

**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.*



“But I say to you that listen...”

February 23, 2025

9:30 AM

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

PRELUDE

Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN *Before the Lord's eternal throne (Winchester New) (H 391)*

1 Be - fore the Lord's e - ter - nal throne, ye
2 His sov - ereign Power with - out our aid formed
3 We are his peo - ple, we his care, our
4 We'll crowd thy gates with thank - ful songs, high
5 Wide as the world is thy com - mand, vast

1 na - tions, bow with sa - cred joy; know that the Lord is
2 us of clay and gave us breath; and when like wan - dering
3 souls, and all our mor - tal frame: what last - ing hon - ors
4 as the heavens our voic - es raise; and earth, with her ten
5 as e - ter - ni - ty thy love; firm as a rock thy

1 God a - lone; he can cre - ate, and he des - troy.
2 sheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.
3 shall we rear, al - might - y Ma - ker, to thy Name?
4 thou - sand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sound - ing praise.
5 truth must stand, when roll - ing years shall cease to move.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant God of Light, Light of Light, true God of true God.
People **WE BLESS YOU!**

Celebrant Object of the Magi's search, subject of an old man's song, fulfillment of the Baptist's preaching.
People **WE BLESS YOU!**
Celebrant Mary's son, Joseph's son, God's only son.
People **WE BLESS YOU!**

SONG OF PRAISE *Santo, santo, santo [Holy, holy, holy]* (WLP 785)

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother,

Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' " ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

Remain seated.

¹Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

²For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.

³Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

⁴Take delight in the LORD, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.

⁵Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.

⁶He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.

⁷Be still before the LORD *
and wait patiently for him.

⁸Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁹Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

¹⁰For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

¹¹In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

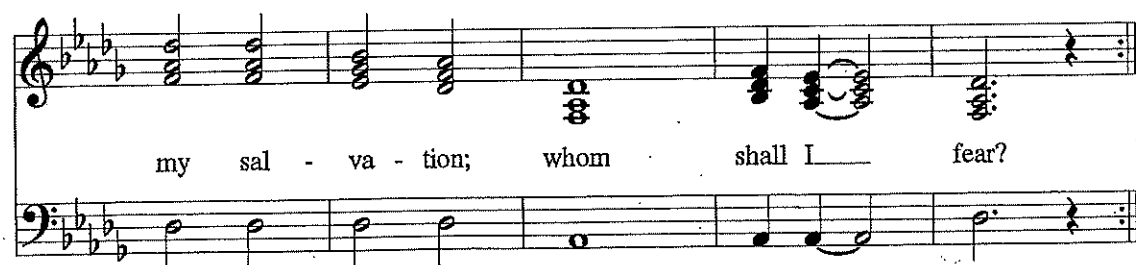
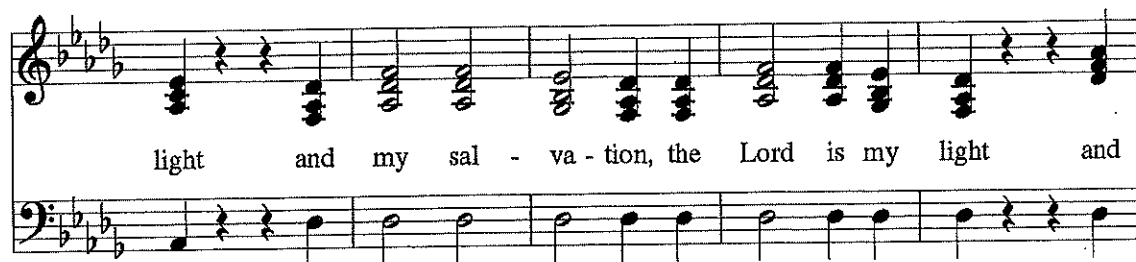
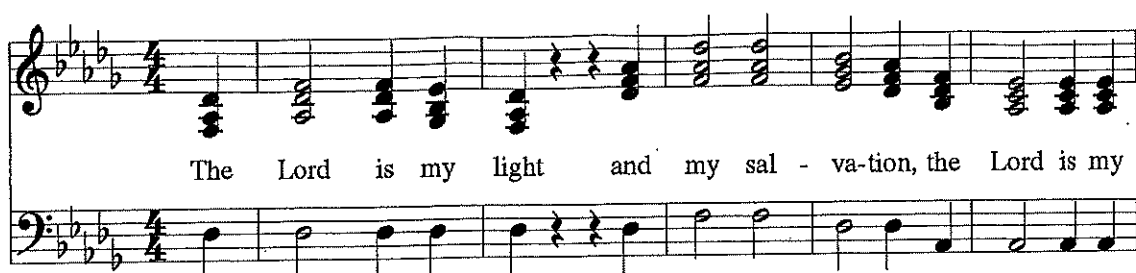
¹²But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.

