock, Millie Connor, Didi, Dorothy, Andrea Dudley, Ellie, Charles Emmett, Morris Ferguson, Karen Fisher, Cassie Foreman, Kyla Foreman, Jacob Furlong, Bianca Giannotti, Linda Graber, Samantha Griggs, Susan Hanft, Scott Hansberry, Esther Harvey, Pat Hendricks, Matt Hess, Janice, Danyell Jackson, Jay, Jennifer Jenkins, Diane Kitson, Nina Larkin, John and Lindsay, Lisa, Lisa Kivett, Sye Lamar, Melanie Lifer, Olivia Lyons, Joseph Manni, Paige McClean, Kevin McGloon, Mercedes, Mia, Mickey, Brian Miller, Tracy Mulligan, Bruce Murray, Adam Nolt, Jessica Nupponen, Terry Oxenreider, Stan Pernsley, April Phillips, Ben Phillips, Lynn Pullman, Arlene Purnsley, Michael Rayner, Jacob Rockoff, Cathy Shaffer, Shane, Thomas Shanley, Erma Sinsabaugh, Barb Smelter, Stephen Smelter, Colby Stackhouse, Debra Stackwicz, Stephanie, Sue, Becky Swaggart, Dihona Talton and children, Catherine Thompson, Tom, Vicki Romberger, Norman Walters, Cyndi Walters, Isaac Warnick, Sally Warren, Paul Wayne, Mary Nell Weiss, Chanel Wiest, Brendan Willauer, Ruby Williams

Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for all who protect and serve, as well as their families: the police, the firefighters, emergency medical personnel and those serving in the military, especially those listed who are near to our hearts and those we name silently or out loud (*a period of silence*):

Police: Lt Lori and Jeff Kistle, Marquis Costello

Military: PO1 Andrew Combs, MAJ Corey Combs, Skylar Dantzler, MAJ Alex Deets, PO William Dowling, 1st LT Frank Furman, Jr., J. Andrew Hinkle, PFC Shane McWilliams, MGSgt Troy Meacham, Sgt Kaleel Pernsley, Specialist Jason Sage, CPT Jeremy Smith, LCMDR Michael Sracic MC, and MSgt Rewa Price

Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer*

For those in our parish family celebrating birthdays this week: William McWilliams, Shane McWilliams and Miranda Croft. Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For those who will die this day, and for the beloved dead whom we have entrusted to you, especially for Mary Fleck, who passed away this week; and the Bentley and Stackwicz family members, for whom the altar flowers are given; and for Anne (Eastburn) Lutz, for whom the side altar flowers are given; that you will be present to them, speaking your name in comfort and in power. Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

O Lord, fill our minds and hearts with everything that is good and loving and worthy of thanksgiving and praise, everything that comes to us under the sign of your peace and in the name of Christ our Lord. 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 Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

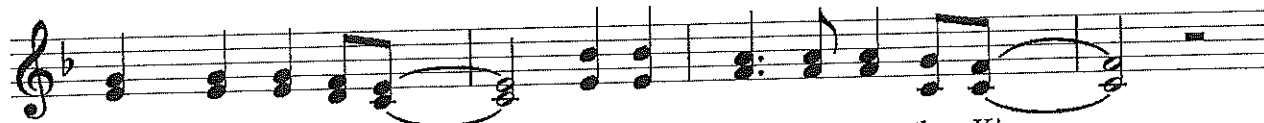
The Celebrant says

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

OFFERTORY HYMN *Soon, Very Soon* (LEVAS 14)



