

**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.*



*“Mary...entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.”*

**December 22, 2024**

**9:30 AM**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

## PRELUDE

### Entrance Rite

#### ENTRANCE HYMN *Come, thou long-expected Jesus (Stuttgart) (H 66)*

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

#### 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*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Micah.

<sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
 who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
 from you shall come forth for me  
 one who is to rule in Israel,  
 whose origin is from of old,  
 from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
 when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
 then the rest of his kindred shall return  
 to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
 in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
 And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great

to the ends of the earth;  
<sup>5a</sup>and he shall be the one of peace.

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

*Silence may follow.*

**PSALM: Canticle 3: The Song of Mary**

*Remain seated.*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, \*  
**and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.**

For he hath regarded \*  
**the lowliness of his handmaiden.**

For behold from henceforth \*  
**all generations shall call me blessed.**

For he that is mighty hath magnified me, \*  
**and holy is his Name.**

And his mercy is on them that fear him \*  
**throughout all generations.**

He hath showed strength with his arm; \*  
**he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.**

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, \*  
**and hath exalted the humble and meek.**

He hath filled the hungry with good things, \*  
**and the rich he hath sent empty away.**

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, \*  
**as he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed for ever.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ( CHRIST IS COMING - LEVAS 6)**

*Christ is coming. Prepare the Way.*

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**GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]**

*All stand.*

*Deacon*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." [

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup>He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

<sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup>according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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*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.*

*May our hearts leap for joy as we again assemble in prayer to await the Lord's coming. With Mary, may our souls proclaim God's greatness as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Let us pray for the church: As the celebration of your incarnation draws near, we remember the many ways your revelation is lifted up in the world and we pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ throughout the world, and especially for those whose very faith endangers their lives. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For an end to violence, oppression, and injustice: As you lead us, Lord, from darkness to light, may we be among those who exalt the lowly and fill the hungry with good things, rooting out the proud of heart and drawing courage from the power of your arm. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our own spirits: May our hearts be magnified and made much bigger than we think possible. May this season of Advent stir in us such faith that we exert ourselves to be your light in a darkened world. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this community: May we be enriched by welcoming the stranger and be drawn to a bright future in service to you, while also remembering and honoring those in the past who guided us into faith. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the sick and suffering. May they find healing and peace. Especially we pray 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, LCMR Michael Sracic MC, and MSgt Rewa Price*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

For those in our parish family celebrating birthdays this week: Pam Smyth, Chase Crompton, David Rutledge and Bill Terry. 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 Jane Scott and Charles Hewes Moore, Annie Scarlett and S. Horace Scott, for whom the 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.*

*Lord, we gather up the prayers of this household, confident in your promise to be with us always. Guide us in wisdom and faith; that we might live into the life created for us, trusting in your will. All this we ask through your Son, our redeemer, Jesus, who is your Christ. 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 *My Lord, What a Morning* (LEVAS 13)**

*Harmony*

My Lord, what a morn - ing, My Lord, what a morn - ing, O

my Lord, what a morn - ing, When the stars be - gin to fall.

*Fine*

*Unison*

1. You'll hear the trum - pet sound, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. You'll hear the sin - ner mourn, \_\_\_\_\_ To wake the  
 3. You'll hear the Chris - tian shout, \_\_\_\_\_

na - tions un - der - ground, \_\_\_\_\_ Look - ing to my God's right

hand, When the stars be - gin to fall.

*D.C.*

# 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.

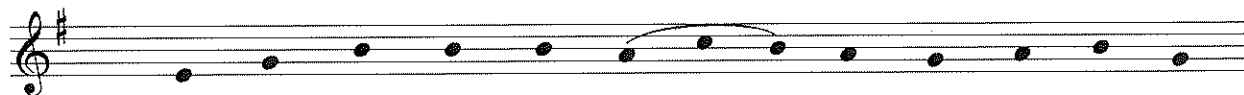
*Be known to us Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia!*

### **INVITATION**

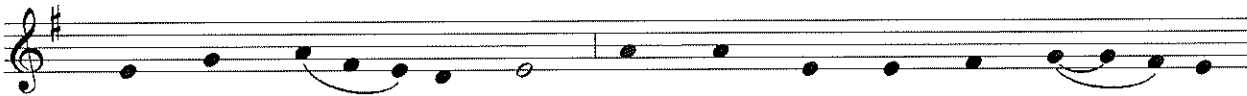
*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **COMMUNION HYMN *O come, O come, Emmanuel (Veni, veni, Emmanuel)* (H 56)**



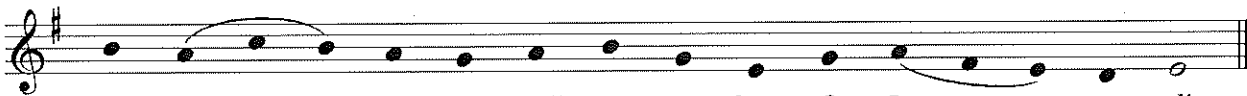
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.*

## 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 *Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord (Birmingham) (H 437)*

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

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

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

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

## **DISMISSAL**

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

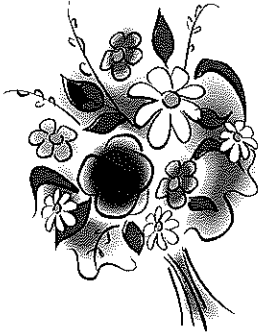
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **POSTLUDE**

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**TODAY**

The flowers are placed on the altar to the Glory of God  
and in Loving Memory of



*Jane Scott*  
*Charles Hewes Moore*  
*Annie Scarlett*  
*S. Horace Scott*

by  
Mrs. John Batley

**Announcements:**

**No Bible Study on Monday, December 23. Bible Study resumes Monday, January 6.**

**Christmas Eve Services, Tuesday, December 24:**

**Family Service 5 p.m.**

**Candlelight Service 8 p.m.** (Guest musician Lauren Blackwell on Cello)

**Thursday, December 26 - Noon Healing Service** commemorating Thomas Becket, 1170

**Christmas Lessons & Carols with Communion on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.**

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**Joseph Lee**  
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