⁴¹But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; *
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

⁴²The LORD will help them and rescue them; *
**he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *The Lord Is My Light*

All stand.



GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

All stand.

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

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

[Jesus said,] ²⁷"I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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.

Sustaining God, you have promised to turn our hearts from stone to flesh; to give us life through the power of your love and hear our hopes and needs. Answer these prayers lifted to you as we say, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the people of God everywhere, that they may be beacons of hope whose light shines forth to dispel fear and hate. Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For those with authority over our lives, that they might wield their power for the common good and with respect for the dignity of all people. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For those in our lives who have caused us pain and hurt; lead them to an awareness of their impact and lead us to the path of forgiveness where those hurts have no hold on us. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For our local communities - our neighbors, our co-workers, and our classmates, help us to sow the seeds of your kingdom in our daily interactions. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For our beleaguered earth, the garden where you have placed us; grant us wisdom as we discern how to be worthy stewards of this gift and give us strength and courage to persevere in its preservation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who live in pain, in sickness, in fear or dread; sustain them with your grace that they might bear their suffering and grant us an awareness and a willingness to be their companions and caregivers. Especially we pray for those listed who are near to our hearts, and those we now name silently or out loud (*a period of silence*):

Zella Anderson, Violet Armstead, Angie Ashe, Bob Austin, Molly Baldwin, Marsha Barley, Bill Besecker, Marie Hyacinthe Bribal, Anthony Brogan, Walter Bryant, Carol, Carolyn, Lola Clarke, Betsy Comstock, Millie Connor, John Coveleski, 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, David Kirkner, Lisa Kivett, Sye Lamar, Melanie Lifer, Olivia Lyons, Joseph Manni, Paige McClean, Kevin McGloob, 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, John 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.**

Let us pray for those in our parish family celebrating birthdays this week - Jamoca Harkins, Kent Nation, LaVerne Cheatham and Jeannie Carroll. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hold in your care those who have died and welcome us into your eternal arms when our time comes, and let us all rise together in your new age. The altar flowers today honor the clergy and staff and all the loving members of Trinity, past and present. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God who is the Sower of love, mercy, and hope; let us be the seeds of your salvation; growing in love ourselves that through us your hopeful mercy might be known and established everywhere, and hear our prayers, those spoken and those held quietly in our hearts that we might know grace and live into the people we were created to be. All this we ask through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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.

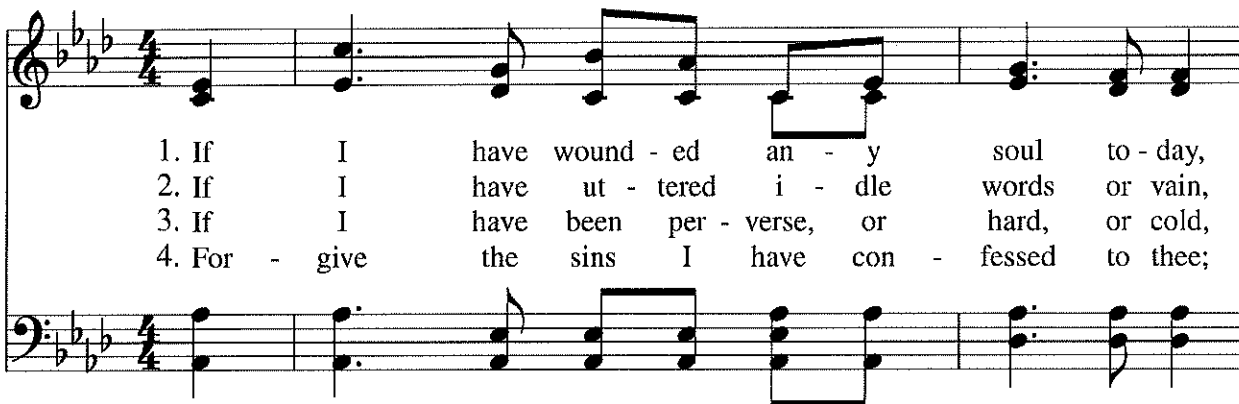
The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