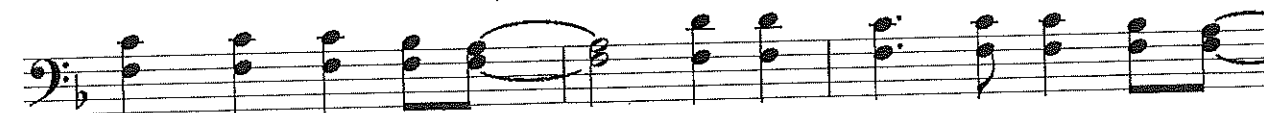
1. Soon and ver - y soon _____ we are goin' to see the King, _____
2. No more cry - in' there _____ we are goin' to see the King, _____
3. No more dy - in' there _____ we are goin' to see the King, _____
4. Soon and ver - y soon _____ we are goin' to see the King; _____



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2. No more cry - in' there _____ we are goin' to see the King, _____
3. No more dy - in' there _____ we are goin' to see the King, _____
4. Soon and ver - y soon _____ we are goin' to see the King; _____



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2. No more cry - in' there _____ we are goin' to see the King,
3. No more dy - in' there _____ we are goin' to see the King,
4. Soon and ver - y soon _____ we are goin' to see the King;



Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, _____ we're goin' to see the King!



1.2. 3.4.

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

THE HYMNAL 1982 SERVICE MUSIC #S 125

Celebrant and People

***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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Cyril, our Patron Saint, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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. *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

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN *Herald, sound the note of judgment (Herald, Sound) (H 70)*



1 Her - ald, sound the note of judg - ment, warn - ing us of right and
2 Her - ald, sound the note of glad - ness; tell the news that Christ is
3 Her - ald, sound the note of par - don— those re - pent - ing are for -
4 Her - ald, sound the note of tri - umph; Christ has come to share our



wrong, turn - ing us from sin and sad - ness
here; make a path - way through the des - ert
given; God re - ceives his way - ward child - ren,
life, bring - ing God's own love and pow - er,

Refrain



till once more we sing the song.
for the one who brings God near. Sound the trum - pet!
and to them new life is given.
grant - ing vic - tory in our strife.



Tell the mes - sage! Christ, the Sa - vior King, has come!

ANTHEM BY CHOIR

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

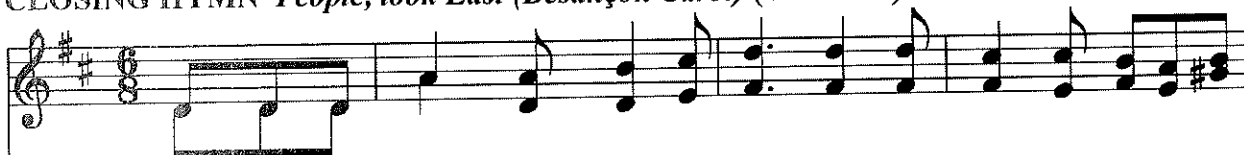
Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send

us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN *People, look East (Besançon Carol) (WLP 724)*



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour-ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com-ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



DISMISSAL

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE OF JOY Third Sunday of Advent

Leader: As the pace of life grows busier, louder and more insistent, we gather here to a quiet, holy spot where our hearts find rest, as we stop to contemplate and meditate and hope.

People: *O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie... (sung a cappella)*

Leader: Today, we light the Bethlehem Candle of Joy, which is often pink to represent joy instead of the purple that represents our penitence and Christ's royal kingship. As the birth place of Jesus, Bethlehem is a unique symbol of life-changing joy. In a season filled with celebration, take some time this week to observe the small joys in your life: the smile of a child, the touch of a loved one, the smells of home, the kindness of friends. Delight in the quiet joys of this holy, happy season.

People: *O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie... (sung a cappella)*

Leader: We relight the Prophet's Candle of Hope and the Angel's Candle of Peace and now light the Bethlehem Candle of Joy. As we do, let us renew our determination to live this season as people of hope and peace and joy.

All: *Gracious God, thank you for sending your son to Bethlehem and for the joy that event still brings. Help us make room in our busy lives for the Advent of your son, and rather than shuffle him to the stable of our hearts, let us prepare the banquet hall he deserves. Help us look within to discover the joy of this season. Keep us in the hollow of your hand and watch over us as we continue our journey towards Christmas. Amen.*