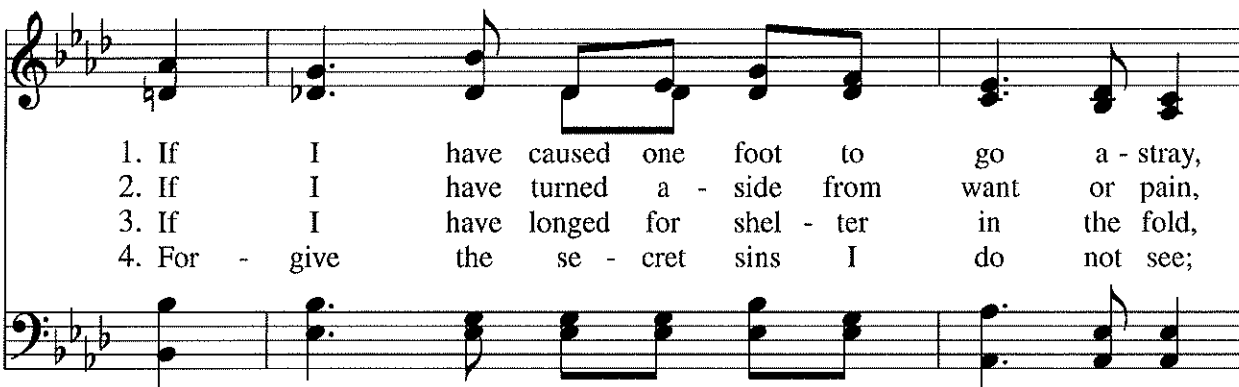
The Celebrant says

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

OFFERTORY HYMN *An Evening Prayer* (LEVAS 176)



1. If I have wound - ed an - y soul to - day,
2. If I have ut - tered i - dle words or vain,
3. If I have been per - verse, or hard, or cold,
4. For - give the sins I have con - fessed to thee;



1. If I have caused one foot to go a - stray,
2. If I have turned a - side from want or pain,
3. If I have longed for shel - ter in the fold,
4. For - give the se - cret sins I do not see;

1. If I have walked in my own will - ful way,
 2. Lest I of - fend some oth - er through the strain,
 3. When thou hast giv - en me some fort to hold,
 4. O guide me, love me, and my keep - er be.

1.2.3. D.C. 4.
 Dear Lord, for - give (for-give)! A - men (A-men).

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 #S125

Presider 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 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

The Celebrant says

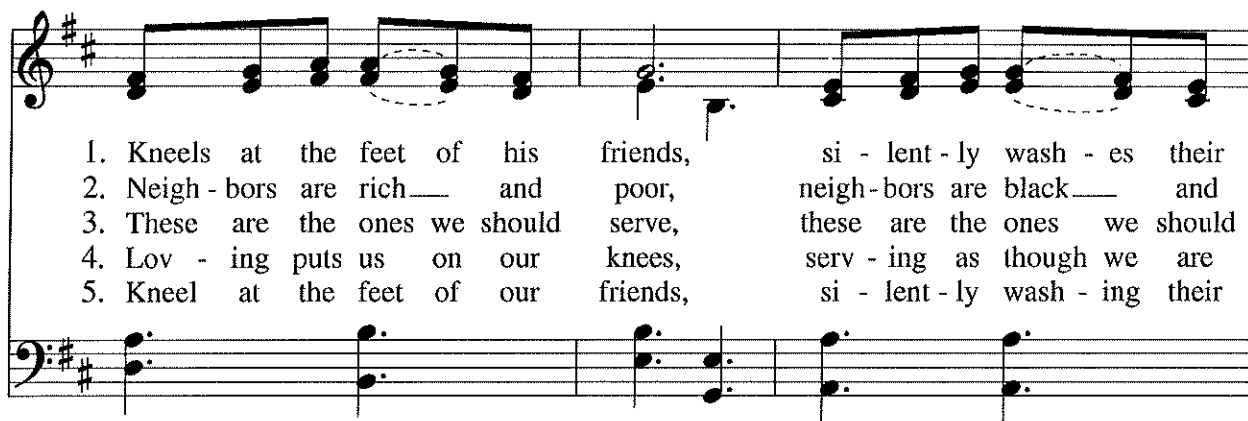
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN *Jesu, Jesu*

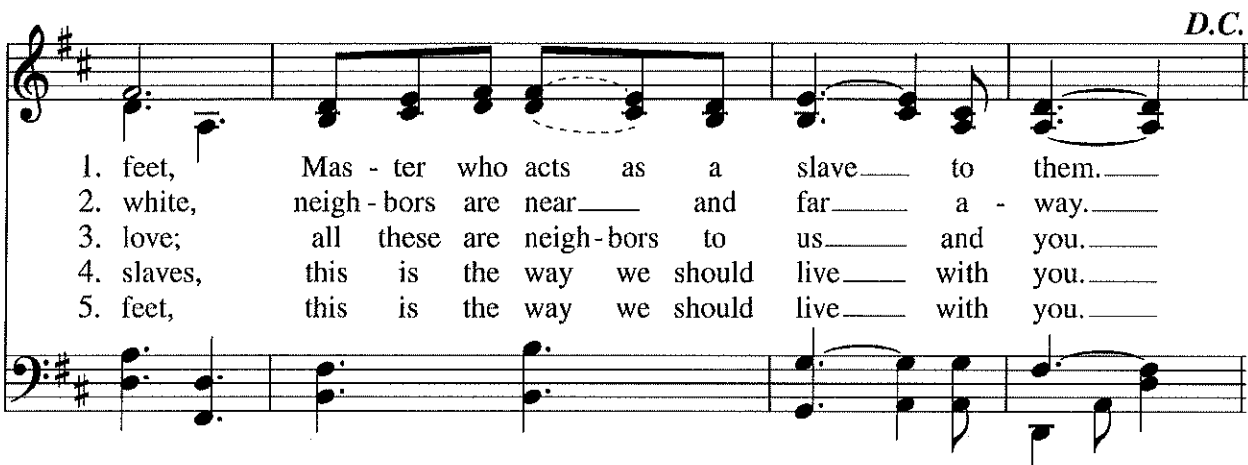
Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you.

Fine



1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2. Neigh - bors are rich___ and poor, neigh - bors are black___ and
 3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are
 5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their



1. feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave___ to them.___
 2. white, neigh - bors are near___ and far___ a - way.___
 3. love; all these are neigh - bors to us___ and you.___
 4. slaves, this is the way we should live___ with you.___
 5. feet, this is the way we should live___ with you.___
 D.C.

ANTHEM BY CHOIR

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

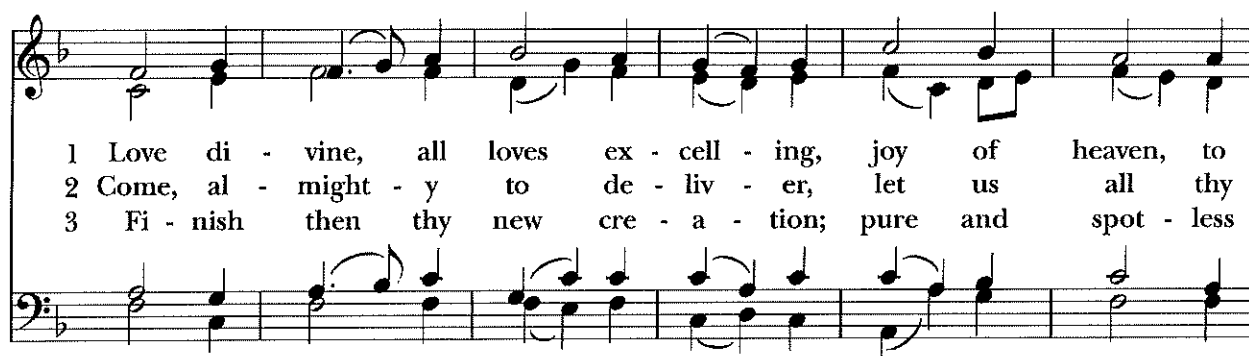
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

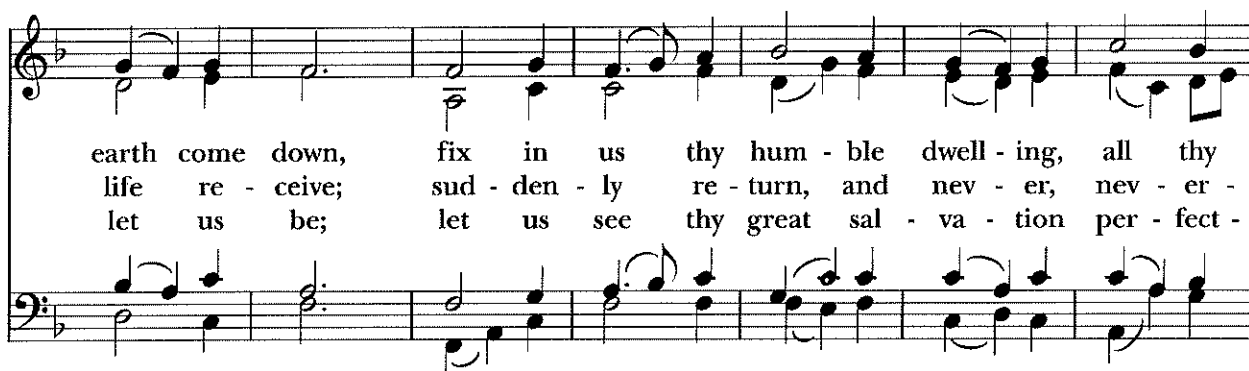
God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

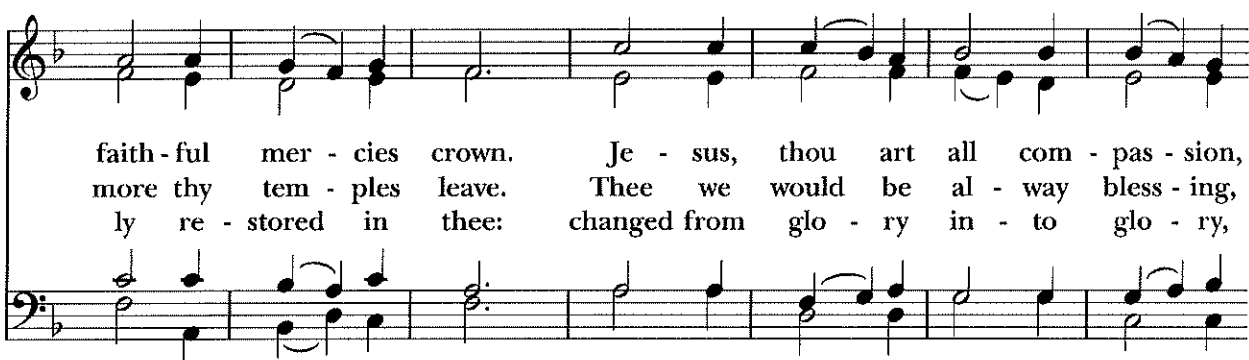
CLOSING HYMN *Love divine, all loves excelling (Hyfrydol) (H 657)*



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

DISMISSAL

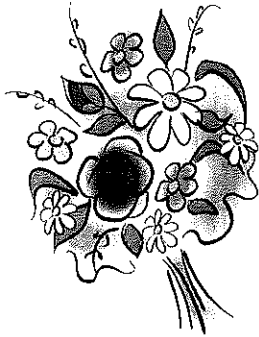
Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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TODAY
Gospels Series (Luke) – 11 a.m. (after coffee hour)

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



The Clergy and Staff
and all the Loving Members of Trinity,
Past and Present

by
Anonymous

Announcements:

Sunday, February 23rd at 11 a.m. (after coffee hour) Gospels Series continues with the Gospel of Luke.

NO Bible Study on Monday, February 24th

Healing Service on Thursday, February 27th at Noon via Zoom. Commemorating George Herbert, Priest, 1633

Ash Wednesday, March 5th. Ash Wednesday services at 12 Noon (no music) and 7 p.m. (with music).

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